

## Supplementary Materials

Communication

### Proof of an Outer Membrane Target of the Efflux Inhibitor Phe-Arg- $\beta$ -naphthylamide from Random Mutagenesis

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**Table S1** Susceptibilities of parental *E. coli* 3-AG100 and of random mutagenesis and reconstructed mutants in the absence and presence of PA $\beta$ N tested in LB medium.

Agent <sup>2</sup>	MIC (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>											
	3-AG100 (parental <i>E. coli</i> )		Mutant C5/1/17		Mutant CP1		Mutant 3-AG00acrB <sub>CP1</sub>		Mutant CP1acrB <sub>wt</sub>		Mutant $\Delta$ lpxM	
	alone	with PA $\beta$ N	alone	with PA $\beta$ N	alone	with PA $\beta$ N	alone	with PA $\beta$ N	alone	with PA $\beta$ N	alone	with PA $\beta$ N
LVX	2	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.5	0.25	1	0.25	0.5	0.25	0.5	0.25
MXF	4	0.25	0.5	0.25	1	0.25	4	0.25	1	0.25	1	0.5
TET	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4
MIN	4	0.25	1	0.5	2	0.5	4	0.25	2	0.5	2	0.5
OXA	512	64	128	64	128	32	256	64	256	32	256	64
LZD	1024	128	512	128	256	128	512	64	1024	256	1024	256
CHL	16	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	16	4	16	4
RIF	16	0.25	2	0.5	8	2	16	0.25	16	2	8	2
RIX	32	0.5	4	2	16	4	32	0.5	16	4	8	4
CLR	512	8	1024	1024	512	128	512	16	256	32	256	64
ERY	1024	32	1024	1024	1024	256	1024	32	512	64	1024	128
AZM	256	8	512	512	256	64	256	4	128	16	256	64
NOV	1024	8	128	8	128	8	512	4	512	64	256	8
PA $\beta$ N	>512		> 512		512		>512		512		> 512	
NMP	512		512		512		512		512		512	

<sup>1</sup> PA $\beta$ N used at 25 mg/L; <sup>2</sup> LVX, levofloxacin; MXV, moxifloxacin; TET, tetracycline; MIN, minocycline; OXA, oxacillin; LZD, linezolid; CHL, chloramphenicol; RIF, rifampin; RIX, rifaximine; CLR, clarithromycin; ERY, erythromycin; AZM, azithromycin; NOV, novobiocin; PA $\beta$ N and NMP, efflux pump inhibitors.

**Table S2** Susceptibilities of parental *E. coli* 3-AG100 and of mutant  $\Delta lpxM$  in the absence and presence of EPIs and PMBN tested in cation-adjusted MH medium.

Agent <sup>2</sup>	MIC (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>									
	3-AG100 (parental <i>E. coli</i> )					Mutant $\Delta lpxM$				
	alone	with PA $\beta$ N	with NMP	with MBX 2319	with PMBN	alone	with PA $\beta$ N	with NMP	with MBX 2319	with PMBN
LVX	1	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.5	0.5	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125
MXF	2	0.25	0.5	0.5	1	1	0.25	0.5	0.25	0.25
TET	4	2	1	1	3	4	2	1	0.5	1
MIN	2	0.25	0.5	1	2	2	0.5	1	1	0.5
TGC	0.75	0.38	0.25	0.5	1	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.5
OXA	1024	64	256	256	128	512	64	256	128	16
CXM	32	32	16	8	4	16	16	4	4	0.5
LZD	1024	128	128	512	256	1024	256	128	512	128
CHL	32	4	4	8	4	16	4	8	8	2
RIF	16	0.5	16	8	0.09	8	2	8	4	0.06
RIX	16	1	64	16	1.5	8	4	16	4	0.25
CLR	256	4	128	128	16	128	32	128	64	2
ERY	512	16	512	128	128	512	128	512	64	32
AZM	128	1	32	16	12	64	8	16	8	2
JOS	> 512	32	> 512	> 512	ND	512	256	512	ND	ND
NOV	> 1024	16	512	1024	48	512	32	256	256	4
VAN	512	512	512	ND	ND	128	256	256	ND	ND
GEN	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
PA $\beta$ N	> 512					512				
NMP	512					256				
PMBN	512					64				

<sup>1</sup> PA $\beta$ N used at 25 mg/L, NMP 100 mg/L, MBX 2319 50  $\mu$ M, and PMBN 10 mg/L; ND, not determined.<sup>2</sup> LVX, levofloxacin; MXV, moxifloxacin; TET, tetracycline; MIN, minocycline; TGC, tigecycline; OXA, oxacillin; CXM, cefuroxime; LZD, linezolid; CHL, chloramphenicol; RIF, rifampin; RIX, rifaximine; CLR, clarithromycin; ERY, erythromycin; AZM, azithromycin; NOV, novobiocin; JOS, josamycin; GEN, gentamicin; PA $\beta$ N, NMP, and MBX 2319, efflux pump inhibitors; PMBN, outer membrane permeabilizer.

Table S3. Oligonucleotides used in this study.

Oligonucleotide	Sequence (5'-3' direction) <sup>1</sup>	Application
<i>AcrB</i> forward primer	agaaagtgcgtcctggtgtc	Mutazym II error prone PCR of whole <i>acrB</i> and amplification of <i>acrB</i> <sub>CP1</sub> and <i>acrB</i> <sub>wt</sub>
<i>AcrB</i> reverse primer	gatcctgagttggtggttcaa	
Upper oligo <i>acrB</i> -( <i>rpsL</i> - <i>neo</i> )	tgctcagcctgaacagtccaagtcttaacttaaacaggagccggttaagac <u>ggcctggtgatgatggcgggatcg</u>	Amplification of the <i>rpsL</i> - <i>neo</i> cassette for replacement of whole <i>acrB</i>
Lower oligo <i>acrB</i> -( <i>rpsL</i> - <i>neo</i> )	gttatgcataaaaaaggccgcttacgcgcccttagtgattacacgttgat <u>cagaagaactcgtaagaaggcg</u>	
Upper oligo <i>lpxM</i> -(PGK- <i>gb2</i> - <i>neo</i> )	aaactgaacttatcatcaggcgaaggcctctcctcgcgagaggctttt <u>aattaaccctactaaagggcg</u>	Amplification of the PGK- <i>gb2</i> - <i>neo</i> cassette for insertion in <i>lpxM</i>
Lower oligo <i>lpxM</i> -(PGK- <i>gb2</i> - <i>neo</i> )	cgctacactatcaccagattgattttgccttatccgaaactggaaaagct <u>aatacgaactcactatagggctc</u>	
<i>LpxM</i> forward primer	gccgctacactatcaccaga	Sequencing of <i>lpxM</i>
<i>LpxM</i> reverse primer	tcataaatcggaacagcggt	

<sup>1</sup> Underlined sequences correspond to the respective insertion cassette.



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