

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

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29 **ABSTRACT**

30 *Streptococcus gallolyticus* subsp. *gallolyticus* (*SGG*) is an opportunistic gut pathogen
31 associated with colorectal cancer. We previously showed that colonization of the murine
32 colon by *SGG* in tumoral conditions was strongly enhanced by the production of gallocin A, a
33 two-peptide bacteriocin. Here, we aimed at characterizing the mechanisms of its action and
34 resistance. Using a genetic approach, we demonstrated that gallocin A is composed of two
35 peptides, GIIA1 and GIIA2, which are inactive alone and act together to kill “target” bacteria.
36 We showed that gallocin A can kill phylogenetically close relatives. Importantly, we
37 demonstrated that gallocin A peptides can insert into membranes and permeabilize lipid
38 bilayer vesicles. Next, we showed that the third gene of the gallocin A operon named GIP, is
39 necessary and sufficient to confer immunity to gallocin A. Structural modelling of GIIA1 and
40 GIIA2 mature peptides suggested that both peptides form alpha-helical hairpins stabilized by
41 intramolecular disulfide bridges. The presence of a disulfide bond in GIIA1 and GIIA2 was
42 confirmed experimentally. Addition of disulfide reducing agents abrogated gallocin A
43 activity. Likewise, deletion of a gene encoding a surface protein with a thioredoxin-like
44 domain impaired gallocin A ability to kill *Enterococcus faecalis*. Structural modelling of GIP
45 revealed a hairpin-like structure strongly resembling that of the GIIA1 and GIIA2 mature
46 peptides, suggesting a mechanism of immunity by competition with GIIA1/2. Finally,
47 identification of other class IIb bacteriocins exhibiting a similar alpha-helical hairpin fold
48 stabilized with an intramolecular disulfide bridge suggests the existence of a new subclass of
49 class IIb bacteriocins.

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51 **IMPORTANCE**

52 *Streptococcus gallolyticus* subsp. *gallolyticus* (*SGG*), previously named *Streptococcus bovis*
53 biotype I, is an opportunistic pathogen responsible for invasive infections (septicemia,
54 endocarditis) in elderly people and often associated with colon tumors. *SGG* is one of the
55 first bacteria to be associated with the occurrence of colorectal cancer in humans.
56 Previously, we showed that tumor-associated conditions in the colon provide to *SGG* with
57 the ideal environment to proliferate at the expense of phylogenetically and metabolically
58 closely related commensal bacteria such as enterococci (Aymeric et al., 2017). *SGG* takes
59 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 GIIA1 and GIIA2 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. GIIA1 and GIIA2
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 GIIA1 and GIIA2 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 GIIA1/GIIA2. Thus, we hypothesize that GIP blocks the formation
71 of the GIIA1/GIIA2 complex by interacting with GIIA1 or GIIA2. 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.

74 **INTRODUCTION**

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

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

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

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

110 The aim of the present work was to characterize the gallocin A activity spectrum, its
111 mode of action and the immunity mechanism. Our results indicate that GIIA1 and GIIA2
112 peptides are atypical and contain a disulfide bond required for antibacterial activity. We
113 showed that GIIA1/GIIA2 can permeabilize lipid bilayers. The predicted structure of the GIP
114 immunity peptide strikingly mimics that of the GIIA1 and GIIA2 mature peptides suggesting a
115 mechanism of immunity by interference. *In vitro*, gallocin A was able to kill most closely
116 related species such as streptococci and enterococci, highlighting the potential of these
117 narrow-spectrum antimicrobials as alternatives to antibiotics.

118 **RESULTS**

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120 **Gallocin A is a two-peptide bacteriocin**

121 As shown in Fig. 1A, the gallocin A core operon is composed of three genes (*gllA2*, *gllA1*, *gip*)
122 coding for 2 putative bacteriocin peptides (GllA1 and GllA2) and a putative immunity protein
123 (GIP). To demonstrate the role of *gllA1* and *gllA2* in gallocin A activity, we performed in-
124 frame deletions of *gllA1* and *gllA2* separately in SGG strain UCN34 (wild-type, WT) and
125 tested the antibacterial activity of the corresponding mutant supernatants by plate diffusion
126 assays, as described previously (4). As shown in Fig. 1B, the antimicrobial activity of gallocin
127 A is completely abolished in the supernatants of $\Delta gllA1$ and $\Delta gllA2$ mutants and restored
128 when the supernatants of $\Delta gllA1$ and $\Delta gllA2$ are combined in a 1:1 ratio. This result
129 demonstrates that both GllA1 and GllA2 are required for gallocin A activity and confirms
130 that gallocin A is a two-peptide Class IIb bacteriocin (3). Finally, we showed that gallocin A is
131 active in a wide range of pH (2-12, Fig. S1A) and temperature (Fig. S1B).

132 Since the gene encoding the putative immunity protein named GIP cannot be deleted alone
133 without self-intoxication of the bacteria, we used the original mutant UCN34 Δblp (1) in
134 which the three genes of gallocin A operon (*gllA2-gllA1-gip*) were deleted and tested its
135 sensitivity to gallocin A. As expected, the Δblp mutant became sensitive to gallocin A (Fig.
136 1C). Next, we complemented the Δblp mutant with a plasmid encoding *gip* and showed that
137 this was sufficient to restore bacterial growth of the recombinant strain in the presence of
138 gallocin A. These results demonstrate that GIP confers immunity to gallocin A (Fig. 1C).
139 Moreover, constitutive expression of *gip* in heterologous bacteria sensitive to gallocin (such
140 as *Streptococcus agalactiae* and *Lactococcus lactis*) allowed their growth in the presence of
141 gallocin (Fig. 1D). These results clearly demonstrate that expression of *gip* alone is necessary
142 and sufficient to confer full immunity against gallocin A.

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144 **Gallocin A is active against various streptococci and enterococci**

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

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

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156 **Gallocin A induces target cell-membrane depolarization**

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

168 It was previously shown that pore formation by the two-peptide bacteriocins lactococcin G
169 and enterocin 1071 requires the presence of UppP, a membrane protein involved in
170 peptidoglycan synthesis that could serve as a receptor for these bacteriocins (7). To
171 investigate whether gallocin A is active in the absence of a proteinaceous receptor, we
172 tested its capacity to permeabilize lipid bilayer vesicles. To do so, we used large unilamellar
173 vesicles (LUV) in which a fluorescence marker, the 8-Aminonaphthalene-1,3,6-Trisulfonic
174 Acid (ANTS) and its quencher, p-Xylene-Bis-Pyridinium Bromide (DPX), are encapsulated. If
175 pores are formed in the membrane of the liposomes, ANTS and DPX are released in the
176 medium and ANTS recovers its fluorescence. As shown in Fig. 3C, addition of UCN34 WT
177 supernatant containing gallocin A led to LUV permeabilization while the supernatant of the
178 $\Delta b/p$ mutant had no effect, showing that gallocin A can alter the vesicle membrane. Of note,
179 addition of small amount of Tween-20 (0.01%) was necessary to observe gallocin A activity.
180 Importantly, the $\Delta b/p$ supernatant supplemented Tween-20 at 0.01% had no effect on

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

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

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

189 Both GIIA1 and GIIA2 pre-peptides exhibit a typical N-terminal leader sequences of 23 amino
190 acids, ending with two glycine residues, which is cleaved upon secretion of these peptides
191 through a dedicated ABC transporter (5). GIIA1 and GIIA2 mature peptides each contain 2
192 cysteines, which can potentially form a disulfide bridge important for their structure and
193 function. Indeed, we showed that addition of reducing agents such as dithiothreitol (DTT) or
194 β -mercaptoethanol abolished gallocin A activity (Fig. 4A), whereas it has no effect on a
195 control bacteriocin which does not possess a disulfide bond, such as nisin.

196 Furthermore, LC/MS analysis provided the exact molecular masses of the mature GIIA1 and
197 GIIA2 peptides. The calculated masses identified oxidized cysteine residues, indicating the
198 presence of a disulfide bridge in each peptide (Fig. S3).

199 Interestingly, the gallocin A genomic locus in *SGG* UCN34 contains a conserved co-
200 regulated gene (4), *gallo_rs10370*, encoding a putative “bacteriocin biosynthesis protein”
201 containing a thioredoxin domain (Fig. 4B). The thioredoxin domain is known to facilitate
202 disulfide bond formation in *E. coli* (8) and is predicted to be extracellular by
203 Pfam/Interproscan. We hypothesized that this gene renamed *b/pT*, which encodes a surface
204 protein potentially anchored to the cell-wall, could assist disulfide bond formation in
205 gallocin A peptides following secretion and cleavage of the leader peptide by the ABC
206 transporter BlpAB (5). Indeed, deletion of this gene in UCN34 (Δ *b/pT*) strongly altered the
207 ability of *SGG* to outcompete *Enterococcus faecalis* OG1RF in competition experiments
208 where attacker *SGG* and prey *E. faecalis* were inoculated together in THY liquid medium at a
209 1:1 ratio and counted on entero-agar plates after 4 h of co-culture at 37°C (Fig. 4C).
210 Remarkably, the Δ *b/pT* mutant was comparable to the Δ *b/p* mutant and the back to the WT
211 behaved like the parental UCN34 WT (Fig. 4C). Altogether these results indicate the
212 existence of disulfide bond in gallocin A mature peptides important for activity. Of note, the

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

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

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

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237 **Mechanisms of resistance to gallocin A**

238 To better understand the mode of action of gallocin A, we decided to investigate the
239 mechanisms of resistance to gallocin A. For that purpose, we isolated 14 spontaneous
240 mutants (named RSM 1 to 14) of the highly sensitive strain *S. gallolyticus* subsp.
241 *macedonicus* CIP 105683T on agar plates supplemented with gallocin A (see Materials and
242 Methods for details). As shown in the supplemental Fig. S5B and C, 12 out of these 14
243 mutants were able to grow in liquid THY supplemented with gallocin A, in contrast to the
244 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 WalRK 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 WalRK 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.

282 **DISCUSSION**

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

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

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

314 described lactococcin G, the plantaricin EF, the plantaricin JK and the carnobacteriocin XY
315 (CbnXY) (13–16), do not contain cysteine residues in their primary amino acid sequences.
316 Consistently, the peptides constituting these 4 well-known bacteriocins are composed of
317 only one main alpha-helix, and therefore do not require any disulfide bond to stabilize their
318 tri-dimensional structures. Recently, gallocin D was identified in a very peculiar strain *SGG*
319 LL009, isolated from raw goat milk in New Zealand (2). Gallocin D is a two-peptide
320 bacteriocin homologous to infantaricin A secreted by *Streptococcus infantarius*, a member
321 of the *Streptococcus bovis* group (2). Of note, the peptides of the 4 well described two-
322 peptide bacteriocins discussed above and of gallocin D are much smaller in size (about 30
323 amino acids long) than the gallocin A peptides (2). In addition, gallocin A peptides are less
324 positively charged (1 positively charged amino acid in GIIA1, 2 in GIIA2), while the highly
325 positively charged C-terminus of lactococcin G α -peptide is thought to contribute to the
326 anchoring of the peptide to the membrane, thanks to the transmembrane potential
327 (negative inside) (13, 17).

328 A few other class IIb bacteriocins, such as brochocin C, thermophilin 13 and ABP-118
329 (18–21), were found to share similar structural properties with gallocin A peptides (longer
330 peptides, few positively charged amino acids and two cysteine residues in each peptide
331 located close to N-/C-terminus). Alphafold modelling of these peptides showed that their
332 putative structures resemble those of GIIA1 and GIIA2, with two-antiparallel alpha-helices.
333 Disulfide bonds between the cysteines of the 2 helices were also predicted in 5 out of the 6
334 peptides (Fig. S7). BrcB, the peptide without predicted disulfide bond, was also the one with
335 the worse IDDT score, suggesting that the prediction might not be accurate. In conclusion,
336 gallocin A, as well as other class IIb bacteriocins such as brochocin C, thermophilin 13 and
337 ABP-118, might represent a subgroup in class IIb bacteriocins which differs in structure, and
338 potentially in their mode of action from the other well-known class IIb bacteriocins.

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

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

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

367 To conclude, it is worth highlighting that the 12 mutants were only partially resistant
368 to gallocin A. Most RSM mutants form bacterial aggregates which probably contributes to
369 their resistance to gallocin A, just as biofilms are more resistant to antibiotics. No specific
370 membrane receptor could be identified for gallocin A. Interestingly, it has also been
371 suggested that thermophilin 13, another class IIb bacteriocin that shares putative structural
372 similarity with gallocin A (18), does not require any specific receptor for its activity.
373 However, the different level of susceptibility to gallocin A within a given species, as
374 demonstrated for three Group B *Streptococcus* strains (A909 > BM110 > NEM316), as well as
375 its narrow-spectrum mode of action indicate that unidentified bacterial factors can
376 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.

379 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

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381 **Cultures, bacterial strains, plasmids and oligonucleotides**

382 *Streptococci* and *Enterococci* used in this study were grown at 37°C in Todd-Hewitt broth
383 supplemented with 0.5% yeast extract (THY) in standing filled flasks. When appropriate,
384 10 µg/mL of erythromycin were added for plasmid maintenance.

385 Plasmid construction was performed by: PCR amplification of the fragment to insert in the
386 plasmid with Q5® High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase (New England Biolabs), digestion with the
387 appropriate FastDigest restriction enzymes (ThermoFisher), ligation with T4 DNA ligase
388 (New England Biolabs) and transformation in commercially available TOP10 competent *E.*
389 *coli* (ThermoFisher). *E. coli* transformants were cultured in Miller's LB supplemented with
390 150 µg/mL erythromycin (for pG1- derived plasmids) or 50 µg/mL kanamycin (for pTCV-
391 derived plasmid). Verified plasmids were electroporated in *S. agalactiae* NEM316 and
392 mobilized from NEM316 to *SGG* UCN34 by conjugation as described previously (27). pTCV-
393 derived plasmids were electroporated in *Lactococcus lactis* NZ9000. Strains, plasmids and
394 primers used in this study are listed in Table 2. The wide range of bacteria tested *in vitro* for
395 their resistance or sensitivity to gallocin A antimicrobial activity come from our laboratory
396 repository and were cultured in their optimal media and conditions.

397

398 **Construction of markerless deletion mutants in *SGG* UCN34**

399 In-frame deletion mutants were constructed as described previously (27). Briefly, the 5' and
400 3' region flanking the region to delete were amplified and assembled by splicing by overlap
401 extension PCR and cloned into the thermostable shuttle vector pG1. Once transformed in
402 UCN34, the cells were cultured at 38°C with erythromycin to select for the chromosomal
403 integration of the plasmid by homologous recombination. About 4 single cross-over
404 integrants were serially passaged at 30 °C without antibiotic to facilitate the second event of
405 homologous recombination and excision of the plasmid resulting either in gene deletion or
406 back to the WT (bWT). In-frame deletions were identified by PCR and confirmed by DNA
407 sequencing of the chromosomal DNA flanking the deletion.

408

409 **Gallocin A production assays**

410 Briefly, one colony of the indicator strain, here *Streptococcus gallolyticus* subsp.
411 *macedonicus* (SGM), was resuspended in 2 mL THY, grown until exponential phase, poured
412 on a THY agar plate, the excess liquid was removed and left to dry under the hood for about
413 20 min. Using sterile tips, 5-mm-diameter wells were dug into the agar. Each well was then
414 filled with 80 μ L of filtered supernatant from 5 h cultures (stationary phase) of SGG UCN34
415 WT or otherwise isogenic mutant strains and supplemented with Tween-20 at 0.1% final
416 concentration. Inhibition rings around the wells were observed the following morning after
417 overnight incubation at 37°C.

418

419 **Competition experiments**

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

426

427 **Analysis of gallocin A peptides by LC-MS**

428 *Sgg* UCN34 was grown in 500 mL of sterile THY supplemented with 5 nM synthetic GSP at
429 37 °C with 5% CO₂ for 12-16 h. The cultures were centrifuged at 4,000 \times g for 20 min and the
430 supernatant was filtered through a sterile 0.22 μ m polyethersulfone (PES) filter. Ammonium
431 sulfate was added to the filtered supernatants to give a 20% (wt/vol) concentration and
432 mixed by inversion until all ammonium sulfate salts went into solution. The solution was
433 stored at 4 °C for 1 h, followed by centrifugation at 4,000 \times g for 20 min. The supernatants
434 were discarded, and the remaining pellet was dissolved in 100 mL DI water and placed in a 3
435 kDa MWCO dialysis tube. The dialysis tube was placed in a 500 mL graduated cylinder
436 containing distilled water and a stir bar. Dialysis was performed for 4 h with changing of DI
437 water every hour. The material in the dialysis tube was then lyophilized. A 5 mg/mL solution
438 of the lyophilized material was prepared in 75:25 (H₂O:ACN) and 50 μ L were injected into an
439 Agilent Technologies 6230 time of flight mass spectrometer (an HRMS system) with the
440 following settings for positive electrospray ionization (ESI+) mode: capillary voltage = 3,500
441 V; fragmentor voltage = 175 V; skimmer voltage = 65 V; Oct 1 RF Vpp = 750 V; gas

442 temperature = 325 °C; drying gas flow rate = 0.7 L/min; nebulizer; 25 lb/in²; acquisition time
443 = 17.5 min. An XBridge C18 column (5 µm, 4.6 x 150 mm) was used for the LC-MS analysis.

444

445 **Membrane permeabilization assays**

446 These assays were performed as described previously (28). Briefly, ANTS (fluorophore
447 probe) and DPX (quencher) were encapsulated into large unilamellar vesicles (LUVs) to
448 monitor membrane permeabilization induced by peptides. The LUVs were prepared at a
449 concentration of 10 mM lipid at a POPC:POPG molar ratio of 8:2 containing 20 mM ANTS
450 and 60 mM DPX. The multilamellar vesicle suspension was extruded through 0.4- and 0.2-
451 µm polycarbonate filters to produce LUVs of 200 ± 30 nm in diameter, as measured by DLS.
452 The unencapsulated ANTS and DPX were removed by gel filtration through a Sephadex G-25
453 column 5 mL (Cytiva, USA). For permeabilization assays, LUVs were incubated in buffer at
454 0.45 mM lipids at 25 °C in a 101-QS cuvette (Hellma, France) and under constant stirring.
455 The excitation wavelength was set to 390 nm and the emission of ANTS was continuously
456 measured at 515 nm. The maximum intensity of permeabilization, corresponding to the
457 maximum recovery of ANTS fluorescence was measured after addition of 0.12% (2 mM) of
458 Triton X100.

459

460 **Generation of gallocin resistant mutants**

461 In order to generate gallocin resistant mutants, we concentrated *SGG* supernatant 200
462 times by precipitation with 20% of ammonium sulfate. By serial 2-fold dilutions, we showed
463 that this supernatant was approximatively 64 times more concentrated than the original
464 supernatant (Fig. S5A). Fourteen resistant mutants (named RSM1 to 14) of *S. gallolyticus*
465 *subsp. macedonicus* parental strain CIP105683T, the species showing the highest sensitivity
466 to gallocin A, were selected on THY agar plates containing 10% of this concentrated
467 supernatant. Twelve of them were confirmed to be gallocin resistant by growth in THY
468 supplemented with the supernatant of *SGG* WT, containing gallocin, and 0.01% of Tween-
469 20, which is necessary for gallocin A activity (Fig. S4B and C). As an important control, the
470 same experiment was performed after precipitation of the $\Delta b/p$ supernatant that does not
471 produce gallocin A. *SGM* WT was re-isolated on this plate and a single colony was stocked
472 and sequenced with the RSM mutants as described below.

473

474 **Sequencing and SNP localization**

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

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593 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

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

596 **A)** The core operon encoding gallocin A peptides and the immunity protein in *SGG* strain
597 UCN34. Gallocin genes are indicated in red and renamed *gllA1* and *gllA2* according to (2). **B)**
598 Agar diffusion assay to test gallocin activity from supernatants of UCN34 WT, $\Delta gllA1$, $\Delta gllA2$
599 et Δblp against gallocin-sensitive *S. gallolyticus* subsp. *macedonicus* (SGM) strain. One
600 representative plate of three independent replicates is shown. **C)** and **D)** Growth curves of
601 *SGG* Δblp , *S. agalactiae* A909 and *L. lactis* NZ9000 containing an empty plasmid (p) or a
602 plasmid expressing *gip* (p-*gip*) in THY supplemented with supernatant of $\Delta blpS$ (a strain
603 overproducing gallocin, “+gallocin”) or Δblp (gallocin deletion mutant, “-gallocin”) and
604 0.01% of Tween-20. The mean of two independent replicates is shown.

605

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

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

610

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

612 Fluorescence of the voltage-sensitive DiBac4(3) (**A**) or the membrane impermeant
613 propidium iodide PI (**B**) after resuspension of *Enterococcus faecalis* OG1RF in supernatant of
614 UCN34 WT, Δblp (-gallocin) and $\Delta blpS$ (overexpressing gallocin). One experiment
615 representative of three independent replicates is shown. **C-D)** Measure of the fluorescence
616 corresponding to the release of ANTS (ex: 390nm, em: 515nm) encapsulated in large
617 unilamellar vesicles after addition of *SGG* supernatant or Triton X-100 (positive control). **C:**
618 At 60 s, Triton or the supernatant of *SGG* UCN34 WT, or Δblp , or WT 30X (concentrated 30
619 times) or Δblp 30X, were added to the liposomes. **D:** At 60 s (SN1), the supernatant of
620 $\Delta gllA1$ or $\Delta gllA2$ was added to the lipid vesicle suspension. At 200 s (SN2), the supernatant
621 of the other strain is added. AU: Arbitrary Unit.

622

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

624 **A)** Agar diffusion assay to test bactericidal activity of purified Nisin (25 μ g/mL) and
625 supernatants of *SGG* WT or $\Delta blpS$ supplemented or not with 50 mM of DTT (left panel) or
626 100mM of β -mercaptoethanol (BME) (right panel). One representative plate of three
627 independent replicates is shown. **B)** Schematic representation of the gallocin genomic locus
628 and pBLAST domain identification in BlpT protein. **C)** Recovered *E. faecalis* after co-culture
629 at 1:1 ratio for 4 h with *SGG* WT, Δblp , $\Delta blpT$ and WT revertant from *blpT* deletion. The
630 mean and standard deviation of three independent replicates is shown. Asterisks represent
631 statistical differences with ***: p<0.001 as assessed by using two-way ANOVA in GraphPad
632 Prism version 9.

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

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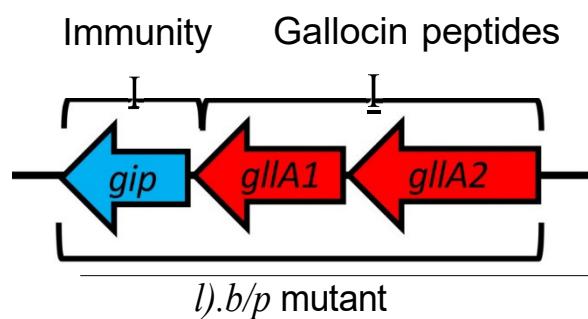
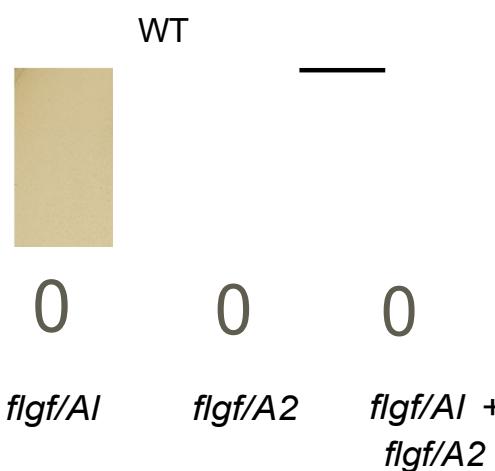
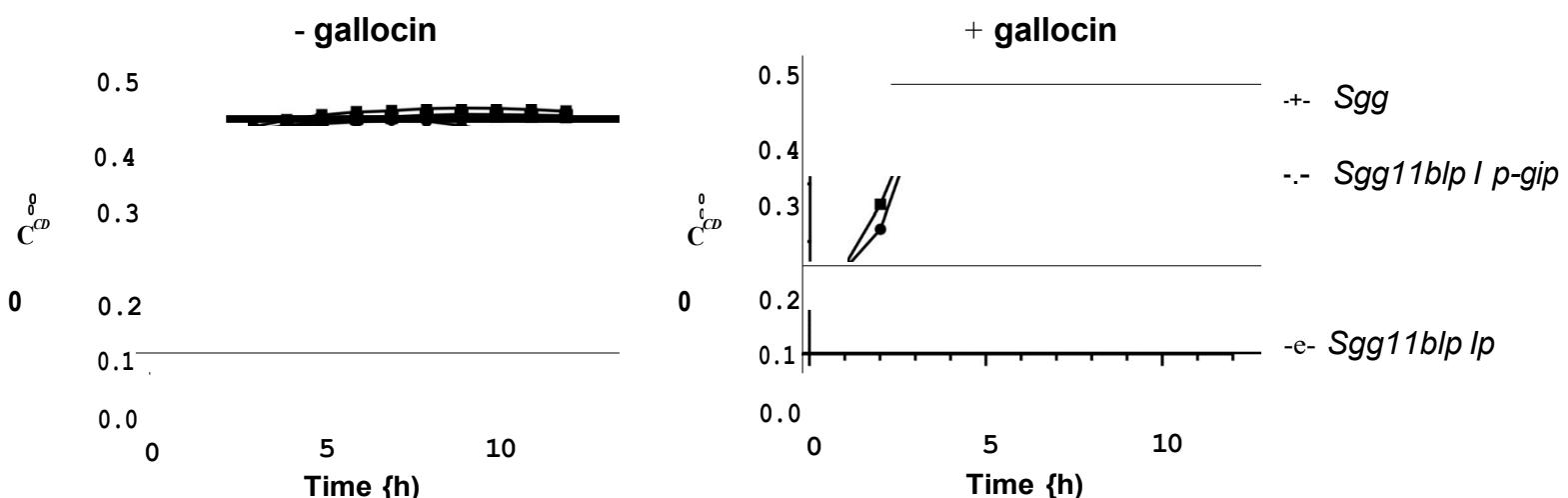
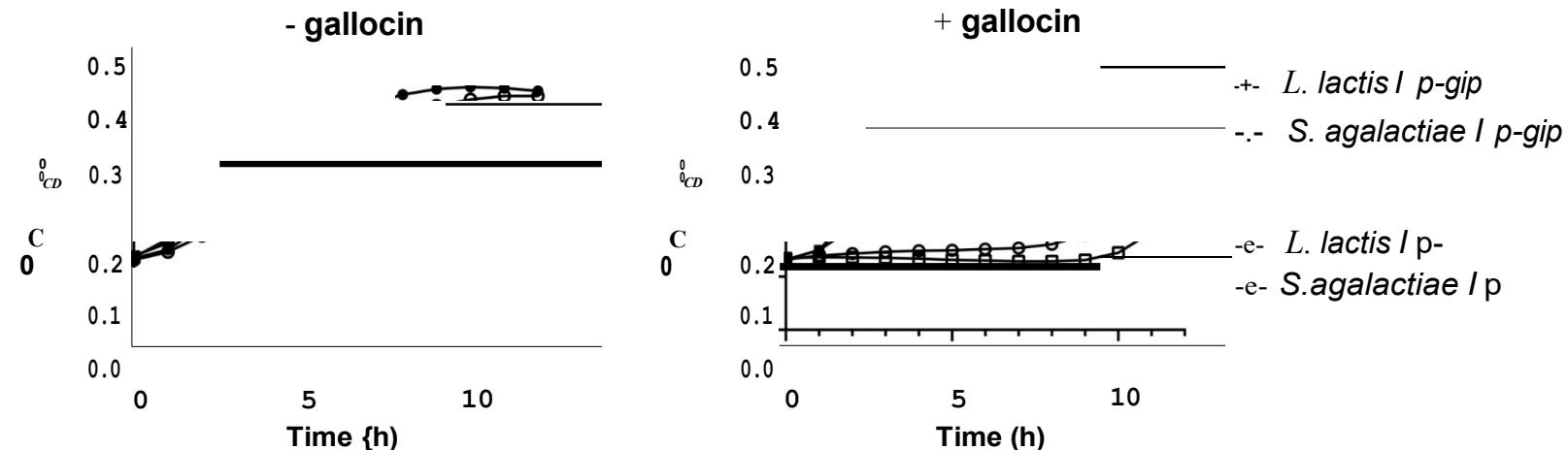
641 **Fig. 6. Structural models of GIP and its interactions with GIIA1, GIIA2.** **A)** ColabFold
642 modelling of GIP and visualization with PyMOL. **B, C, D)** ColabFold modelling of the
643 interaction between GIIA1/GIIA2 (**B**), GIP/GIIA1 (**C**), GIP/GIIA2 (**D**), and GIIA1/GIP/GIIA2 (**E**)
644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

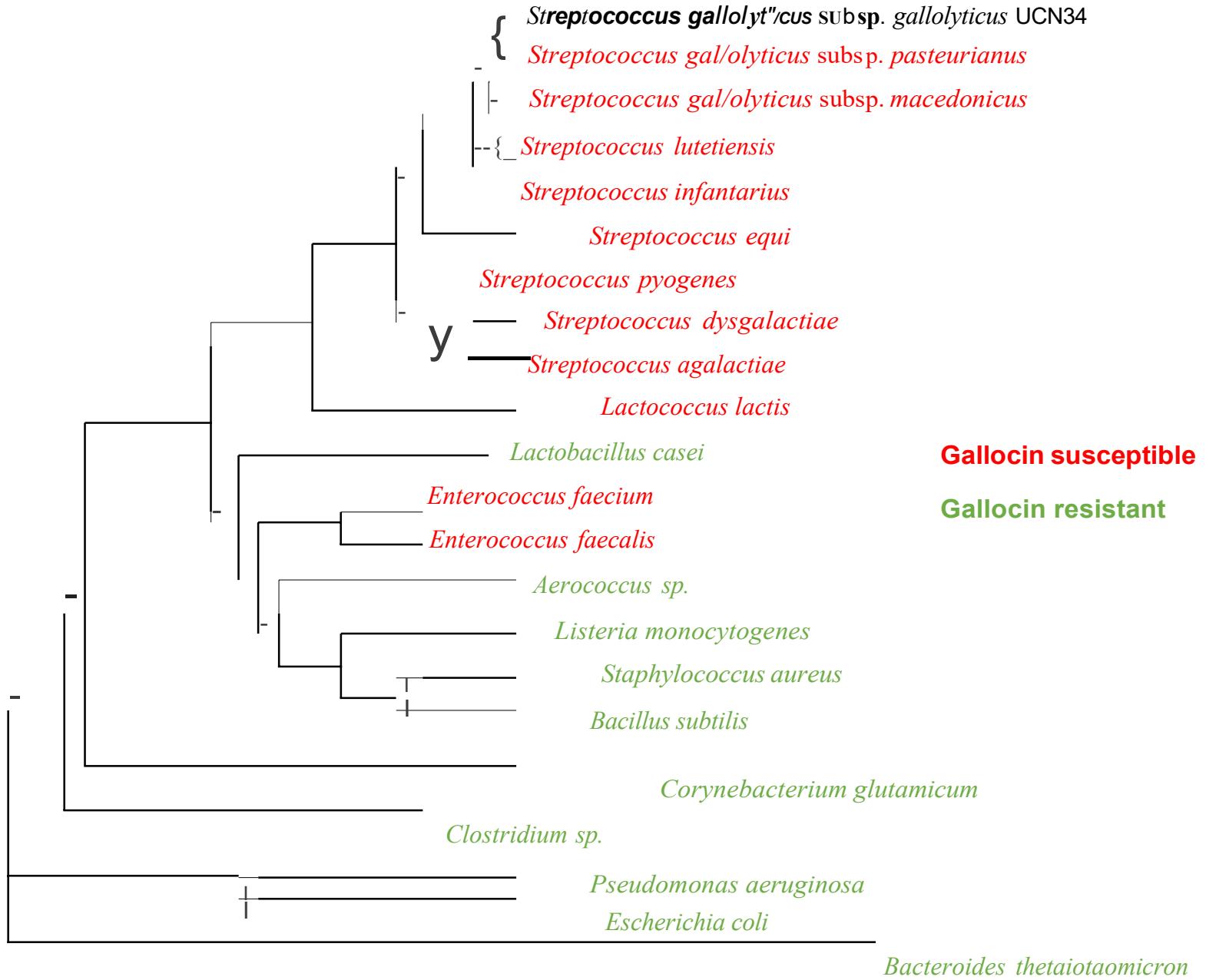
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646 **Fig. 7. Gallocin A-resistant mutants (RSM) forms aggregates and exhibit morphological
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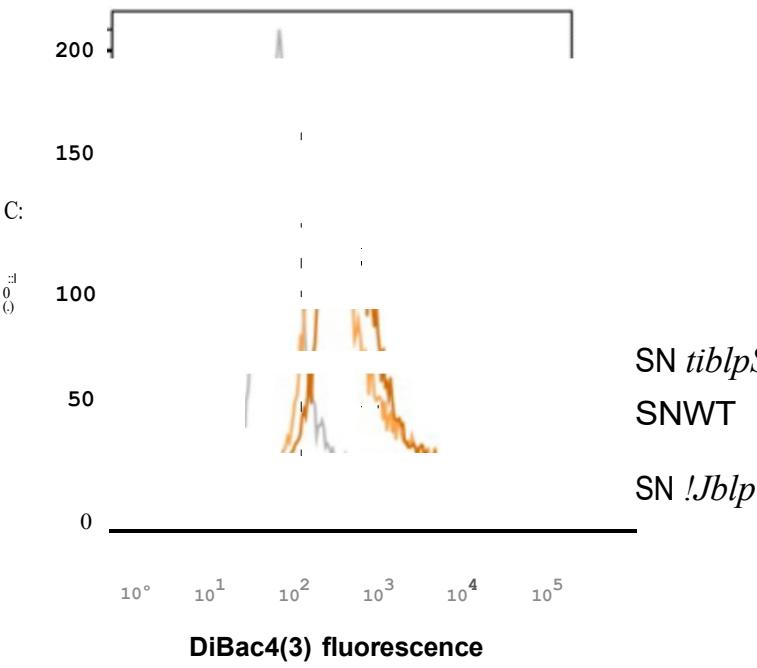
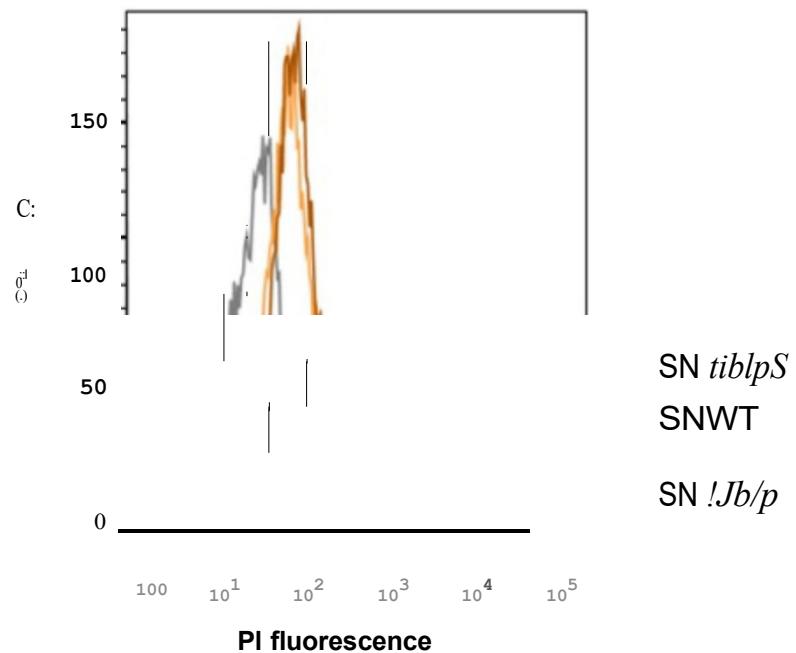
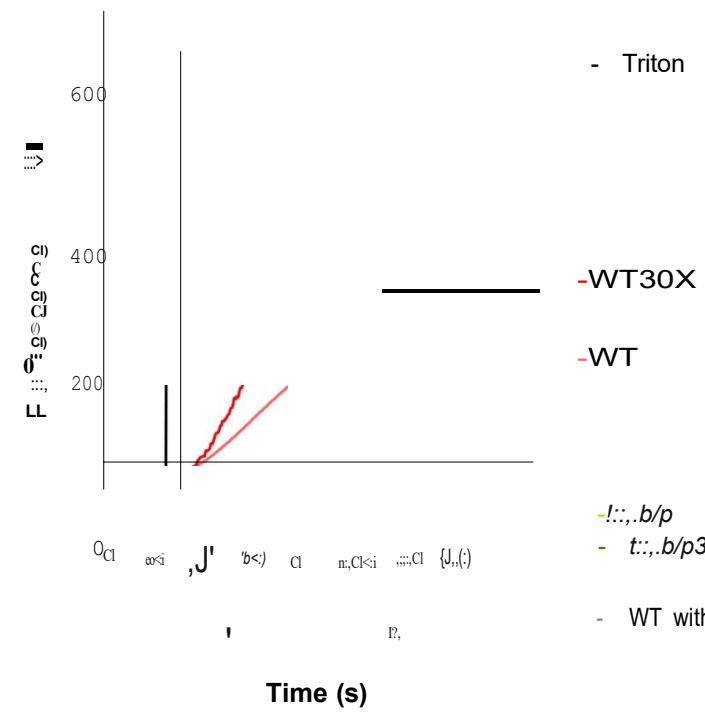
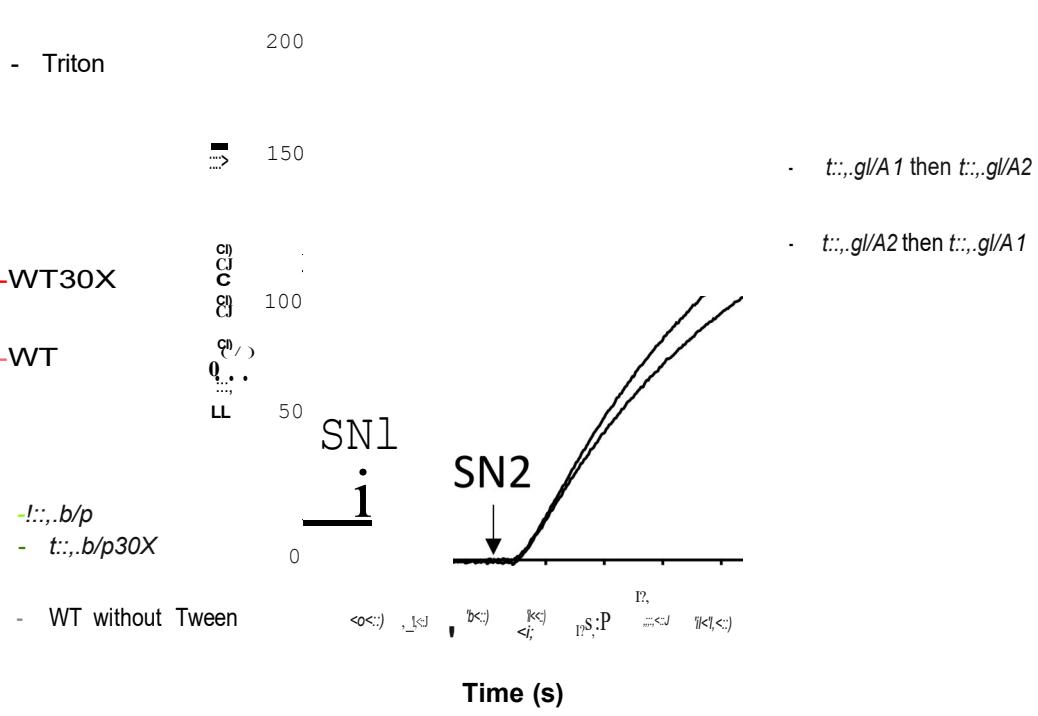
648 Epifluorescence microscopy images of *SGM* WT and RSM 1 to 12 labelled with the Wheat
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650 bottom right. Representative images from three independent experiments are shown here.

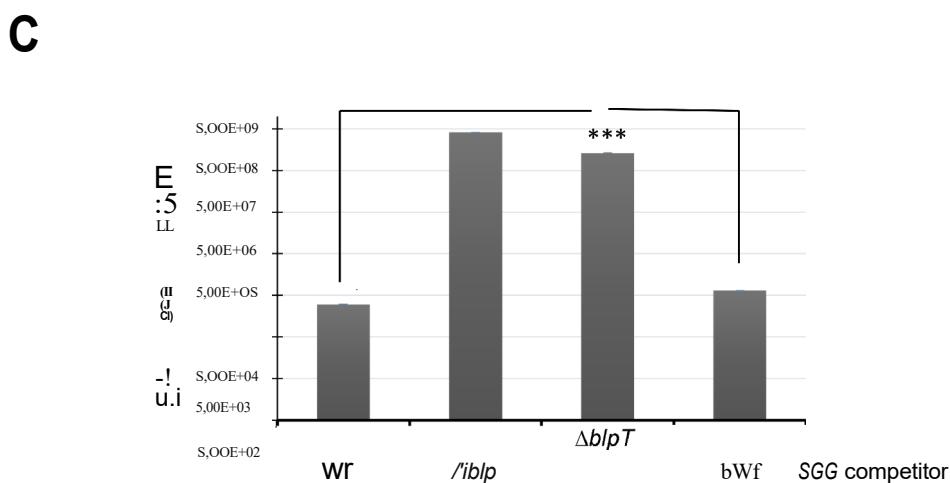
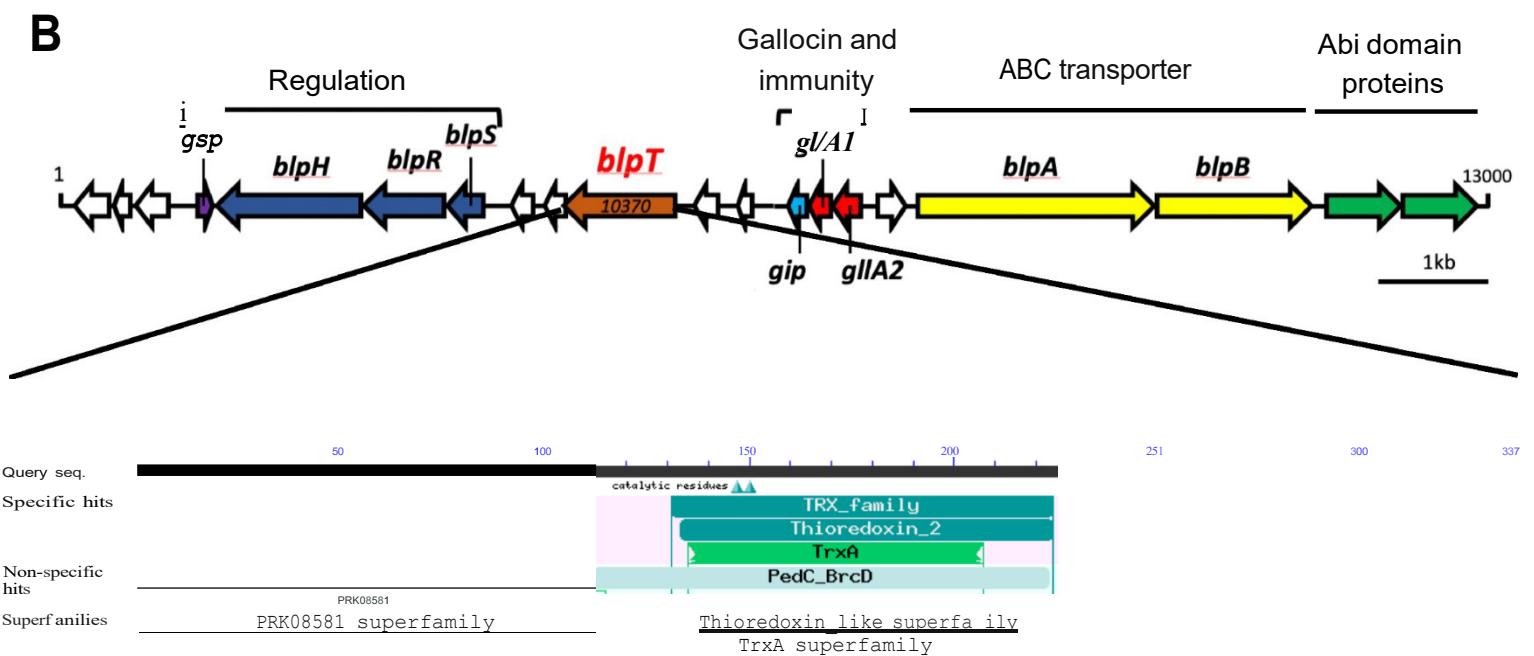
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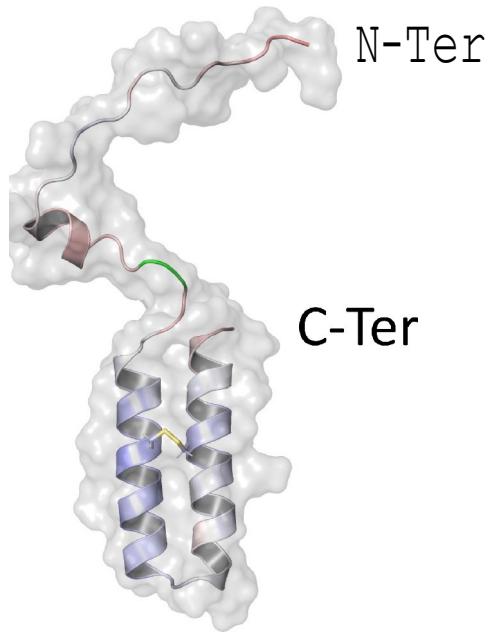
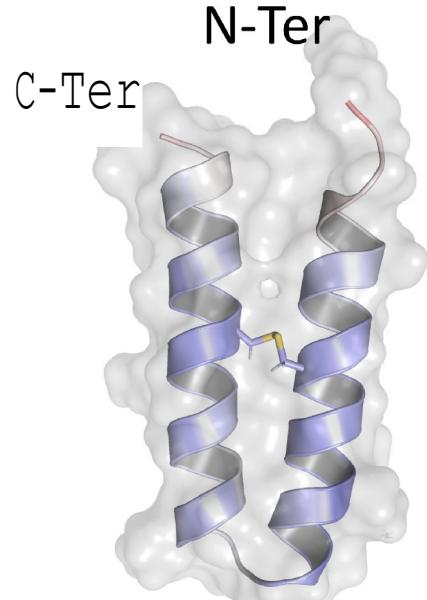
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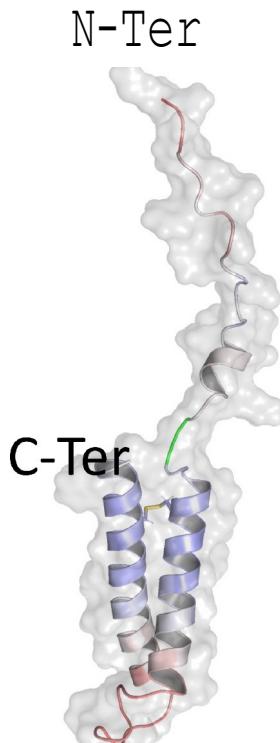
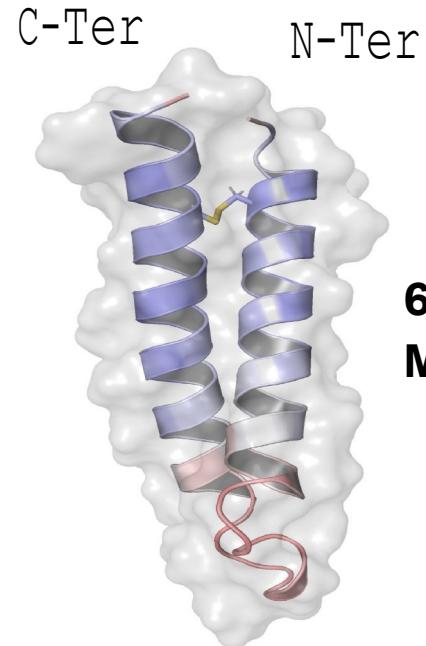
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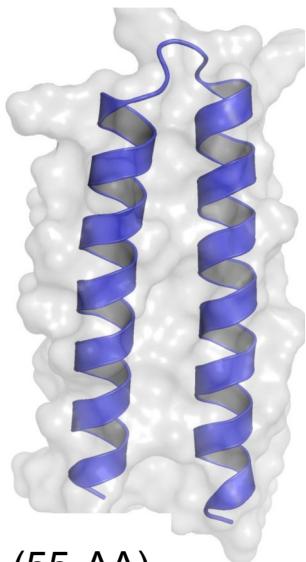
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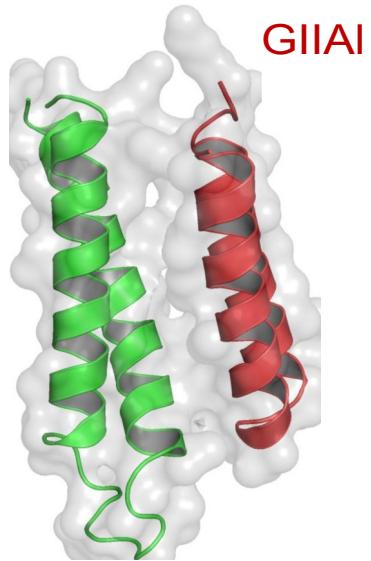
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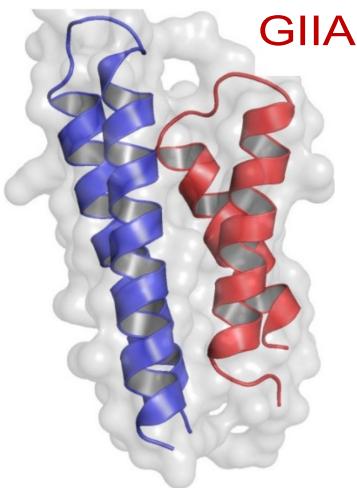
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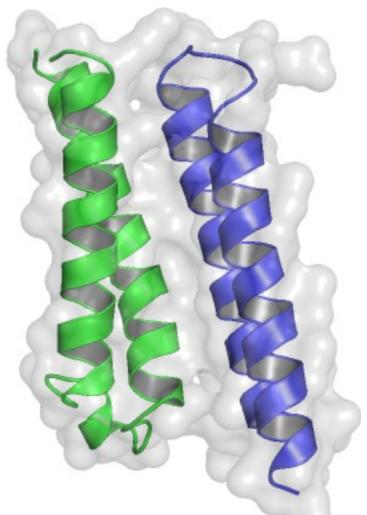
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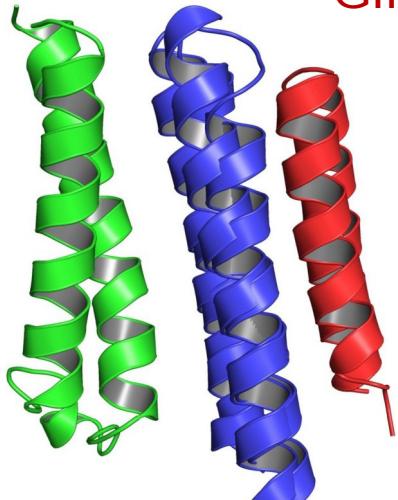
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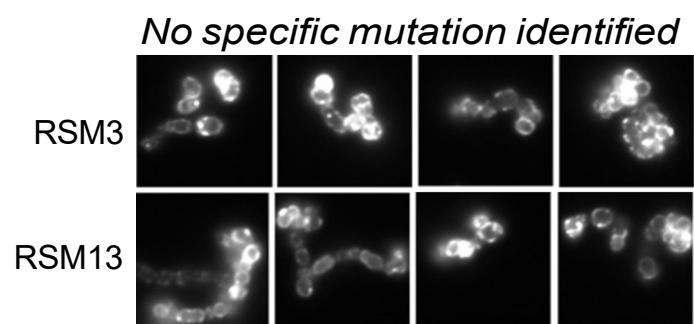
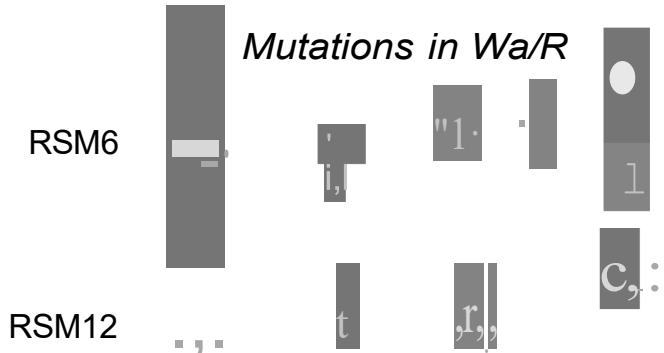
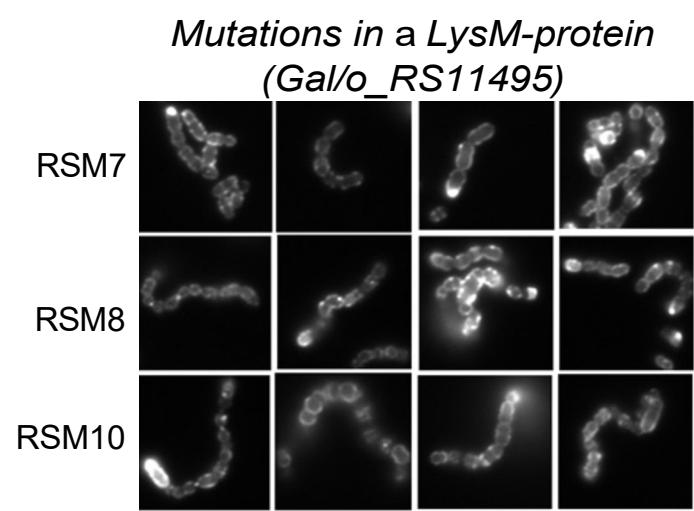
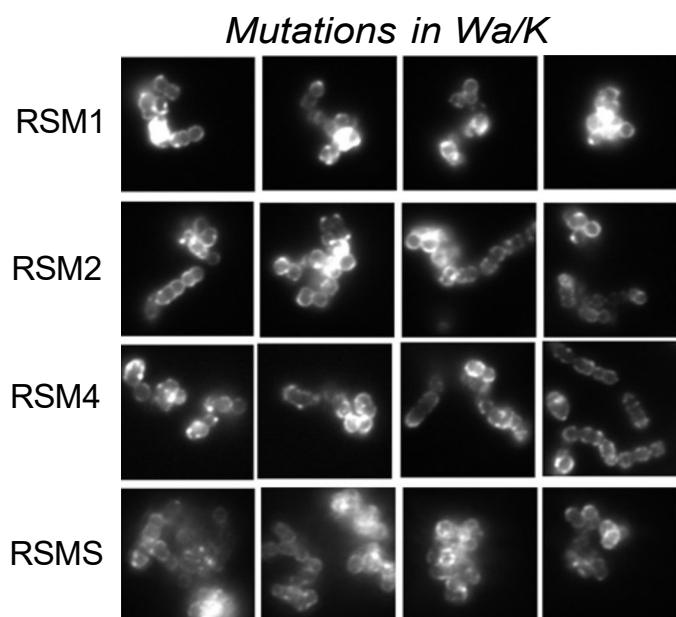
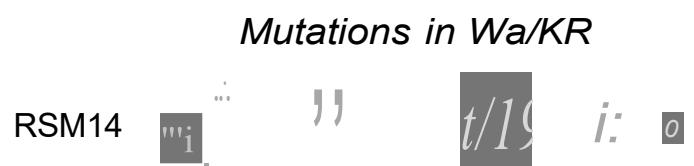
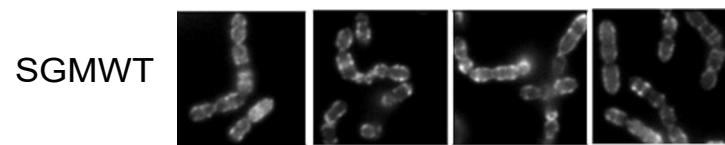
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Table 1: Single nucleotide polymorphisms detected in RSM mutants as compared to the parental SGM

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56 RSM-1_S3	assembly	1609857	141	GGCAGAT	GGCAGACCCAGAT	INDEL	4416.47	0.471	1	0.9	961	92mTCTG	frameshift	variant	atcATCGGtc	NPTEHBFa_01714	Leu>Ser	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	gCtgAc	NPTEHBFa_02107	Ala>Asp	12	MODERATE	RSM-1_S3	
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8 RSM-4_S8	assembly	1609857	111	GGCAGATGGCTG	GGCAGATGGCCAGATGGTT	INDEL	2566.58	0.488	0.3611883	0.7	958	96mACCA	frameshift	variant	aaaaxACCAAACTCGGaa	NPTEHBFa_01714	Leu>Ser	45	HIGH	RSM-4_S8
18 RSM-5_S7	assembly	1609830	150	G	A	SNV	4961.5	0.493	1	1.0	994C>T	stop_gained	variant	Cag>Tgg	NPTEHBFa_01714	Nonsense	Gln332*	45	HIGH	RSM-5_S7
19 RSM-5_S7	assembly	2110152	194	C	T	SNV	6434.79	0.454	1	1.0	112G>A	missense	variant	Gcg>Agc	NPTEHBFa_02243	MISSSENSE	Gly385	13	MODERATE	RSM-5_S7
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3 RSM-14_S16	assembly	2113967	123	C	T	SNV	4184.54	0.488	1	1.0	268G>A	missense	variant	gGag/Gaa	NPTEHBFa_02247	MISSSENSE	Gly61Glu	41	MODERATE	RSM-14_S16

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 <i>Δblp</i>	(Aymeric et al., 2018)
NEM 4694	UCN34 <i>ΔgllA1</i>	This work
NEM 4812	UCN34 <i>ΔgllA2</i>	This work
NEM 4988	UCN34 <i>ΔblpT (gallo_rs10370)</i>	This work
NEM 5097	UCN34 <i>ΔblpS</i>	(Proutière 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 <i>Δblp pTCV Ptet-gip</i>	This work
NEM 4806	UCN34 <i>Δblp pTCV Ptet</i>	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 gallocin 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 gallocin (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>gllA1</i>	TTCTGAATTCTGAAACTAGAACATTGTGCC TTCTATAAGTATGCTGAAACTACTCTCTCTTATAAA TTTATAAGGAGAGAGTATTTCAGGATACTTATAGA TTCTGGATCCCAGGCAATTATTATGCCAT
<i>gllA2</i>	TTCTGAATTCTAATGCCGGACTTGCCCT ACTCTCTCTTATAAAATTATGAAATACCTCCCAATAA TTATTGGGAGGTATTCAATAATTATAAGGAGAGAGT TTCTGGATCCCAGGCAATTATTATGCCA
<i>blpT</i> (<i>gallo_RS10370</i>)	TTCTGAATTCAATCCCAGATAAACCGCC GCAACTGTTTATCAATGGGAGAGGAAAGTACA TGCTACTTTCTCTGCCATTGATAAAAACAGTTGC TTCTGGATCCCAGACAGACGGTATGTTAG
Overexpression	
<i>gip</i>	TTCTGGATCCATTGGGAGGTATTCAAATGATTATAAAATAG TTCTCTGCAGCAATAGTAATACATTAT