

Gallocin A, an atypical two-peptide bacteriocin with intramolecular disulfide bonds required for activity

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ABSTRACT

Streptococcus gallolyticus subsp. *gallolyticus* (SGG) is an opportunistic gut pathogen associated with colorectal cancer. We previously showed that colonization of the murine colon by SGG in tumoral conditions was strongly enhanced by the production of gallocin A, a two-peptide bacteriocin. Here, we aimed at characterizing the mechanisms of its action and resistance. Using a genetic approach, we demonstrated that gallocin A is composed of two peptides, GIA1 and GIA2, which are inactive alone and act together to kill “target” bacteria. We showed that gallocin A can kill phylogenetically close relatives. Importantly, we demonstrated that gallocin A peptides can insert into membranes and permeabilize lipid bilayer vesicles. Next, we showed that the third gene of the gallocin A operon named GIP, is necessary and sufficient to confer immunity to gallocin A. Structural modelling of GIA1 and GIA2 mature peptides suggested that both peptides form alpha-helical hairpins stabilized by intramolecular disulfide bridges. The presence of a disulfide bond in GIA1 and GIA2 was confirmed experimentally. Addition of disulfide reducing agents abrogated gallocin A activity. Likewise, deletion of a gene encoding a surface protein with a thioredoxin-like domain impaired gallocin A ability to kill *Enterococcus faecalis*. Structural modelling of GIP revealed a hairpin-like structure strongly resembling that of the GIA1 and GIA2 mature peptides, suggesting a mechanism of immunity by competition with GIA1/2. Finally, identification of other class IIb bacteriocins exhibiting a similar alpha-helical hairpin fold stabilized with an intramolecular disulfide bridge suggests the existence of a new subclass of class IIb bacteriocins.

IMPORTANCE

Streptococcus gallolyticus subsp. *gallolyticus* (SGG), previously named *Streptococcus bovis* biotype I, is an opportunistic pathogen responsible for invasive infections (septicemia, endocarditis) in elderly people and often associated with colon tumors. SGG is one of the first bacteria to be associated with the occurrence of colorectal cancer in humans. Previously, we showed that tumor-associated conditions in the colon provide to SGG with the ideal environment to proliferate at the expense of phylogenetically and metabolically closely related commensal bacteria such as enterococci (Aymeric et al., 2017). SGG takes advantage of CRC-associated conditions to outcompete and substitute commensal members

60 of the gut microbiota using a specific bacteriocin named gallocin and renamed gallocin A
61 recently following the discovery of gallocin D in a peculiar *SGG* isolate. Here, we showed
62 that gallocin A is a two-peptide bacteriocin and that both GIA1 and GIA2 peptides are
63 required for antimicrobial activity. Gallocin A was shown to permeabilize bacterial
64 membranes and to kill phylogenetically closely related bacteria such as most streptococci,
65 lactococci and enterococci, probably through membrane pore formation. GIA1 and GIA2
66 secreted peptides are unusually long (42 and 60 amino acids long) and with very few
67 charged amino acids compared to well-known class IIb bacteriocins. *In silico* modelling
68 revealed that both GIA1 and GIA2 exhibit a similar hairpin-like conformation stabilized by
69 an intramolecular disulfide bond. We also showed that the GIP immunity peptide also forms
70 a hairpin like structure like GIA1/GIA2. Thus, we hypothesize that GIP blocks the formation
71 of the GIA1/GIA2 complex by interacting with GIA1 or GIA2. Gallocin A may constitute the
72 first class IIb bacteriocin displaying disulfide bridges important for its structure and activity
73 and the founding member of a subtype of class IIb bacteriocins.

INTRODUCTION

Streptococcus gallolyticus subsp. *gallolyticus* (SGG), formerly known as *S. bovis* biotype I, is a gut commensal of the rumen of herbivores causing infective endocarditis in elderly people and strongly associated with colorectal cancer (CRC). In a previous study, we have shown that SGG is able to take advantage of tumoral conditions (increased secondary bile salts concentration) to thrive and colonize the intestinal tract of Notch/APC mice. This colonization advantage was shown to be linked to the production of a two-component bacteriocin named gallocin enabling SGG to outcompete murine gut resident enterococci in tumor-bearing mice, but not in non-tumor mice (1). As such, gallocin constitutes the first bacterial factor explaining SGG association with CRC. Identification of a different gallocin, named gallocin D, from the environmental isolate SGG LL009 (2) led to renaming gallocin of SGG UCN34 as gallocin A.

Bacteriocins are highly diverse antimicrobial peptides secreted by nearly all bacteria. In gram-positive bacteria, they are divided in three classes based on size, amino acid composition and structure (3). Class I includes small (< 10-kDa), heat-stable peptides that undergo enzymatic modification during biosynthesis; class II includes small (< 10 kDa) heat-stable peptides without post-translational modifications; class III includes larger (> 10 kDa), thermo-labile peptides and proteins. Class II bacteriocins are further subdivided into four subtypes: class IIa consists of pediocin-like bacteriocins, class IIb consists of bacteriocins with two peptides, class IIc consists of leaderless bacteriocins, and class IId encompass all other non-pediocin-like, single peptide bacteriocins with a leader sequence. Previous *in silico* analysis revealed that gallocin A, encoded by *gallo_2021* (renamed *gIIA2*) and *gallo_2020* (renamed *gIIA1*), belong to the class IIb bacteriocins (Pfam10439) exhibiting a characteristic double glycine leader peptide. The third gene of this operon (*gallo_2019* renamed *gip*) was thought to encode the immunity protein.

We previously showed that a secreted peptide, GSP, activates transcription of the gallocin A core operon through a two-component system named BlpHR (4). The entire BlpHR regulon has been characterized and consists of 24 genes, of which 20 belong to the gallocin locus (4). Concomitantly, we showed that GSP but also GIIA1 and GIIA2 are secreted by a unique ABC transporter named BlpAB (5). GIIA1 and GIIA2 are synthesized as pre-peptides with an N-terminal leader sequence cleaved during export after a double glycine motif to produce

the extracellular mature active peptide. Well-known class IIb bacteriocins are usually constituted of two genes encoding short peptides, named alpha and beta, that fold into alpha-helical structures and insert into target bacterial membranes to alter their permeability, resulting in ion leakage and cell death (6).

The aim of the present work was to characterize the gallocin A activity spectrum, its mode of action and the immunity mechanism. Our results indicate that GIA1 and GIA2 peptides are atypical and contain a disulfide bond required for antibacterial activity. We showed that GIA1/GIA2 can permeabilize lipid bilayers. The predicted structure of the GIP immunity peptide strikingly mimics that of the GIA1 and GIA2 mature peptides suggesting a mechanism of immunity by interference. *In vitro*, gallocin A was able to kill most closely related species such as streptococci and enterococci, highlighting the potential of these narrow-spectrum antimicrobials as alternatives to antibiotics.

RESULTS

Gallocin A is a two-peptide bacteriocin

As shown in Fig. 1A, the gallocin A core operon is composed of three genes (*gIIA2*, *gIIA1*, *gip*) coding for 2 putative bacteriocin peptides (GIIA1 and GIIA2) and a putative immunity protein (GIP). To demonstrate the role of *gIIA1* and *gIIA2* in gallocin A activity, we performed in-frame deletions of *gIIA1* and *gIIA2* separately in *SGG* strain UCN34 (wild-type, WT) and tested the antibacterial activity of the corresponding mutant supernatants by plate diffusion assays, as described previously (4). As shown in Fig. 1B, the antimicrobial activity of gallocin A is completely abolished in the supernatants of $\Delta gIIA1$ and $\Delta gIIA2$ mutants and restored when the supernatants of $\Delta gIIA1$ and $\Delta gIIA2$ are combined in a 1:1 ratio. This result demonstrates that both GIIA1 and GIIA2 are required for gallocin A activity and confirms that gallocin A is a two-peptide Class IIb bacteriocin (3). Finally, we showed that gallocin A is active in a wide range of pH (2-12, Fig. S1A) and temperature (Fig. S1B).

Since the gene encoding the putative immunity protein named GIP cannot be deleted alone without self-intoxication of the bacteria, we used the original mutant UCN34 Δblp (1) in which the three genes of gallocin A operon (*gIIA2-gIIA1-gip*) were deleted and tested its sensitivity to gallocin A. As expected, the Δblp mutant became sensitive to gallocin A (Fig. 1C). Next, we complemented the Δblp mutant with a plasmid encoding *gip* and showed that this was sufficient to restore bacterial growth of the recombinant strain in the presence of gallocin A. These results demonstrate that GIP confers immunity to gallocin A (Fig. 1C). Moreover, constitutive expression of *gip* in heterologous bacteria sensitive to gallocin (such as *Streptococcus agalactiae* and *Lactococcus lactis*) allowed their growth in the presence of gallocin (Fig. 1D). These results clearly demonstrate that expression of *gip* alone is necessary and sufficient to confer full immunity against gallocin A.

Gallocin A is active against various streptococci and enterococci

To further characterize the gallocin A activity spectrum, we tested the sensitivity of various bacteria from our laboratory collection, including species found as commensals in the gut as well as known gram-positive human pathogens. We showed that gallocin A is active only against closely related bacteria, including various streptococci, enterococci, lactococci and

inactive against all other gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria tested (Fig. 2, Fig. S2A). Interestingly, the three different *S. agalactiae* strains tested (NEM316, BM110, and A909) differed significantly in their susceptibility to gallocin A. Similarly, sensitivity to gallocin A of many *Enterococcus faecalis* clinical isolates, including a few vancomycin resistant isolates, was also variable (Fig. S2B). These results indicate that gallocin A sensitivity of a given species can vary from one strain to another.

Gallocin A induces target cell-membrane depolarization

To test whether gallocin A peptides can alter cell membrane permeability, as shown for well-studied class IIb bacteriocins, we assessed its impact on target cell membrane potential using the fluorescent voltage-dependent dye DiBAC4(3) and propidium iodide (PI). DiBAC4(3) can access the cytoplasm only when the membrane is depolarized, thus indicating an ion imbalance, and the DNA intercalator PI can only enter bacterial cells when the cytoplasmic membrane is compromised. The entry of PI and DiBAC4(3) in cells exposed to supernatants from UCN34 WT, Δblp (no gallocin A) and $\Delta blpS$ (a mutant previously shown to overproduce gallocin A, (4)) was assessed by flow cytometry. As shown in Fig. 3A and B, fluorescent dye penetration in *E. faecalis* OG1RF was increased in the presence of gallocin A as compared to the control supernatant without gallocin A, indicating that gallocin A peptides can form pores in bacterial membranes.

It was previously shown that pore formation by the two-peptide bacteriocins lactococcin G and enterocin 1071 requires the presence of UppP, a membrane protein involved in peptidoglycan synthesis that could serve as a receptor for these bacteriocins (7). To investigate whether gallocin A is active in the absence of a proteinaceous receptor, we tested its capacity to permeabilize lipid bilayer vesicles. To do so, we used large unilamellar vesicles (LUV) in which a fluorescence marker, the 8-Aminonaphthalene-1,3,6-Trisulfonic Acid (ANTS) and its quencher, p-Xylene-Bis-Pyridinium Bromide (DPX), are encapsulated. If pores are formed in the membrane of the liposomes, ANTS and DPX are released in the medium and ANTS recovers its fluorescence. As shown in Fig. 3C, addition of UCN34 WT supernatant containing gallocin A led to LUV permeabilization while the supernatant of the Δblp mutant had no effect, showing that gallocin A can alter the vesicle membrane. Of note, addition of small amount of Tween-20 (0.01%) was necessary to observe gallocin A activity. Importantly, the Δblp supernatant supplemented Tween-20 at 0.01% had no effect on

liposomes, showing that the membrane permeabilization induced by the UCN34 WT supernatant is not caused by the detergent alone (Fig. 3C).

We also confirmed that both GIIA1 and GIIA2 were required for membrane permeabilization. Indeed, addition of $\Delta gIIA1$ or $\Delta gIIA2$ supernatant alone had no effect, while addition of both supernatants led to LUV permeabilization, regardless of which peptide was added first (Fig. 3D).

Gallocin A peptides contain a disulfide bond essential for their bactericidal activity

Both GIIA1 and GIIA2 pre-peptides exhibit a typical N-terminal leader sequences of 23 amino acids, ending with two glycine residues, which is cleaved upon secretion of these peptides through a dedicated ABC transporter (5). GIIA1 and GIIA2 mature peptides each contain 2 cysteines, which can potentially form a disulfide bridge important for their structure and function. Indeed, we showed that addition of reducing agents such as dithiothreitol (DTT) or β -mercaptoethanol abolished gallocin A activity (Fig. 4A), whereas it has no effect on a control bacteriocin which does not possess a disulfide bond, such as nisin. Furthermore, LC/MS analysis provided the exact molecular masses of the mature GIIA1 and GIIA2 peptides. The calculated masses identified oxidized cysteine residues, indicating the presence of a disulfide bridge in each peptide (Fig. S3).

Interestingly, the gallocin A genomic locus in *SGG* UCN34 contains a conserved co-regulated gene (4), *gallo_rs10370*, encoding a putative “bacteriocin biosynthesis protein” containing a thioredoxin domain (Fig. 4B). The thioredoxin domain is known to facilitate disulfide bond formation in *E. coli* (8) and is predicted to be extracellular by Pfam/Interproscan. We hypothesized that this gene renamed *blpT*, which encodes a surface protein potentially anchored to the cell-wall, could assist disulfide bond formation in gallocin A peptides following secretion and cleavage of the leader peptide by the ABC transporter BlpAB (5). Indeed, deletion of this gene in UCN34 ($\Delta blpT$) strongly altered the ability of *SGG* to outcompete *Enterococcus faecalis* OG1RF in competition experiments where attacker *SGG* and prey *E. faecalis* were inoculated together in THY liquid medium at a 1:1 ratio and counted on entero-agar plates after 4 h of co-culture at 37°C (Fig. 4C). Remarkably, the $\Delta blpT$ mutant was comparable to the Δblp mutant and the back to the WT behaved like the parental UCN34 WT (Fig. 4C). Altogether these results indicate the existence of disulfide bond in gallocin A mature peptides important for activity. Of note, the

disulfide bond formation pathway of *E. coli*, containing the thioredoxin-like protein DsbA, was shown to be particularly important in anaerobic conditions (9). It is thus tempting to speculate that BlpT activity could be particularly important in the anaerobic environment that SGG encounter in the colon.

The structural models of gallocin A peptides differ from those of other two-peptide bacteriocins.

Structural modelling of GIIA1 and GIIA2 pre- and mature forms was performed using ColabFold (10) and showed that the putative N-terminal leader sequences adopt disordered and extended conformations (Fig. 5A and B). The structural models of mature GIIA1 and GIIA2 are composed of two antiparallel alpha-helices, i.e. adopting an alpha-helical hairpin fold (Fig. 5A and B and Fig. S4A and B). Interestingly, the two cysteines of GIIA1 and GIIA2 are facing one other in each alpha-helix of the helical hairpins, forming an intramolecular disulfide bond. This suggests that the disulfide bonds in GIIA1 and GIIA2 reduce the conformational flexibility within each alpha-helical hairpin and stabilize their three-dimensional structures. Interestingly, modelling of the immunity peptide GIP shows striking structural similarities with those of the mature GIIA1 and GIIA2 peptides (Fig. 6A and Fig. S4C). Despite a relative low confidence (IDDT between 50 and 65 %), the five structural models of GIIA1/GIIA2, GIIA1/GIP and GIIA2/GIP show similar orientations, giving credit to these models (Fig. 6B-D and Fig. S4D- F). As shown by aligning C α of each GIP in the GIIA1/GIP and GIIA2/GIP, we hypothesized that GIP could intercalate between GIIA1 and GIIA2 (Fig. 6E). Thus, GIP might provide immunity by preventing interaction between GIIA1 and GIIA2 within the bacterial cell membrane of the producing bacteria.

Mechanisms of resistance to gallocin A

To better understand the mode of action of gallocin A, we decided to investigate the mechanisms of resistance to gallocin A. For that purpose, we isolated 14 spontaneous mutants (named RSM 1 to 14) of the highly sensitive strain *S. gallolyticus* subsp. *macedonicus* CIP 105683T on agar plates supplemented with gallocin A (see Materials and Methods for details). As shown in the supplemental Fig. S5B and C, 12 out of these 14 mutants were able to grow in liquid THY supplemented with gallocin A, in contrast to the parental strain SGM WT. However, when grown in presence of the control Δblp supernatant,

245 which does not contain gallocin A, all the mutants exhibited a longer latency phase than the
 246 parental *SGM* WT, suggesting that the acquired mutations may have a fitness cost.

247 To identify the mutations conferring resistance to gallocin A in these mutants, whole-
 248 genome sequencing was performed using Illumina technology and compared with the
 249 genome of the parental strain that was *de novo* assembled using PacBio sequencing.

250 Between 1 and 8 single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP)/deletion/insertion were identified
 251 in each RSM mutant when compared to the WT controls (Table 1). Seven out of twelve
 252 mutants (RSM1, RSM2, RSM4, RSM5, RSM6, RSM12, RSM14) had mutations in the genes
 253 encoding the WalKR two-component system (TCS) and 3 others (RSM 7, RSM 8 and RSM10)
 254 had mutations in a gene (homologous to *gallo_rs1495*) encoding a putative “aggregation
 255 promoting factor” which contain a LysM peptidoglycan-binding domain and a lysozyme-like
 256 domain (Table 1, Fig. S6). The 2 remaining mutants (RSM3 and RSM11) displayed mutations
 257 which were not present in the other mutants and located in other genes.

258 The WalRK TCS is known as the master regulator of cell wall homeostasis, cell membrane
 259 integrity, and cell division processes in gram-positive bacteria (11). In streptococci, response
 260 regulator WalR (VicR) but not the histidine kinase WalK (VicK) is essential. Consistent with
 261 this, the 2 mutations observed in WalR were single amino acid substitutions (RSM6 Ala₉₅ to
 262 Val; RSM12 Arg₁₁₇ to Cys) while 4 out of the 5 mutations in WalK led to a frameshift or the
 263 appearance of a STOP codon (Fig. S6).

264 Interestingly, three other mutants (RSM7, RSM8 and RSM10) mapped in a single gene
 265 encoding a putative cell-wall binding protein with a C-terminal lysozyme-like domain. Two
 266 mutants (RSM7 and RSM8) exhibited frameshift mutations leading to the appearance of a
 267 premature STOP codon, and the last one (RSM10) a substitution of the putative key catalytic
 268 residue of the lysozyme-like domain (E₁₃₇ to K, Fig. S6).

269 Thus, we hypothesized that peptidoglycan alterations in these mutant strains could explain
 270 the resistance to gallocin A. To test this hypothesis, we labelled peptidoglycan with the
 271 fluorescent lectin Wheat Germ Agglutinin (WGA-488) and imaged the mutants with
 272 conventional fluorescence microscopy. As shown in Fig. 7, most gallocin A resistant mutants,
 273 including all WalKR mutants, exhibit abnormal morphology and formed small aggregates as
 274 compared to the typical *SGM* WT linear chain of 2-5 cells. Cell morphology defects and
 275 peptidoglycan alterations were also detected in the 2 mutants which do not share common
 276 mutations with the other mutants (RSM 3 and 13, Fig. 7).

277 Taken together, these results suggest that alteration of the peptidoglycan structure could
278 lead to gallocin A resistance, either by blocking its access to the membrane or by the
279 formation of cell aggregates. It is worth noting that RSM mutants' resistance to gallocin A
280 was intermediate and that no potential membrane receptor for gallocin A peptides was
281 identified.

DISCUSSION

Gallocin A is a class IIb bacteriocin secreted by *Streptococcus gallolyticus* subsp. *gallolyticus* (SGG) to outcompete indigenous gut *Enterococcus faecalis* (EF) in tumoral conditions only (1). Mechanistically, gallocin A activity was found to be enhanced by higher concentrations of secondary bile acids found in tumoral conditions (1). Another proof-of-concept study showed that EF carrying the conjugative plasmid pPD1 expressing bacteriocin was able to replace indigenous enterococci lacking pPD1 (11). The rise of antimicrobial resistance combined with the recognized roles in health of gut microbiota homeostasis has attracted a renewed interest in the role of bacteriocins in gut colonization and their use as potential tools for editing and shaping the gut microbiome (12).

We show here that gallocin A, like many class IIb bacteriocins, only kills closely related species belonging to the Streptococcaceae and Enterococcaceae family. Interestingly, gallocin A can kill *Enterococcus faecium*, a commensal bacterium contributing largely to the transfer of antibiotic resistance in the microbiome and classified as high priority in the “WHO priority pathogens list for R&D of new antibiotics”. Taken together, these results highlight the potential of using bacteriocins such as gallocin A to fight antibiotic resistance and to cure bacterial infections with a lower impact on the gut microbiota due to their narrow spectrum of action.

Both GIIA1 and GIIA2 are synthesized as pre-peptides with an N-terminal leader sequence which is cleaved during export after a GG motif via a specific ABC transporter, BlpAB, to produce the extracellular mature active peptides (5). Experimental determination of the molecular mass of GIIA1 and GIIA2 by LC/MS fits with a cleavage after the GG motif present in the leader sequence and indicates the presence of an intramolecular disulfide bond in GIIA1 and GIIA2. Moreover, reduction of these disulfide bonds abrogates gallocin A antimicrobial activity. ColabFold modeling of GIIA1 and GIIA2 indicates that the N-terminal leader sequence is unstructured and that the mature GIIA1 and GIIA2 share a similar structural fold with two antiparallel α -helices forming a hairpin stabilized by an intramolecular disulfide bond. To our knowledge, this is the first report of an intramolecular disulfide bond in class IIb bacteriocin peptides. Most class IIb peptides, including the well

described lactococcin G, the plantaricin EF, the plantaricin JK and the carnobacteriocin XY (CbnXY) (13–16), do not contain cysteine residues in their primary amino acid sequences. Consistently, the peptides constituting these 4 well-known bacteriocins are composed of only one main alpha-helix, and therefore do not require any disulfide bond to stabilize their tri-dimensional structures. Recently, gallocin D was identified in a very peculiar strain SGG LL009, isolated from raw goat milk in New Zealand (2). Gallocin D is a two-peptide bacteriocin homologous to infantaricin A secreted by *Streptococcus infantarius*, a member of the *Streptococcus bovis* group (2). Of note, the peptides of the 4 well described two-peptide bacteriocins discussed above and of gallocin D are much smaller in size (about 30 amino acids long) than the gallocin A peptides (2). In addition, gallocin A peptides are less positively charged (1 positively charged amino acid in GIA1, 2 in GIA2), while the highly positively charged C-terminus of lactococcin G α -peptide is thought to contribute to the anchoring of the peptide to the membrane, thanks to the transmembrane potential (negative inside) (13, 17).

A few other class IIb bacteriocins, such as brochocin C, thermophilin 13 and ABP-118 (18–21), were found to share similar structural properties with gallocin A peptides (longer peptides, few positively charged amino acids and two cysteine residues in each peptide located close to N-/C-terminus). AlphaFold modelling of these peptides showed that their putative structures resemble those of GIA1 and GIA2, with two-antiparallel alpha-helices. Disulfide bonds between the cysteines of the 2 helices were also predicted in 5 out of the 6 peptides (Fig. S7). BrcB, the peptide without predicted disulfide bond, was also the one with the worse IDDT score, suggesting that the prediction might not be accurate. In conclusion, gallocin A, as well as other class IIb bacteriocins such as brochocin C, thermophilin 13 and ABP-118, might represent a subgroup in class IIb bacteriocins which differs in structure, and potentially in their mode of action from the other well-known class IIb bacteriocins.

Finally, gallocin A resistance was studied through whole-genome sequencing of 12 spontaneous resistant mutants derived from the highly sensitive strain *S. gallolyticus* subsp. *macedonicus* CIP105683T. Previously, this method allowed the identification of UppP as a membrane receptor required for lactococcin G activity (7). Unlike this previous study, we did not find a common gene mutated in our 12 resistant mutants (RSM), suggesting that gallocin A does not require the presence of a specific receptor. This is in agreement with our data

showing that gallocin A can permeabilize lipid vesicles composed of two phospholipids (phosphatidylcholine and phosphatidylglycerol). The majority of RSM mutants exhibited mutations in the genes encoding a regulatory two-component system sharing strong homologies with WalKR (also known as VicKR and YycGF). This two-component system, originally identified in *Bacillus subtilis*, is very highly conserved and specific to low GC% Gram-positive bacteria, including several pathogens such as *Staphylococcus aureus* (22, 23). Several studies have unveiled a conserved function for this system in different bacteria, including several streptococcal pathogens, defining this signal transduction pathway as a master regulatory system for cell wall metabolism (23). Consistent with the potential defect in cell-wall synthesis, these mutants showed morphological abnormalities and cell-division defects. Similar observations have been reported in *Staphylococcus aureus* (24–26) where mutations in *walK* were shown to confer intermediate resistance to vancomycin and daptomycin.

Three mutants displayed independent mutations in a small protein (197 amino acids) of unknown function containing an N-terminus LysM-peptidoglycan binding domain and a C-terminus lysozyme-like domain. The lysozyme-like domain, which is about fifty amino acids long, was originally identified in enzymes that degrade the bacterial cell-walls. Interestingly, the mutations in RSM7, RSM8, RSM10 mutant all mapped within the lysozyme-like domain, suggesting a potential alteration of the cell-wall in these mutants. Finally, the last two last mutants (RSM3 and RSM13) carrying mutations in other genes than in *walRK* exhibited the same morphology defects associated with gallocin A resistance.

To conclude, it is worth highlighting that the 12 mutants were only partially resistant to gallocin A. Most RSM mutants form bacterial aggregates which probably contributes to their resistance to gallocin A, just as biofilms are more resistant to antibiotics. No specific membrane receptor could be identified for gallocin A. Interestingly, it has also been suggested that thermophilin 13, another class IIb bacteriocin that shares putative structural similarity with gallocin A (18), does not require any specific receptor for its activity. However, the different level of susceptibility to gallocin A within a given species, as demonstrated for three Group B *Streptococcus* strains (A909 > BM110 > NEM316), as well as its narrow-spectrum mode of action indicate that unidentified bacterial factors can modulate gallocin A sensitivity. It will also be important in the future to identify the direct

377 bacterial targets of gallocin A in the murine colon using global 16S DNA sequencing in
378 normal and tumoral conditions.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Cultures, bacterial strains, plasmids and oligonucleotides

Streptococci and *Enterococci* used in this study were grown at 37°C in Todd-Hewitt broth supplemented with 0.5% yeast extract (THY) in standing filled flasks. When appropriate, 10 µg/mL of erythromycin were added for plasmid maintenance.

Plasmid construction was performed by: PCR amplification of the fragment to insert in the plasmid with Q5® High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase (New England Biolabs), digestion with the appropriate FastDigest restriction enzymes (ThermoFisher), ligation with T4 DNA ligase (New England Biolabs) and transformation in commercially available TOP10 competent *E. coli* (ThermoFisher). *E. coli* transformants were cultured in Miller's LB supplemented with 150 µg/mL erythromycin (for pG1- derived plasmids) or 50 µg/mL kanamycin (for pTCV- derived plasmid). Verified plasmids were electroporated in *S. agalactiae* NEM316 and mobilized from NEM316 to *SGG* UCN34 by conjugation as described previously (27). pTCV- derived plasmids were electroporated in *Lactococcus lactis* NZ9000. Strains, plasmids and primers used in this study are listed in Table 2. The wide range of bacteria tested *in vitro* for their resistance or sensitivity to gallocin A antimicrobial activity come from our laboratory repository and were cultured in their optimal media and conditions.

Construction of markerless deletion mutants in *SGG* UCN34

In-frame deletion mutants were constructed as described previously (27). Briefly, the 5' and 3' region flanking the region to delete were amplified and assembled by splicing by overlap extension PCR and cloned into the thermosensitive shuttle vector pG1. Once transformed in UCN34, the cells were cultured at 38°C with erythromycin to select for the chromosomal integration of the plasmid by homologous recombination. About 4 single cross-over integrants were serially passaged at 30 °C without antibiotic to facilitate the second event of homologous recombination and excision of the plasmid resulting either in gene deletion or back to the WT (bWT). In-frame deletions were identified by PCR and confirmed by DNA sequencing of the chromosomal DNA flanking the deletion.

Gallocin A production assays

Briefly, one colony of the indicator strain, here *Streptococcus gallolyticus subsp. macedonicus* (SGM), was resuspended in 2 mL THY, grown until exponential phase, poured on a THY agar plate, the excess liquid was removed and left to dry under the hood for about 20 min. Using sterile tips, 5-mm-diameter wells were dug into the agar. Each well was then filled with 80 µL of filtered supernatant from 5 h cultures (stationary phase) of SGG UCN34 WT or otherwise isogenic mutant strains and supplemented with Tween-20 at 0.1% final concentration. Inhibition rings around the wells were observed the following morning after overnight incubation at 37°C.

Competition experiments

SGG strains were inoculated from fresh agar plate at initial OD₆₀₀ of 0.1 together with *E. faecalis* OG1RF in THY medium and incubated for 4 h at 37°C in micro aerobiosis. After 4 h of co-culture, the mixed cultures were serially diluted and plated on Enterococcus agar-selective plates (BD Difco). On these plates, SGG exhibits a pale pink color while *E. faecalis* exhibits a strong purple color. CFU were counted the next morning to determine the final concentration in CFU/mL in each test sample.

Analysis of gallocin A peptides by LC-MS

Sgg UCN34 was grown in 500 mL of sterile THY supplemented with 5 nM synthetic GSP at 37 °C with 5% CO₂ for 12-16 h. The cultures were centrifuged at 4,000 x g for 20 min and the supernatant was filtered through a sterile 0.22 µm polyethersulfone (PES) filter. Ammonium sulfate was added to the filtered supernatants to give a 20% (wt/vol) concentration and mixed by inversion until all ammonium sulfate salts went into solution. The solution was stored at 4 °C for 1 h, followed by centrifugation at 4,000 × g for 20 min. The supernatants were discarded, and the remaining pellet was dissolved in 100 mL DI water and placed in a 3 kDa MWCO dialysis tube. The dialysis tube was placed in a 500 mL graduated cylinder containing distilled water and a stir bar. Dialysis was performed for 4 h with changing of DI water every hour. The material in the dialysis tube was then lyophilized. A 5 mg/mL solution of the lyophilized material was prepared in 75:25 (H₂O:ACN) and 50 µL were injected into an Agilent Technologies 6230 time of flight mass spectrometer (an HRMS system) with the following settings for positive electrospray ionization (ESI+) mode: capillary voltage = 3,500 V; fragmentor voltage = 175 V; skimmer voltage = 65 V; Oct 1 RF Vpp = 750 V; gas

temperature = 325 °C; drying gas flow rate = 0.7 L/min; nebulizer; 25 lb/in²; acquisition time = 17.5 min. An XBridge C18 column (5 µm, 4.6 x 150 mm) was used for the LC-MS analysis.

Membrane permeabilization assays

These assays were performed as described previously (28). Briefly, ANTS (fluorophore probe) and DPX (quencher) were encapsulated into large unilamellar vesicles (LUVs) to monitor membrane permeabilization induced by peptides. The LUVs were prepared at a concentration of 10 mM lipid at a POPC:POPG molar ratio of 8:2 containing 20 mM ANTS and 60 mM DPX. The multilamellar vesicle suspension was extruded through 0.4- and 0.2-µm polycarbonate filters to produce LUVs of 200 ± 30 nm in diameter, as measured by DLS. The unencapsulated ANTS and DPX were removed by gel filtration through a Sephadex G-25 column 5 mL (Cytiva, USA). For permeabilization assays, LUVs were incubated in buffer at 0.45 mM lipids at 25 °C in a 101-QS cuvette (Hellma, France) and under constant stirring. The excitation wavelength was set to 390 nm and the emission of ANTS was continuously measured at 515 nm. The maximum intensity of permeabilization, corresponding to the maximum recovery of ANTS fluorescence was measured after addition of 0.12% (2 mM) of Triton X100.

Generation of gallocin resistant mutants

In order to generate gallocin resistant mutants, we concentrated *SGG* supernatant 200 times by precipitation with 20% of ammonium sulfate. By serial 2-fold dilutions, we showed that this supernatant was approximatively 64 times more concentrated than the original supernatant (Fig. S5A). Fourteen resistant mutants (named RSM1 to 14) of *S. gallolyticus subsp. macedonicus* parental strain CIP105683T, the species showing the highest sensitivity to gallocin A, were selected on THY agar plates containing 10% of this concentrated supernatant. Twelve of them were confirmed to be gallocin resistant by growth in THY supplemented with the supernatant of *SGG* WT, containing gallocin, and 0.01% of Tween-20, which is necessary for gallocin A activity (Fig. S4B and C). As an important control, the same experiment was performed after precipitation of the Δblp supernatant that does not produce gallocin A. *SGM* WT was re-isolated on this plate and a single colony was stocked and sequenced with the RSM mutants as described below.

Sequencing and SNP localization

Whole-genome sequencing of the control *SGM* WT, re-isolated from $\Delta b/p$ plate as described in the section above, and of RSM mutants was performed using Illumina technology and compared with the genome of the parental strain *SGM* CIP105683T that was *de novo* assembled using PacBio sequencing. The assembly was performed with Canu 1.6. (29) leading to a main chromosome of 2,210,410bp and a plasmid of 12729bp (HE613570.1). The annotation was subsequently made with Prokka (30) before a variant calling was performed using the Sequana (31) variant calling pipeline. Of note, variants were called with a minimum frequency of 10% and a minimum strand balance of 0.2. Many mutations, probably due to the different method used for the sequencing of the reference sequence, were present in the control *SGM* WT strain used as control and the RSM mutants. Therefore, only RSM specific mutations occurring at a frequency >0.5 as compared to control *SGM* WT were taken into account for this analysis and are shown in Table 1.

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FIGURE LEGENDS

Fig. 1. Gallocin A is a two-peptide bacteriocin.

A) The core operon encoding gallocin A peptides and the immunity protein in *SGG* strain UCN34. Gallocin genes are indicated in red and renamed *gIIA1* and *gIIA2* according to (2). **B)** Agar diffusion assay to test gallocin activity from supernatants of UCN34 WT, $\Delta gIIA1$, $\Delta gIIA2$ et $\Delta bI p$ against gallocin-sensitive *S. gallolyticus subsp. macedonicus* (SGM) strain. One representative plate of three independent replicates is shown. **C)** and **D)** Growth curves of *SGG* $\Delta bI p$, *S. agalactiae* A909 and *L. lactis* NZ9000 containing an empty plasmid (p) or a plasmid expressing *gip* (p-*gip*) in THY supplemented with supernatant of $\Delta bI pS$ (a strain overproducing gallocin, “+gallocin”) or $\Delta bI p$ (gallocin deletion mutant, “-gallocin”) and 0.01% of Tween-20. The mean of two independent replicates is shown.

Fig. 2. Gallocin A is active against most streptococci, lactococci and enterococci.

Phylogenetic tree based on the 16S RNA sequence (from the Silva online database) of different bacterial species that are resistant (in red) or sensitive (in green) to gallocin, as determined by agar diffusion assay (Fig. S2).

Fig. 3. Gallocin A can permeabilize bacterial membranes and lipid vesicles.

Fluorescence of the voltage-sensitive DiBac4(3) (**A**) or the membrane impermeant propidium iodide PI (**B**) after resuspension of *Enterococcus faecalis* OG1RF in supernatant of UCN34 WT, $\Delta bI p$ (-gallocin) and $\Delta bI pS$ (overexpressing gallocin). One experiment representative of three independent replicates is shown. **C-D)** Measure of the fluorescence corresponding to the release of ANTS (ex: 390nm, em: 515nm) encapsulated in large unilamellar vesicles after addition of *SGG* supernatant or Triton X-100 (positive control). **C:** At 60 s, Triton or the supernatant of *SGG* UCN34 WT, or $\Delta bI p$, or WT 30X (concentrated 30 times) or $\Delta bI p$ 30X, were added to the liposomes. **D:** At 60 s (SN1), the supernatant of $\Delta gIIA1$ or $\Delta gIIA2$ was added to the lipid vesicle suspension. At 200 s (SN2), the supernatant of the other strain is added. AU: Arbitrary Unit.

Fig. 4. Gallocin A peptides possess a disulfide bridge important for structure and activity.

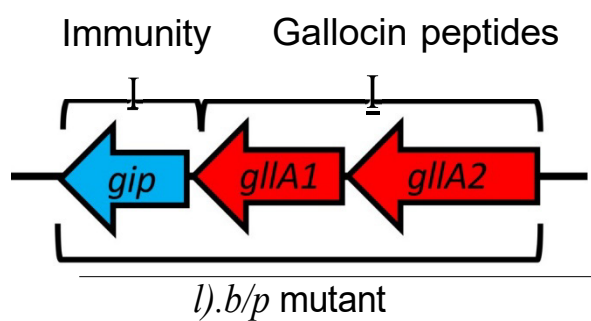
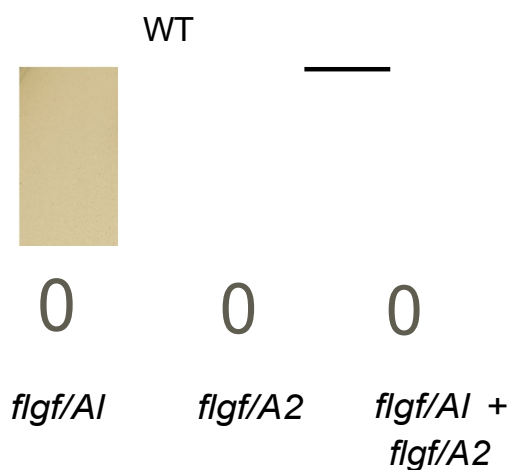
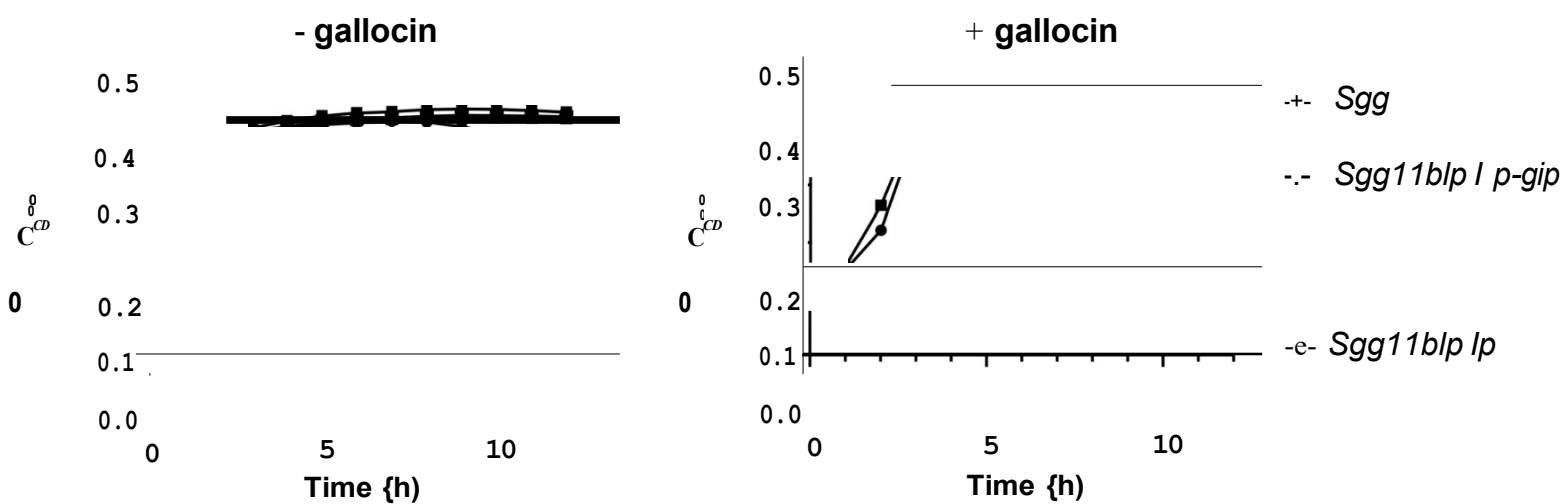
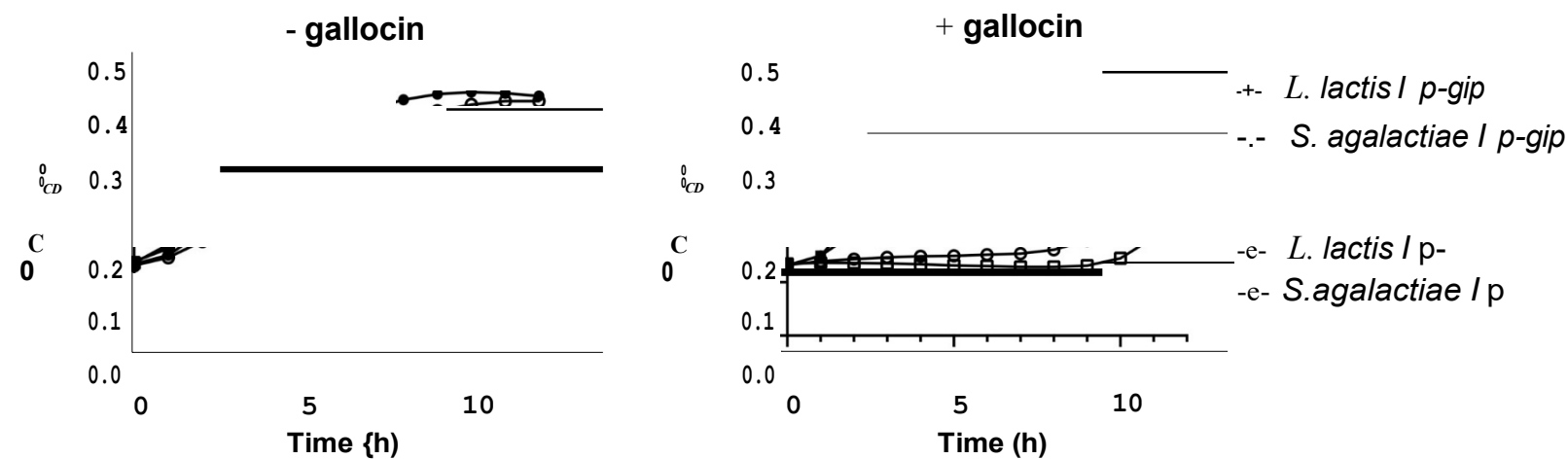
A) Agar diffusion assay to test bactericidal activity of purified Nisin (25µg/mL) and supernatants of *SGG* WT or $\Delta blpS$ supplemented or not with 50 mM of DTT (left panel) or 100mM of β -mercaptoethanol (BME) (right panel). One representative plate of three independent replicates is shown. **B)** Schematic representation of the gallocin genomic locus and pBLAST domain identification in BlpT protein. **C)** Recovered *E. faecalis* after co-culture at 1:1 ratio for 4 h with *SGG* WT, Δblp , $\Delta blpT$ and WT revertant from *blpT* deletion. The mean and standard deviation of three independent replicates is shown. Asterisks represent statistical differences with ***: $p < 0.001$ as assessed by using two-way ANOVA in GraphPad Prism version 9.

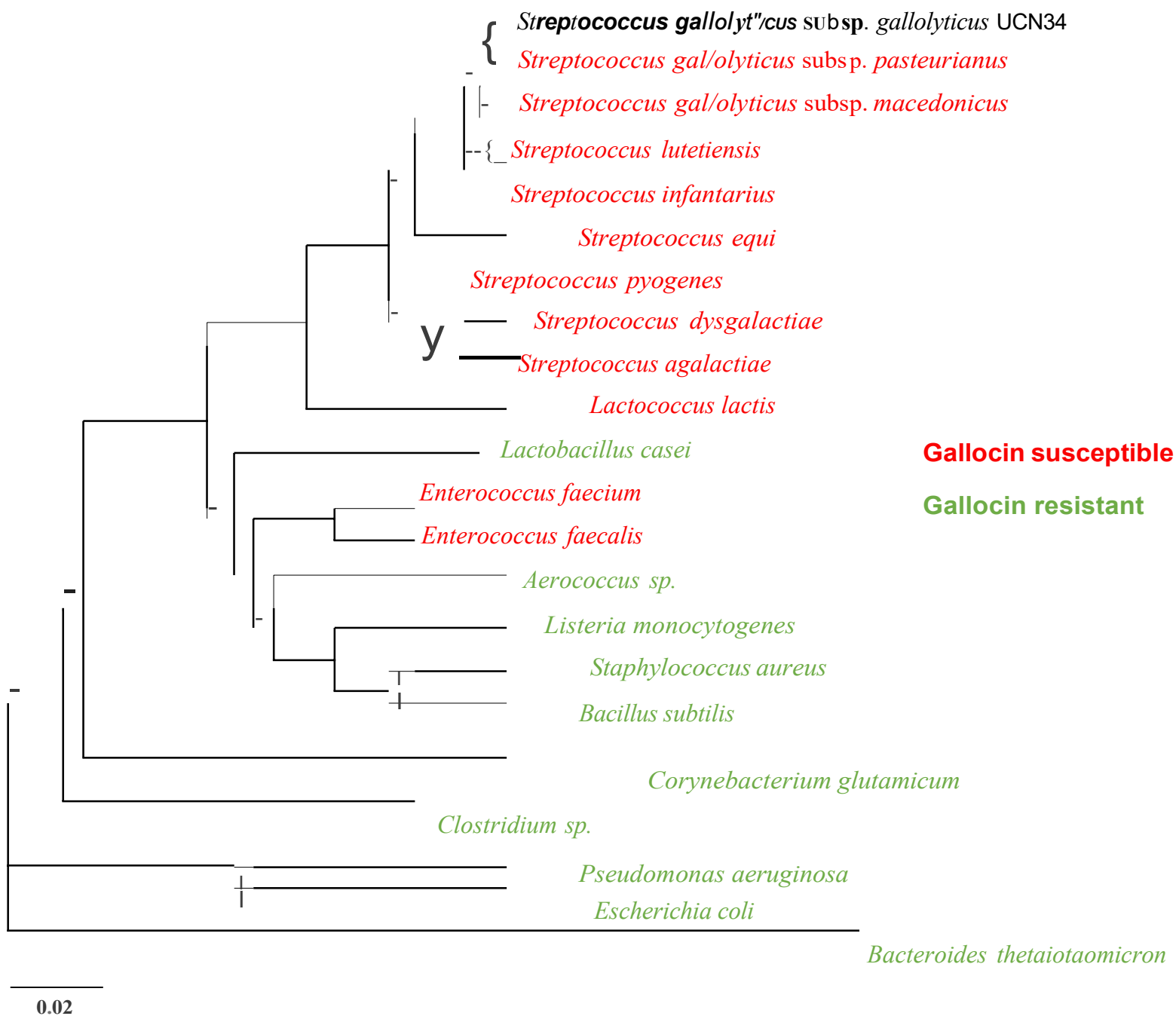
Fig. 5. Structural models of GIIA1 and GIIA2 predicted using ColabFold. Pro- and mature forms of GIIA1 (A) and GIIA2 (B) using ColabFold and visualization was obtained with PyMOL (version 2.5.2 The PyMOL Molecular Graphics System, Version 2.0 Schrödinger, LLC). All representations are colored with predicted IDDT from a score of 30% (red) to 100% (blue). For the pro-GIIA1 and pro-GIIA2, glycine doublet is colored in green. The disulfide bridges are represented in stick.

Fig. 6. Structural models of GIP and its interactions with GIIA1, GIIA2. **A)** ColabFold modelling of GIP and visualization with PyMOL. **B, C, D)** ColabFold modelling of the interaction between GIIA1/GIIA2 (**B**), GIP/GIIA1 (**C**), GIP/GIIA2 (**D**), and GIIA1/GIP/GIIA2 (**E**) interaction models aligned on the C α of each GIP.

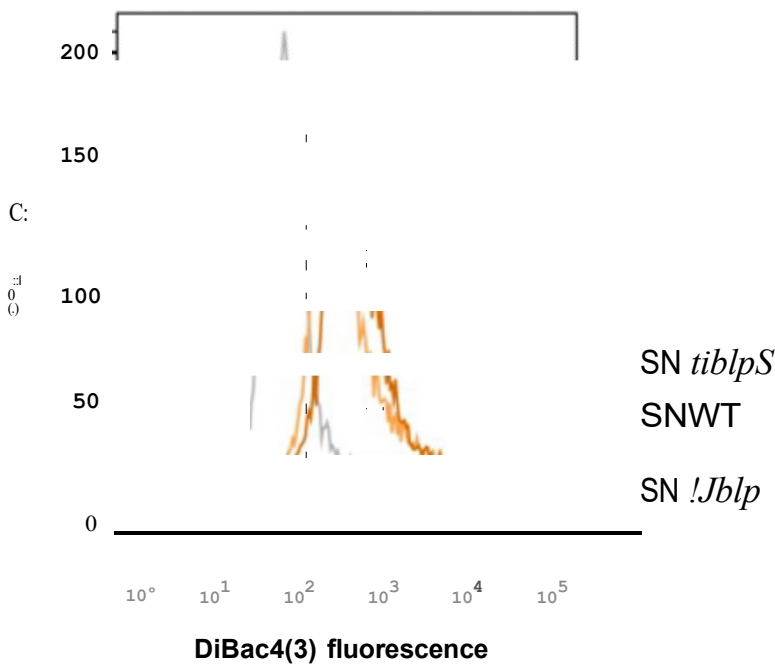
Fig. 7. Gallocin A-resistant mutants (RSM) forms aggregates and exhibit morphological defects as compared to the parental gallocin A-sensitive strain *SGM*.

Epifluorescence microscopy images of *SGM* WT and RSM 1 to 12 labelled with the Wheat Germ Agglutinin-488, a fluorescent peptidoglycan dye. The scale bar is shown on the bottom right. Representative images from three independent experiments are shown here.

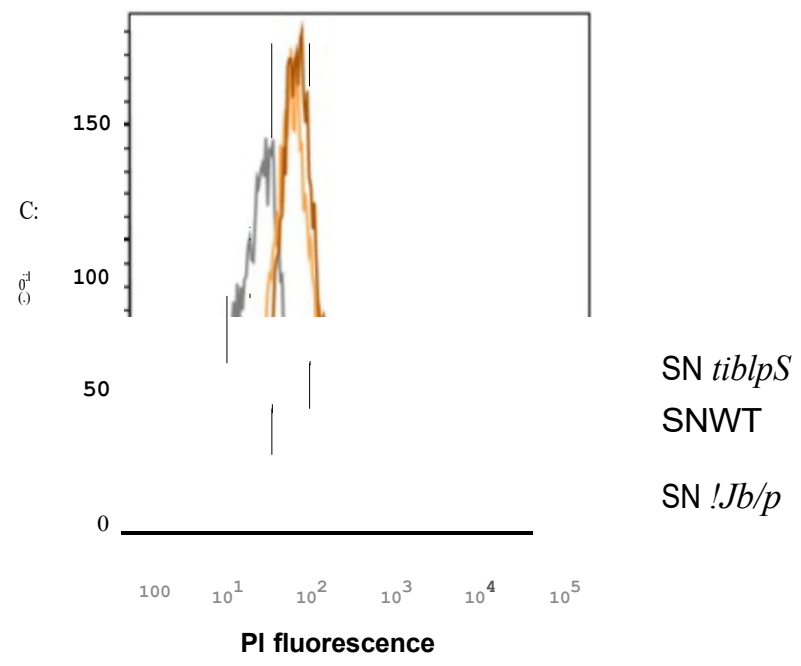
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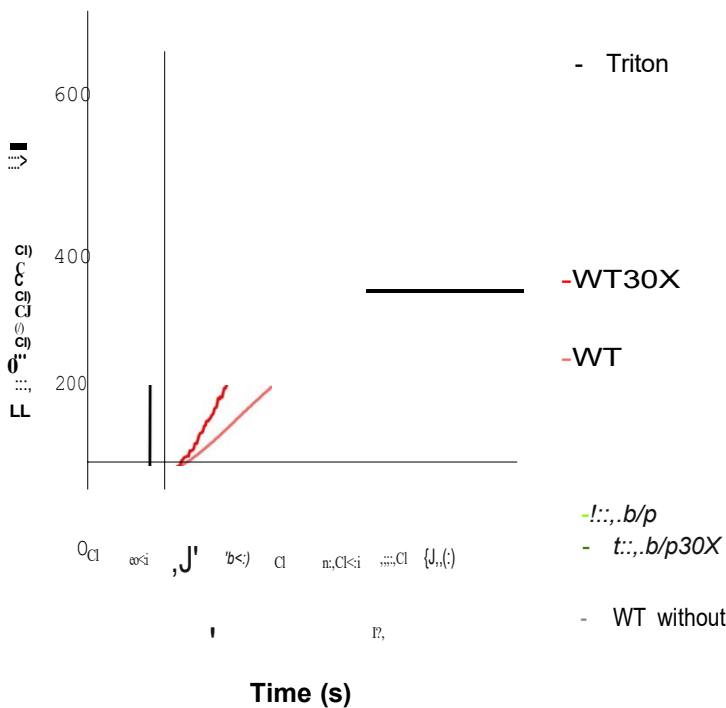
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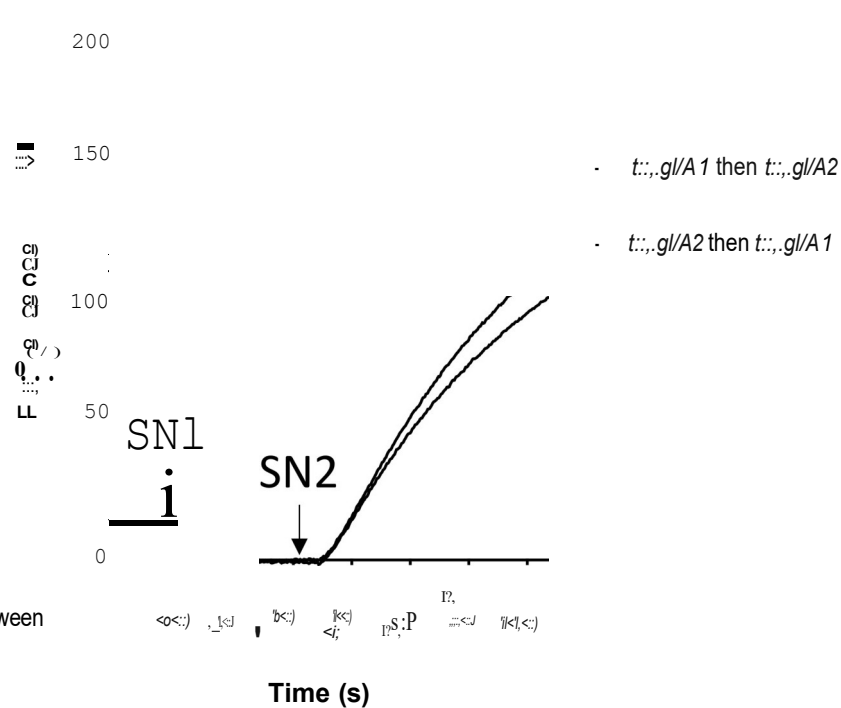
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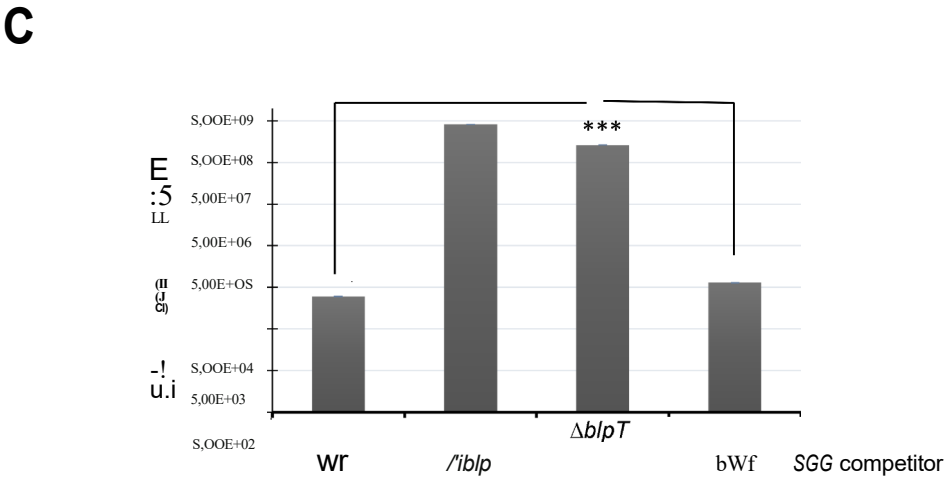
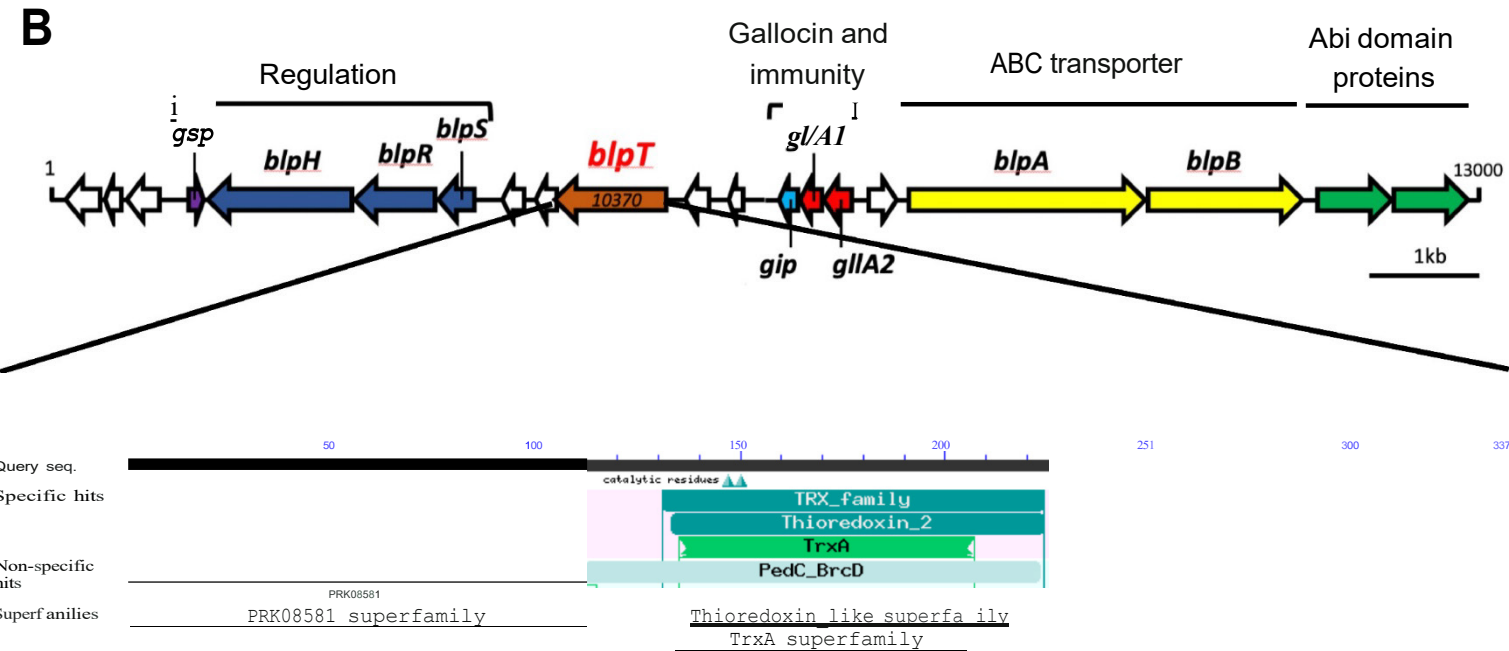


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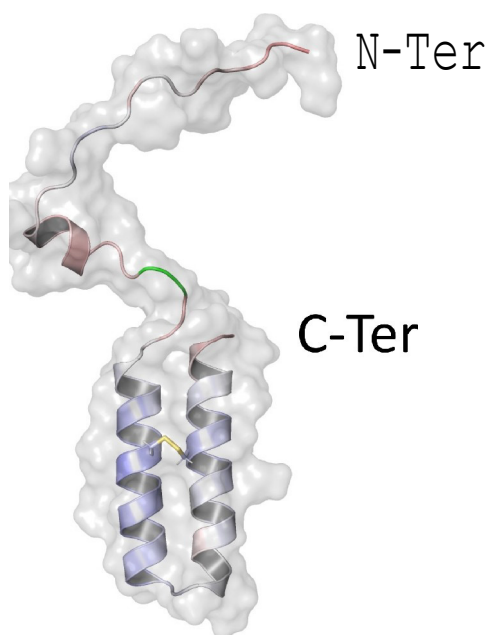
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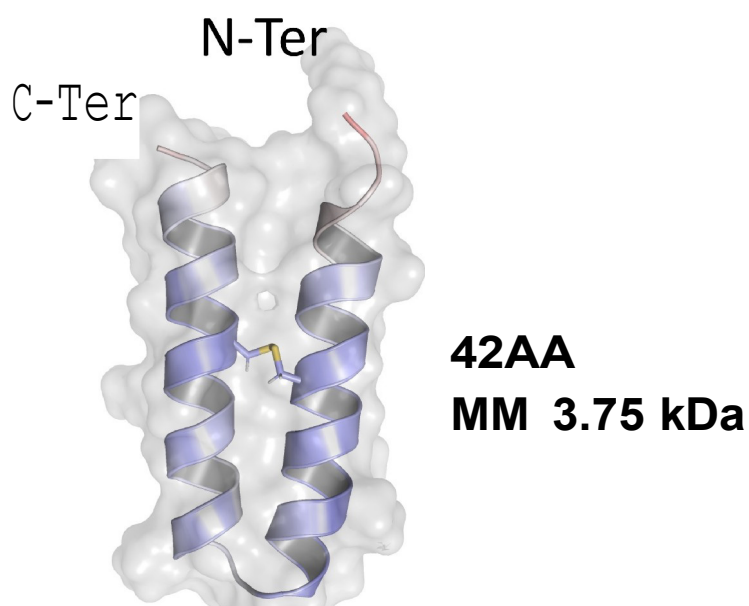


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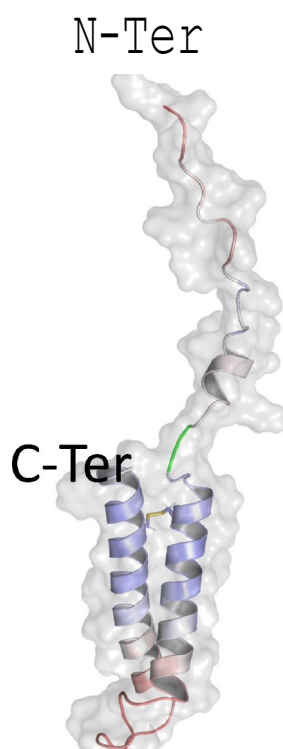


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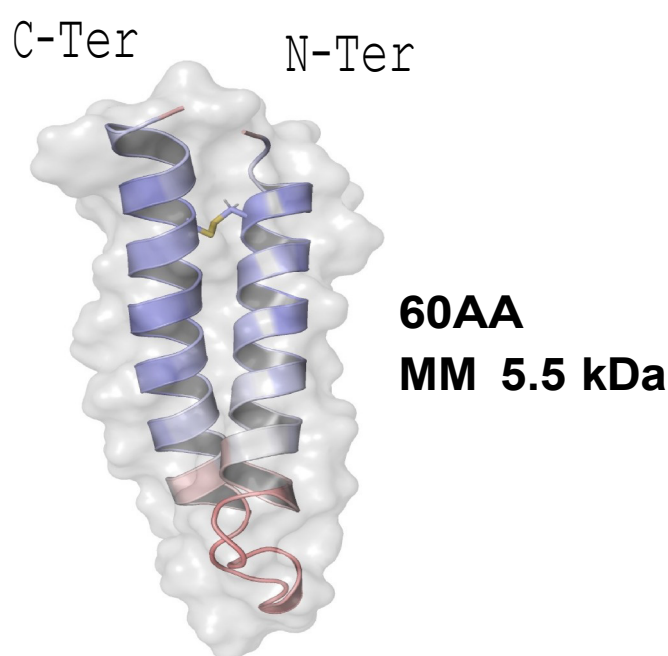
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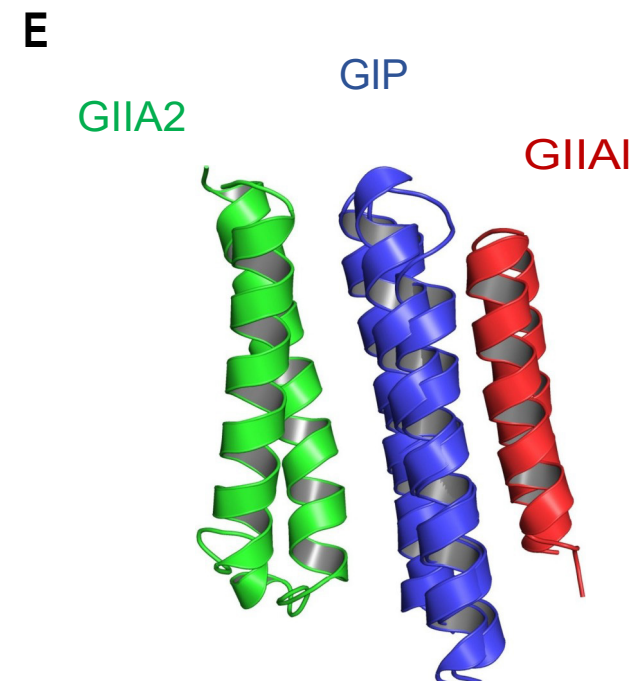
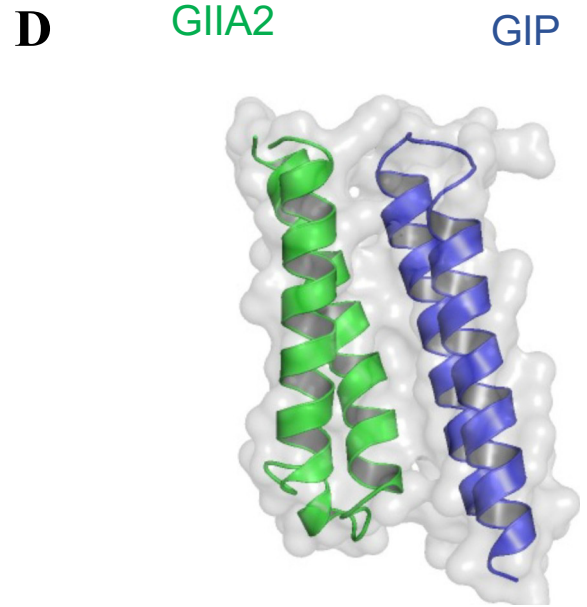
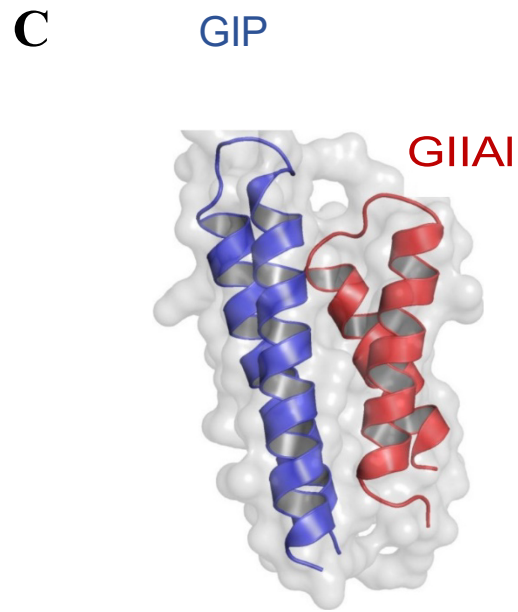
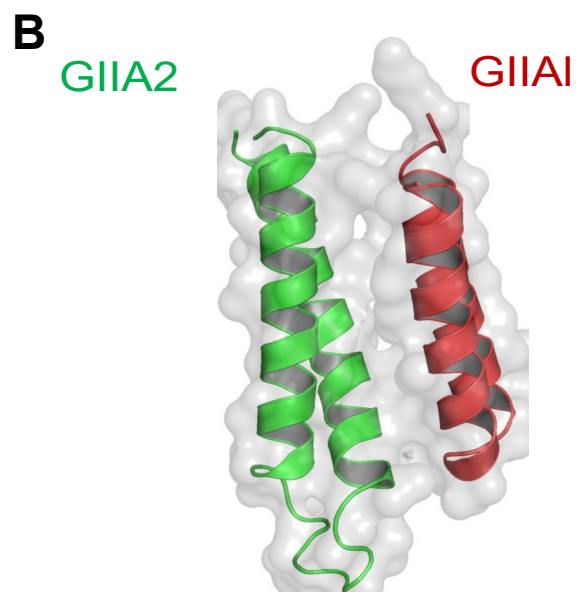
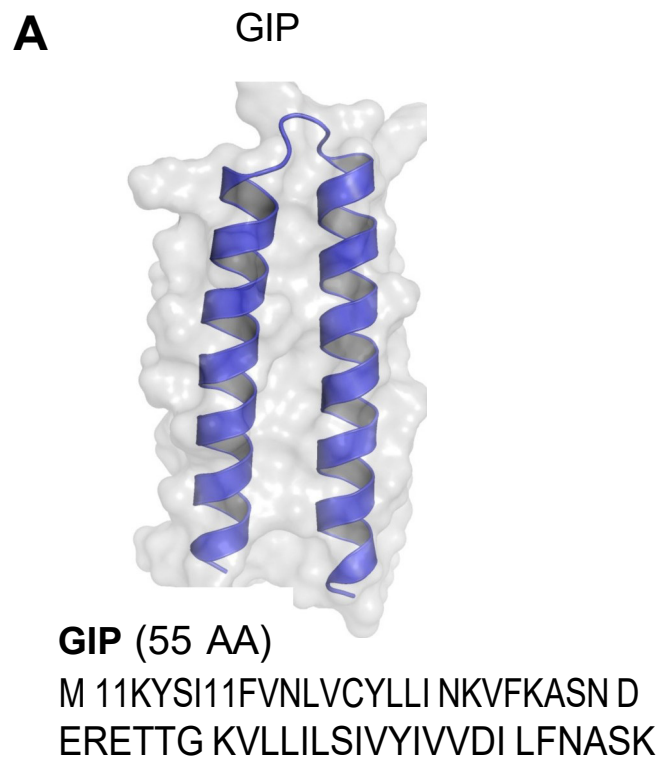


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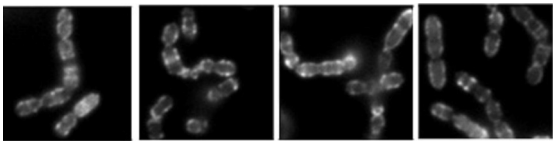


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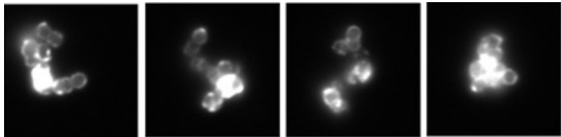


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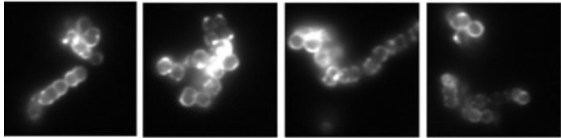


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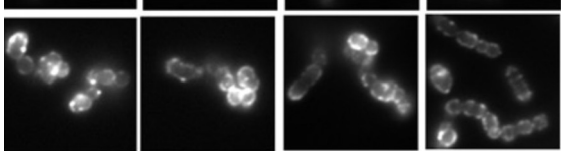
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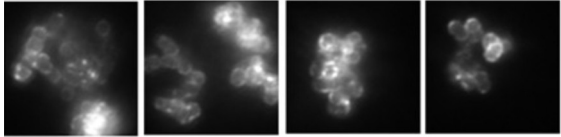
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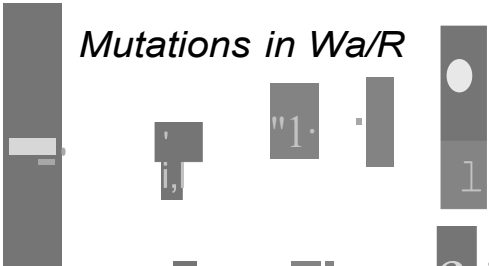


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RSM12



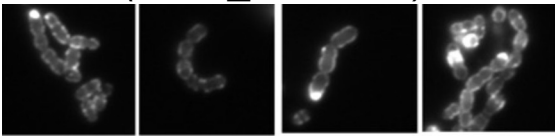
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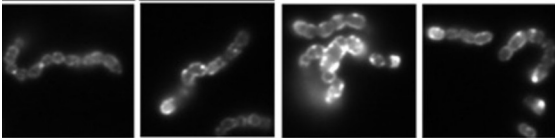


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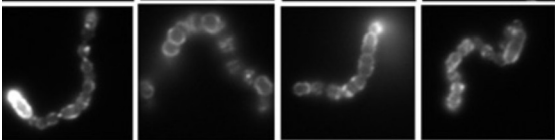
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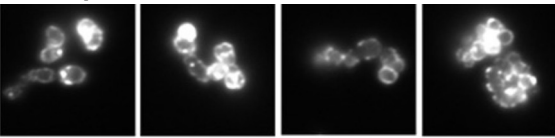


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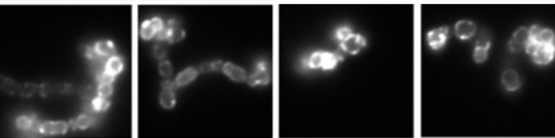


Table 1: Single nucleotide polymorphisms detected in RSM mutants as compared to the parental SGM

Column1	level_0	chr	position	depth	reference	alternative	type	freebayes_score	strand_balance	fisher_pvalue	frequency	CDS_position	effect_type	codon_change	gene_name	mutation_type	prot_effect	prot_size	effect_impact	name
56	RSM-1_S3	assembly	160957	141	GCCAGAT	GCCAGACCAGAT	INDEL	4416.47	0.471	1	0.9	961.963naTCTG	frameshift_variant	atcctaCTGGc	NPFEHBFA_01714		Leu323fs	45	HIGH	RSM-1_S3
57	RSM-1_S3	assembly	1967146	171	G	T	SNV	5614.57	0.402	0.40588235	0.9	17C>A	missense_variant	gCcgAc	NPFEHBFA_02107	MISSENSE	Ala6Asp	12	MODERATE	RSM-1_S3
58	RSM-1_S3	assembly	1887074	309	TGGT	TGGT	INDEL	5417.64	0.426	0.34800850	0.5	1887075_188707	intragenic_variant		NPFEHBFA_00018				MODIFIER	RSM-1_S3
76	RSM-2_S4	assembly	160956	105	CGCTGATTGT	CGCTGATTGCTGATTGT	INDEL	5260.46	0.447	0.465376	0.9	910.911mcCAAT	frameshift_variant	acacacCAATCAGCca	NPFEHBFA_01714		Gy307fs	45	HIGH	RSM-2_S4
114	RSM-3_S5	assembly	1967146	191	G	T	SNV	6332.82	0.458	0.46073298	1.0	17C>A	missense_variant	gCcgAc	NPFEHBFA_02107	MISSENSE	Ala6Asp	12	MODERATE	RSM-3_S5
8	RSM-4_S6	assembly	1609857	111	GCCAGATTGGTT	GCCAGATTGGTCCAGATTGGTT	INDEL	2566.58	0.488	0.3611863	0.7	969.967naACCA	frameshift_variant	aaa/aaACCAATCTGga	NPFEHBFA_01714		Leu323fs	45	HIGH	RSM-4_S6
16	RSM-5_S7	assembly	1609830	150	G	A	SNV	4961.5	0.483		1.0	984C>T	stop_gained	CagT7ag	NPFEHBFA_01714	NONSENSE	Gln332*	45	HIGH	RSM-5_S7
19	RSM-5_S7	assembly	2110152	194	C	T	SNV	6434.76	0.454		1.0	112C>A	missense_variant	GcgAGc	NPFEHBFA_02243	MISSENSE	Gly38Ser	13	MODERATE	RSM-5_S7
100	RSM-6_S8	assembly	1611243	145	G	A	SNV	4753.75	0.455		1.0	284C>T	missense_variant	gCwlgTa	NPFEHBFA_01715	MISSENSE	Ala6Val	23	MODERATE	RSM-6_S8
67	RSM-7_S9	assembly	59133	116	ATTTTTTTGGTT	ATTTTTTTGGTT	INDEL	3769.47	0.47		1.0	912dupT	frameshift_variant	tggaTtg	NPFEHBFA_00076		Trp38fs	32	HIGH	RSM-7_S9
90	RSM-7_S9	assembly	1609912	103	C	T	SNV	3443.77	0.422		1.0	166912C>T	intragenic_variant		NPFEHBFA_00018				MODIFIER	RSM-7_S9
91	RSM-7_S9	assembly	2167956	122	G	A	SNV	3063.76	0.475		1.0	400C>T	stop_gained	CaaTaa	NPFEHBFA_02313	NONSENSE	Gln135*	19	HIGH	RSM-7_S9
138	RSM-8_S10	assembly	1028320	114	G	A	SNV	3821.48	0.421		1.0	107C>T	missense_variant	cCa/cTa	NPFEHBFA_01139	MISSENSE	Pro36Leu	8	MODERATE	RSM-8_S10
139	RSM-8_S10	assembly	2167972	163	G	T	SNV	5539.98	0.469		1.0	426C>A	stop_gained	taCtaA	NPFEHBFA_02313	NONSENSE	Tyr142*	19	HIGH	RSM-8_S10
66	RSM-9_S11	assembly	970200	81	G	A	SNV	1543.39	0.436	0.01269307	0.5	970200G>A	intragenic_variant		NPFEHBFA_00018				MODIFIER	RSM-9_S11
72	RSM-9_S11	assembly	1606485	93	C	T	SNV	3076.42	0.467		1.0	1606485C>T	intragenic_variant		NPFEHBFA_00018				MODIFIER	RSM-9_S11
128	RSM-10_S12	assembly	890476	125	A	G	SNV	4177.47	0.464		1.0	829A>G	missense_variant	Act/Gct	NPFEHBFA_00992	MISSENSE	Thr277Ala	36	MODERATE	RSM-10_S1
129	RSM-10_S12	assembly	1111112	98	GAATAATTG	GAATAATTG	INDEL	3313.57	0.449		1.0	1111118deA	intragenic_variant		NPFEHBFA_00018				MODIFIER	RSM-10_S1
131	RSM-10_S12	assembly	2167980	131	C	T	SNV	4416.49	0.486		1.0	469C>A	missense_variant	Gaa/Aaa	NPFEHBFA_02313	MISSENSE	Glu131Lys	19	MODERATE	RSM-10_S1
107	RSM-11_S13	assembly	987784	132	ACCGA	ACGA	INDEL	4361.86	0.473		1.0	438deC	frameshift_variant	acc/	NPFEHBFA_01100		Glu147fs	52	HIGH	RSM-11_S1
119	RSM-12_S14	assembly	121316	138	T	G	SNV	4694.83	0.486		1.0	965T>G	stop_lost+splice_region_variant	Taa/Gaa	NPFEHBFA_00166	MISSENSE	Tyr319Gluext*	31	HIGH	RSM-12_S1
122	RSM-12_S14	assembly	1611178	130	G	A	SNV	4376.41	0.408		1.0	349C>T	missense_variant	CgtTgt	NPFEHBFA_01715	MISSENSE	Arg117Cys	23	MODERATE	RSM-12_S1
35	RSM-13_S15	assembly	404530	153	A	G	SNV	4984.05	0.47		1.0	314T>C	missense_variant	gTaaGca	NPFEHBFA_00464	MISSENSE	Val105Ala	16	MODERATE	RSM-13_S1
36	RSM-13_S15	assembly	518528	144	C	G	SNV	4789.74	0.466		1.0	183C>G	missense_variant	CcgGcg	NPFEHBFA_00589	MISSENSE	Pro65Ala	29	MODERATE	RSM-13_S1
38	RSM-13_S15	assembly	1847713	158	T	A	SNV	3277.13	0.408	0.86723273	0.6	1847713T>A	intragenic_variant		NPFEHBFA_00018				MODIFIER	RSM-13_S1
2	RSM-14_S16	assembly	1609544	106	G	A	SNV	3551.39	0.491		1.0	1280C>T	missense_variant	tCgtTtg	NPFEHBFA_01714	MISSENSE	Ser427Leu	45	MODERATE	RSM-14_S1
3	RSM-14_S16	assembly	2113956	123	C	T	SNV	4184.54	0.468		1.0	26G>A	missense_variant	gCagAa	NPFEHBFA_02247	MISSENSE	Gly9Glu	41	MODERATE	RSM-14_S1

Table 2: List of strains and primers

Number	Strains	Source
<i>S. gallolyticus</i> strains		
NEM 2431	<i>S. gallolyticus</i> subspecies <i>gallolyticus</i> UCN34	(Rusniok et al., 2010)
NEM 4838	UCN34 Δblp	(Aymeric et al., 2018)
NEM 4694	UCN34 $\Delta gIIA1$	This work
NEM 4812	UCN34 $\Delta gIIA2$	This work
NEM 4988	UCN34 $\Delta blpT$ (<i>gallo_rs10370</i>)	This work
NEM 5097	UCN34 $\Delta blpS$	(Proutiere et al., 2021)
NEM 1765	<i>S. gallolyticus</i> subspecies <i>macedonicus</i>	CIP 105683T
150507100801	<i>S. gallolyticus</i> subspecies <i>pasteurianus</i>	CNR collection (Cochin)
NEM 4801	UCN34 Δblp pTCV Ptet-gip	This work
NEM 4806	UCN34 Δblp pTCV Ptet	This work
Heterologous expression of immunity protein		
NEM 4828	<i>Lactococcus lactis</i> pTCV Ptet-gip	This work
NEM 5667	<i>Lactococcus lactis</i> pTCV	This work
NEM4825	<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i> A909 pTCV Ptet-gip	This work
NEM3245	<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i> A909 pTCV	This work
Strains tested for galloicin sensitivity		
NEM 4825	<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i> A909 pTCV Ptet-gip	Collection BBPG
NEM 1867	<i>Streptococcus infantarius</i>	CIP106105
NEM 640	<i>Streptococcus lutetiensis</i>	Collection BBPG
NEM 739	<i>Streptococcus equi</i>	Collection BBPG
NEM 2526	<i>S. agalactiae</i> A909	Collection BBPG
NEM 3525	<i>S. agalactiae</i> NEM316	Collection BBPG
NEM 2312	<i>S. agalactiae</i> BM110	Collection BBPG
NEM 409	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	Collection BBPG
NEM 489	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	Collection BBPG
NEM 4906	<i>Lactococcus lactis</i>	Collection BBPG
NEM 4703	<i>Lactobacillus casei</i>	Collection BBPG
NEM 140	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> F6953	Collection BBPG
NEM 466	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	Collection BBPG
NEM 416	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> RN4220	Collection BBPG
NEM 453	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Collection BBPG
NEM 761	<i>Aerococcus</i> spp.	Collection BBPG
NEM 486	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Collection BBPG
NEM 602	<i>Corynebacterium glutamicum</i>	Collection BBPG
Vancomycin resistant Enterococcus		
CIP 103510	<i>E. faecium</i> (VanA)	Collection Institut Pasteur
CIP 111159	<i>E. faecalis</i> (VanB)	Collection Institut Pasteur
CIP 111253	<i>E. faecalis</i> (VanD)	Collection Institut Pasteur
CIP 111106	<i>E. faecalis</i> (VanE)	Collection Institut Pasteur
CIP 111107	<i>E. faecalis</i> (VanG)	Collection Institut Pasteur
Competition experiment		
NEM 2829	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> OG1RF	Collection BBPG
<i>Streptococcus gallolyticus</i> subspecies <i>macedonicus</i> mutants resistant to galloicin (RSM)		
NEM 5627	RSM1	This work
NEM 5628	RSM2	This work
NEM 5629	RSM3	This work
NEM 5630	RSM4	This work
NEM 5631	RSM5	This work
NEM 5632	RSM6	This work
NEM 5633	RSM7	This work
NEM 5634	RSM8	This work
NEM 5636	RSM10	This work
NEM 5638	RSM12	This work
NEM 5639	RSM13	This work
NEM 5640	RSM14	This work

Primers	Sequence (5'-3')
Deletions	
<i>gIIA1</i>	TTCTGAATTCGAACTAGAACTATTGTGCC
	TTCTATAAGTATGCTGAAATACTCTCCTTATAAA
	TTTATAAGGAGAGAGATTTTACGCATCTATAGA
	TTCTGGATCCCAGGCAATATTATTGCCAT
<i>gIIA2</i>	TTCTGAATTCATAATGCGGAGTTTGCCT
	ACTCTCTCCTATAAAATTATTGAATACCTCCCAATAA
	TTATTGGGAGGTATTCAATAATTTTATAAGGAGAGAGT
	TTCTGGATCCCAGGCAATATTATTGCCA
<i>blpT</i> (<i>gallo_RS10370</i>)	TTCTGAATTCATCCAGATAGACCGCC
	GCAACTGTTTTATCAATGGGCAGAGGAAAAGTAGCA
	TGCTACTTTTCTCTGCCATTGATAAAACAGTTGC
	TTCTGGATCCCAGACAGCGGTATGTTAG
Overexpression	
<i>gip</i>	TTCTGGATCCATTGGGAGGTATTCAAATGATTATAAAATATAG
	TTCTCTGCAGCAATAGTAATACATTAT