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**Supplementary**

**Table S1.** Effect of strain PA14 mutations in two-component regulatory system kinases and response regulators on cytotoxicity towards human bronchial epithelial cells. In general 3 or more experiments were performed assessing cytotoxicity (measured as LDH release after 8 hours of infection); results are expressed as the mean  $\pm$  standard error expressed as a percentage of cytotoxicity caused by WT.

PA14 locus ID	PAO1 homolog	Gene name	Description	Mean % of WT $\pm$ standard error
Mutants with increased cytotoxicity				
PA14_07840	PA0601	<i>agtR</i>	Two-component response regulator; contains a CheY-like receiver domain; amine uptake	119.9 $\pm$ 4.2
PA14_52260	PA0928	<i>gacS</i>	Sensor/response regulator hybrid; multi-host virulence through regulation of small regulatory RNAs RsmZ and RsmY	134.3 $\pm$ 4.7

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PA14_49170	PA1180	<i>phoQ</i>	Two-component sensor kinase PhoQ	121.1 ± 5.7 <sup>‡</sup>
PA14_45590	PA1458		Probable two-component sensor kinase; putative homolog of <i>E. coli</i> chemotaxis regulator CheA	144.3 ± 6.3
PA14_33780	PA2388	<i>fpvR</i>	Probable Fe <sup>2+</sup> -dicitrate sensor kinase	121.6 ± 7.9
PA14_30650	PA2586	<i>gacA</i>	Response regulator; multi-host virulence through regulation of small regulatory RNAs RsmZ and RsmY	144.7 ± 15.8
PA14_26810	PA2882		Probable two-component sensor kinase; has binding domain homologous to that found in sensors of C4-dicarboxylates	139.3 ± 15.7
PA14_16470	PA3704	<i>wspE</i>	CheA-type sensor kinase; c-di-GMP regulation	134.5 ± 10.4
PA14_62530	PA4725	<i>cbrA</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; required for carbon-nitrogen balance and control of catabolite repression	158.8 ± 9.1
PA14_62540	PA4726	<i>cbrB</i>	Two-component response regulator; required for carbon-nitrogen balance and control of catabolite repression	140.8 ± 9.7
PA14_67680	PA5125	<i>ntrC</i>	Two-component response regulator; regulates use of carbon and nitrogen	122.6 ± 4.1
PA14_67670	PA5124	<i>ntrB</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; regulates use of carbon and nitrogen	117.1 ± 5.8
PA14_70790	PA5364		Probable two-component response regulator	130.4 ± 9.1
PA14_72740	PA5512	<i>mifS</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; regulates biofilm development	119.6 ± 13.2
Mutants with decreased cytotoxicity				
PA14_05320	PA0408	<i>pilG</i>	Type IV pilus response regulator; required for pilus extension and twitching motility	28.8 ± 4.4
PA14_05330	PA0409	<i>pilH</i>	Type IV pilus response regulator; required for pilus retraction	25.8 ± 1.5
PA14_50220	PA1097	<i>fleQ</i>	Flagella major transcriptional regulator; cyclic-di-GMP responsive; potential FleSR modulator	77.6 ± 12.7
PA14_50200	PA1098	<i>fleS</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; required for hook and basal body protein biosynthesis for flagellum assembly	20.6 ± 6.7 <sup>‡</sup>
PA14_50180	PA1099	<i>fleR</i>	Two-component response regulator; required for hook and basal body protein biosynthesis for flagellum assembly	12.3 ± 0.8 <sup>‡</sup>
PA14_16500	PA3702	<i>wspR</i>	Two-component response regulator with GGDEF domain; c-di-GMP regulation	16.8 ± 3.7
PA14_12780	PA3948	<i>rocA1</i>	Two-component response regulator; cyclic-di-GMP regulation	53.2 ± 0.9
PA14_60260	PA4547	<i>pilR</i>	Two-component response regulator; required for pilus expression and therefore for type IV pilus biosynthesis	14.6 ± 4.5
PA14_68230	PA5165	<i>dctB</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; regulates a C4-dicarboxylate transport system with DctD	14.9 ± 3.5
PA14_69470	PA5261	<i>algR</i>	Alginate biosynthesis regulatory protein	33.2 ± 11.7
No major change in cytotoxicity				
PA14_00430	PA0034		Probable two-component response regulator	108.9 ± 5.1
PA14_01860	PA0150		Probable transmembrane sensor kinase	101.4 ± 3.0
PA14_02250	PA0178	<i>cheA</i>	Probable two-component sensor kinase	107.5 ± 4.1
PA14_02260	PA0179		Probable two-component response regulator	103.1 ± 4.1

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PA14_06060	PA0463	<i>creB</i>	Two-component response regulator; catabolism and motility	94.2 ± 3.3
PA14_06070	PA0464	<i>creC</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; catabolism and motility	109.9 ± 5.4
PA14_07820	PA0600	<i>agtS</i>	Two component ensor kinase; amine uptake	95.9 ± 7.0
PA14_54510	PA0756		Probable two-component response regulator	103.3 ± 1.3
PA14_54500	PA0757		Probable two-component sensor kinase	109.4 ± 4.9
PA14_52240	PA0930	<i>pirS</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; iron acquisition	109.9 ± 3.5
PA14_49440	PA1157		Probable two-component response regulator	107.5 ± 3.8
PA14_49420	PA1158		Probable two-component sensor kinase	113.8 ± 5.7
PA14_49180	PA1179	<i>phoP</i>	Two-component response regulator; regulates cytotoxicity and resistance to cationic peptides	104.4 ± 1.8
PA14_49160	PA1243		Probable sensor kinase /regulator hybrid	94.0 ± 8.5
PA14_47390	PA1301		Probable transmembrane sensor kinase	111.2 ± 8.2
PA14_46980	PA1336	<i>aaus</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; amino acid uptake	110.1 ± 0.3
PA14_46850	PA1347		Probable transcriptional regulator	106.6 ± 1.3
PA14_46370	PA1396		Probably two-component sensor kinase	98.5 ± 3.5
PA14_46060	PA1422	<i>gbuR</i>	Transcriptional regulator	95.5 ± 4.5
PA14_45880	PA1437		Probable two-component response regulator	106.7 ± 3.1
PA14_45870	PA1438		Probable two-component sensor kinase	111.6 ± 4.5
PA14_43350	PA1636	<i>kpdD</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; potassium transport regulation	109.8 ± 4.5
PA14_42220	PA1727	<i>mucR</i>	Two component sensor kinase; alginate regulation	113.0 ± 4.5
PA14_41490	PA1785	<i>nasT</i>	Response regulator; nitrate/nitrite assimilation	103.2 ± 2.6
PA14_41270	PA1798	<i>parS</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; resistance to cationic peptides	93.9 ± 8.5
PA14_41260	PA1799	<i>parR</i>	Probable two-component response regulator; resistance to cationic peptides	107.7 ± 4.3
PA14_40570	PA1851		Probable two-component response regulator	104.4 ± 1.9
PA14_38970	PA1976	<i>ercS'</i>	Probable two-component sensor kinase; ethanol oxidation	112.7 ± 5.1
PA14_38900	PA1980	<i>eraR</i>	Probable two-component response regulator; ethanol oxidation	98.7 ± 5.0
PA14_37980	PA2051		Probable transmembrane sensor kinase	103.9 ± 5.7
PA14_36420	PA2177		Probable histidine sensor kinase	100.6 ± 4.6
PA14_32580	PA2479		Probable two-component response regulator	107.3 ± 4.7
PA14_31960	PA2523	<i>czcR</i>	Two-component response regulator; metal and imipenem resistance	107.4 ± 4.1
PA14_31950	PA2524	<i>czcS</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; metal and imipenem resistance	107.5 ± 1.0
PA14_30830	PA2572		Probable two-component response regulator	111.9 ± 5.2
PA14_30700	PA2583		Probable sensor kinase/response regulator hybrid	100.3 ± 6.5
PA14_29740	PA2656		Probable two-component sensor kinase	101.6 ± 6.5
PA14_29360	PA2687	<i>pfeS</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; iron acquisition	88.0 ± 4.8
PA14_27940	PA2798		Probable two-component response regulator	108.6 ± 3.4
PA14_27810	PA2809	<i>copR</i>	Two-component response regulator; copper resistance	106.4 ± 5.3
PA14_27800	PA2810	<i>copS</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; copper resistance	93.7 ± 2.3

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PA14_27550	PA2824	<i>sagS</i>	Two-component sensor/regulator hybrid; motile/sessile switch, activates Gac/Hpt/Rsm system	88.9 ± 8.6
PA14_24720	PA3044	<i>rocS2</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; c-di-GMP regulation	96.9 ± 4.5
PA14_24710	PA3045	<i>rocA2</i>	Two-component response regulator; c-di-GMP regulation	103.2 ± 4.0
PA14_24350	PA3077	<i>cprR</i>	Probable two-component system regulatory protein; cationic peptide resistance	112.8 ± 9.5
PA14_24340	PA3078	<i>cprS</i>	Probable two-component sensor kinase; cationic peptide resistance	98.4 ± 6.2
PA14_22960	PA3191	<i>gtrS</i>	Probable two-component sensor kinase; virulence	107.3 ± 4.4
PA14_22940	PA3192	<i>gltR</i>	Two-component response regulator; virulence	98.6 ± 2.6
PA14_22730	PA3206		Probable two-component sensor kinase	102.5 ± 6.3
PA14_21700	PA3271		Probable two-component sensor kinase	105.9 ± 11.3
PA14_20820	PA3343		Probable two-component response regulator	108.8 ± 7.1
PA14_20780	PA3346		Probable two-component response regulator	105.7 ± 3.9
PA14_20000	PA3409	<i>hasS</i>	Probable Fe <sup>2+</sup> -dicitrate sensor kinase; diguanylate cyclase	102.5 ± 5.7
PA14_17670	PA3604	<i>erdR</i>	Two-component response regulator; ethanol oxidation	99.4 ± 10.1
PA14_16350	PA3714		Probable two-component response regulator	110.9 ± 5.3
PA14_13740	PA3878	<i>narX</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; nitrate respiration, biofilm, motility	100.5 ± 10.9
PA14_12820	PA3900	<i>fecR</i>	Probable transmembrane sensor protein	110.9 ± 5.6
PA14_12820	PA3946	<i>rocSI</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; c-di-GMP regulation	103.4 ± 7.4
PA14_12810	PA3947	<i>rocR</i>	Antagonist of rocA1 response regulator; c-di-GMP regulation with EAL domain	93.5 ± 1.9
PA14_11680	PA4032		Probable two-component response regulator	106.0 ± 2.6
PA14_11630	PA4036		Probable two-component sensor kinase	110.9 ± 3.8
PA14_10770	PA4112		Probable sensor/regulator hybrid	97.4 ± 9.4
PA14_09690	PA4196	<i>bfiR</i>	Probable two-component response regulator; biofilm formation	90.8 ± 9.9
PA14_09680	PA4197	<i>bfiS</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; biofilm formation	97.5 ± 2.9
PA14_55780	PA4293	<i>pprA</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; outer membrane permeability and resistance	108.8 ± 4.1
PA14_55810	PA4296	<i>pprB</i>	Probable two-component response regulator; outer membrane permeability and resistance	100.5 ± 6.8
PA14_56950	PA4381	<i>colR</i>	Probable DNA-binding response regulator; polymyxin resistance	103.8 ± 2.5
PA14_57140	PA4396		Probable two-component response regulator	103.0 ± 10.0
PA14_57170	PA4398		Probable two-component response regulator	105.5 ± 12.7
PA14_58300	PA4493	<i>roxR</i>	Two-component response regulator; regulates production of cyanide insensitive oxidase	107.0 ± 3.8
PA14_58320	PA4494	<i>roxS</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; regulates production of cyanide insensitive oxidase	108.1 ± 6.4
PA14_60250	PA4546	<i>pilS</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; type IV pili production	113.5 ± 5.3

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PA14_63150	PA4776	<i>pmrA</i>	Two-component response regulator; cationic peptide resistance	104.3 ± 2.3
PA14_63160	PA4777	<i>pmrB</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; cationic peptide resistance	92.0 ± 10.8
PA14_64050	PA4843	<i>gcbA</i>	Probable two-component response regulator; diguanylate cyclase	108.8 ± 3.0
PA14_64880	PA4983		Probable two-component response regulator	108.5 ± 5.4
PA14_68250	PA5166	<i>dctD</i>	Two-component response regulator; C4-dicarboxylate metabolism	97.1 ± 3.6
PA14_68680	PA5199	<i>amgS</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; membrane stress, aminoglycoside resistance	91.5 ± 3.3
PA14_70750	PA5360	<i>phoB</i>	Two component response regulator; phosphate regulation and quorum sensing	105.9 ± 3.5
PA14_70760	PA5361	<i>phoR</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; phosphate regulation and quorum sensing	108.8 ± 3.3
PA14_72380	PA5483	<i>algB</i>	Two-component response regulator; alginate production	96.1 ± 3.2
PA14_72390	PA5484	<i>kinB</i>	Two-component sensor kinase; alginate production	93.6 ± 5.6
PA14_59770		<i>rcsB</i>	Two component response regulator; cup fimbria and biofilm formation	104.0 ± 5.2
PA14_59790		<i>pvrR</i>	Two component response regulator; EAL domain, c-di-GMP regulation, cup fimbria and biofilm	103.6 ± 4.7
PA14_59800		<i>pvrS</i>	Two component sensor kinase; c-di-GMP regulation, cup fimbria and biofilm	110.0 ± 4.2

†Mutants are listed in order of the PAO1 homolog. Mutants not in the screen included PA1637 *kpdE*—response regulator with KpdD, potassium transport; PA1786 *nasS*—sensor with *nasT*, nitrate/nitrite assimilation; PA2686 *pfeR*—response regulator with *pfeS*, iron acquisition; PA0929 *pirR*—response regulator with *pirS*, iron acquisition; PA3345 *htpB*—response regulator with *sagS*, activates Gac/Htp/Rsm system; PA3879 *narL*—response regulator with *narX*, nitrate respiration, biofilm, motility; PA3974 *ladS*—sensor, virulence, biofilm formation, cytotoxicity; PA4380 *colS*—sensor with *colR*, polymyxin resistance; PA4101 *bfmR*—response regulator with *bfmS*, biofilm development; PA4102 *bfmS*—sensor with *bfmR*, biofilm development; PA4856 *retS*—sensor, virulence, biofilm formation, cytotoxicity; PA4959 *fmX*—sensor (orphan?); contains GGDEF and EAL domains; cytotoxicity; PA5200 *amgR*—response regulator with *amgS*, membrane stress and aminoglycoside resistance; PA5262 *fmS*—sensor with *algR*, virulence, alginate biosynthesis, motility, biofilm; PA5511 *mifR*—response regulator with *mifS*, biofilm development; PA14\_59780 *rscC*—sensor with *rscB*, biofilm formation. ‡The phenotype for these mutants was different between PA14 and PAO1 as described in the text.



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