



Microbial  
fermentation  
technologies  
for bio-based  
products



CONFERENCE & NETWORKING FORUM

Innovations pour une approche  
transdisciplinaire de la formulation et  
de la vectorisation de molécules

*Biotechnologies, Biomédicaments, Cosmétiques,  
Nutraceutiques et Agriculture*

16-17 Octobre 2024

Biocitech Paris-Romainville

## Synthetic biology and formulation of antimicrobial peptides



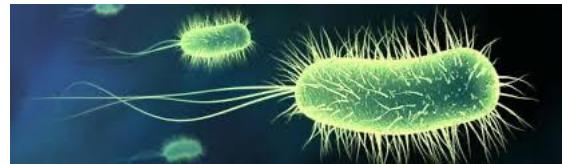
*October 16, 2024*  
**Dr Philippe Gabant, CSO**  
[pgabant@syngulon.com](mailto:pgabant@syngulon.com)

# Structure of the talk

1. What is synthetic biology?
2. Importance of microbes for life on our planet
3. Need of microbial control
4. Antimicrobial peptides (Bacteriocins)
5. PARAGEN Collection
6. Cocktails Formulation
7. Conclusions

# What is synthetic biology?

Life-Biology

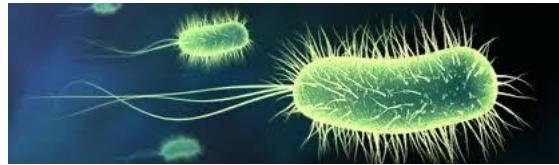


Industries



# What is synthetic biology?

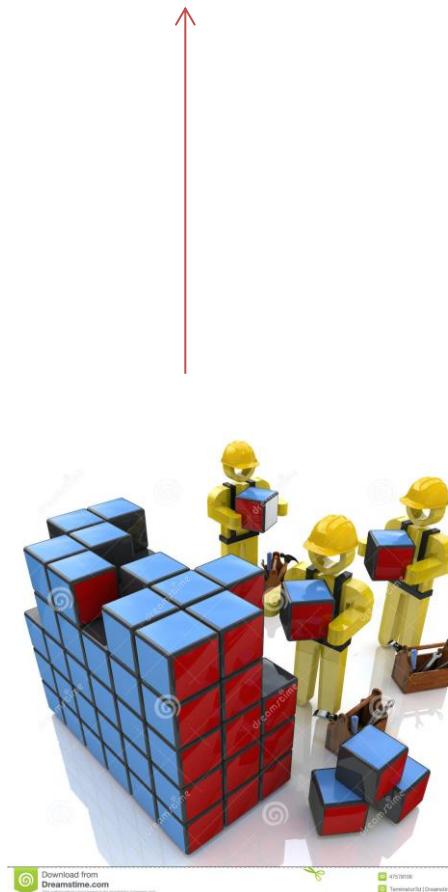
## Life-Biology



## Industries



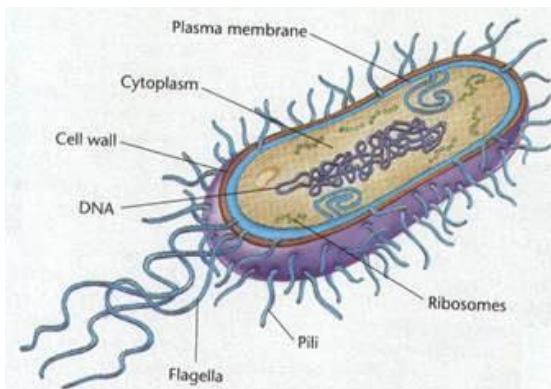
		Second letter					
		U	C	A	G		
First letter	U	UUU } Phe UUC UCC UUA } Leu UUG	UCU } Ser UCC UCA UCG	UAU } Tyr UAC UAA Stop UAG Stop	UGU } Cys UGC UGA Stop UGG Trp	UC C A G	Third letter
	C	CUU } CUC CUA } Leu CUG	CCU } CCC CCA CCG	CAU } His CAC CAA } Gln CAG	CGU } CGC CGA CGG	UC C A G	
	A	AUU } AUC AUA } Ile AUG Met	ACU } ACC ACA ACG	AAU } Asn AAC AAA } Lys AAG	AGU } Ser AGC AGA } Arg AGG	UC C A G	
	G	GUU } GUC GUA } Val GUG	GCU } GCC GCA GCG	GAU } Asp GAC GAA } Glu GAG	GGU } GGC GGA GGG	UC C A G	



110101010101010010100010  
100101111000001000100101  
010101010101001011100011  
010001010010101110001001  
010101010000111110101010  
010101010101010100100011

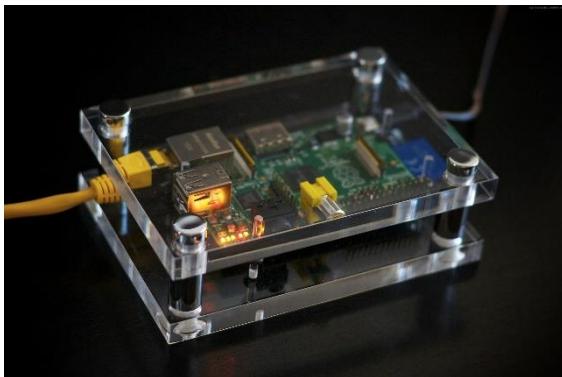


# What is synthetic biology?

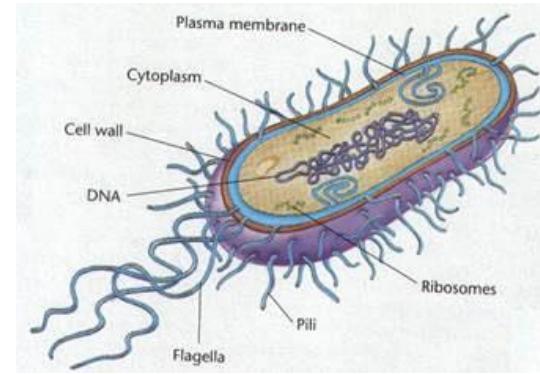




# What is synthetic biology?



“Blank” chassis  
Constructed by modules (parts)  
Behavior code based  
Non self replicative  
Possible contamination by external code

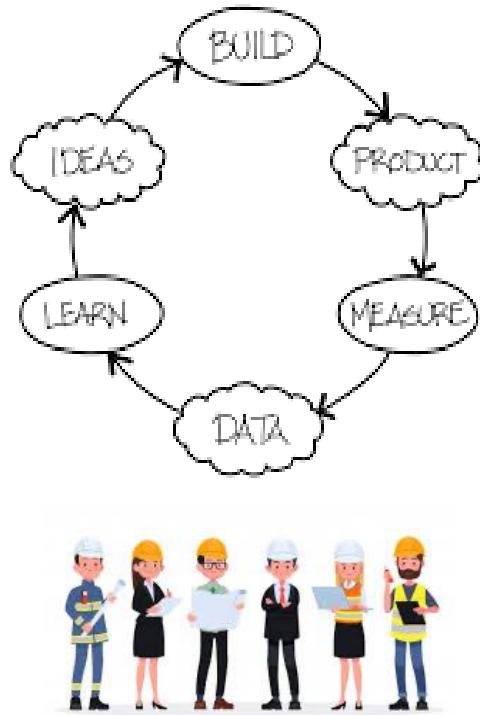


“Evolutionary” based chassis  
Constructed by modules (parts)  
Behavior code based  
**Self replicative**  
Possible contamination by external code

Similarities with IT exists (both code based industries) but fundamental **differences** exist



# Engineering objects



Synthetic biology aims to apply the engineering approaches to living systems



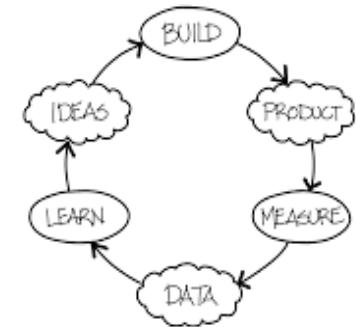
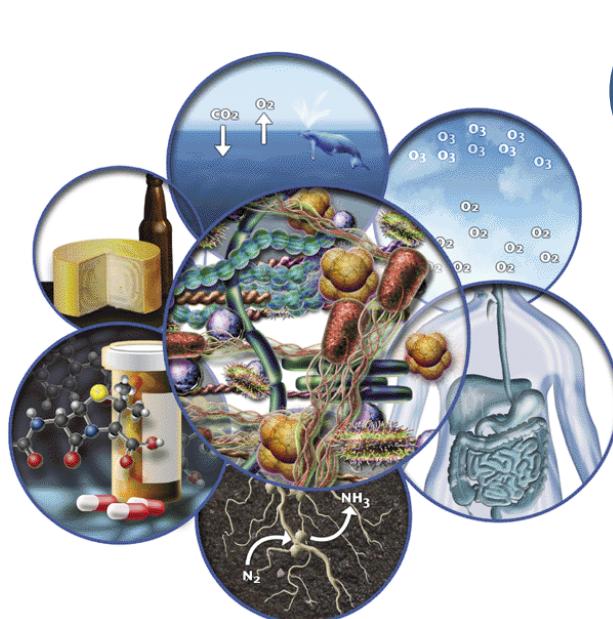
# The importance of microbes for life on our planet



- Microbes are the chemical biocatalysers of our ecosystem
- Microbes are collaborating and fighting with each other to reach certain equilibrium to form communities:  
« microbiota »
- These microbiota have evolved to generate unique chemical reactions via species synergies



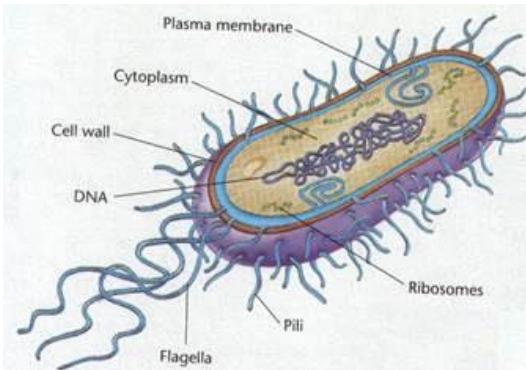
# Applications of microorganisms in industries



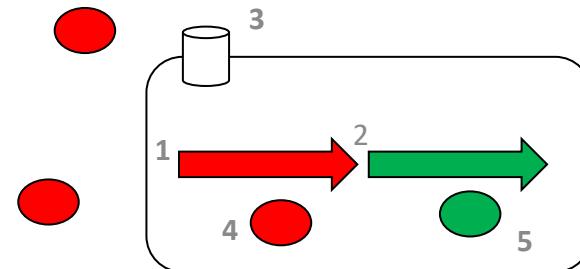
Microbial communities are the biocatalysts of our planet and industries



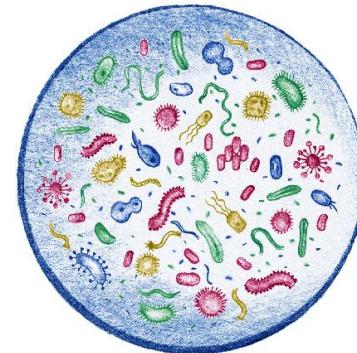
# What is the problem to solve?



The solution would be....



**"Evolutionary" based chassis**  
Constructed by modules (parts)  
Behavior code based  
**Self replicative**  
Possible contamination by external code



Similarities with IT exists (both code based industries) but fundamental **differences** exist <sub>10</sub>

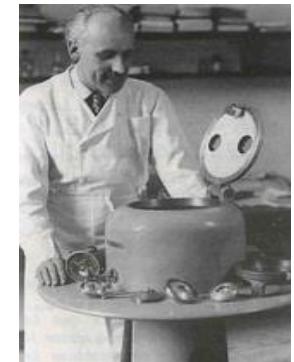
# Design of technologies to improve microbial biocontrol

What genes can we use to control microbiota?



(R)Explore the world of bacteriocins

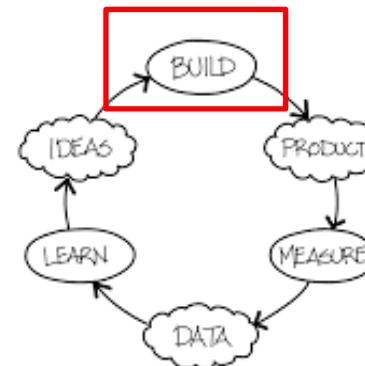
- Discovered in 1925 by Belgian scientist: "**André Gratia** (1893–1950): Forgotten Pioneer of Research into Antimicrobial Agents"
- Heterogenous group of **antimicrobial peptides** produced **ribosomally** by **bacteria**
- Used to **kill related species** to **reduce competition** for resources and space
- **Present a killing specificity** ot toxic



André Gratia

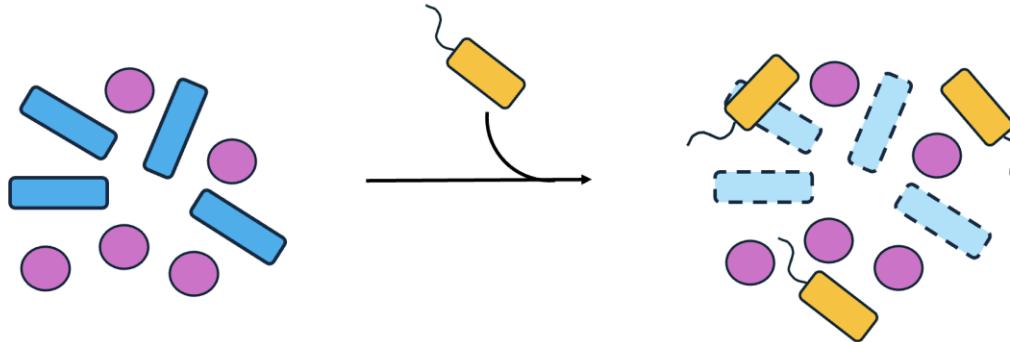


Apply synthetic biology

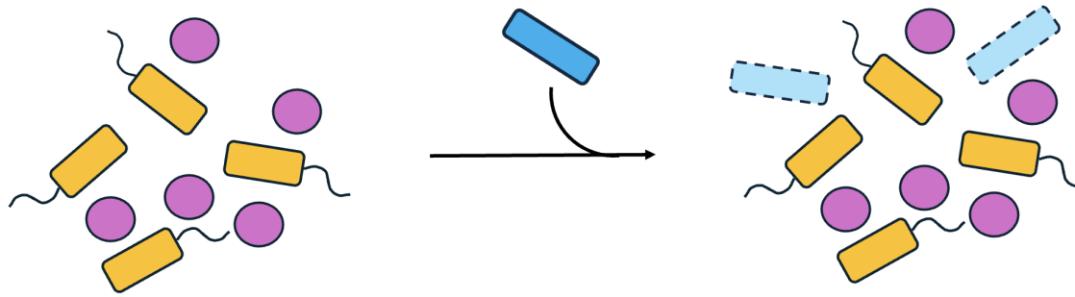


# Natural functions of bacteriocins

A) The bacterial insertion within a microbial community is facilitated

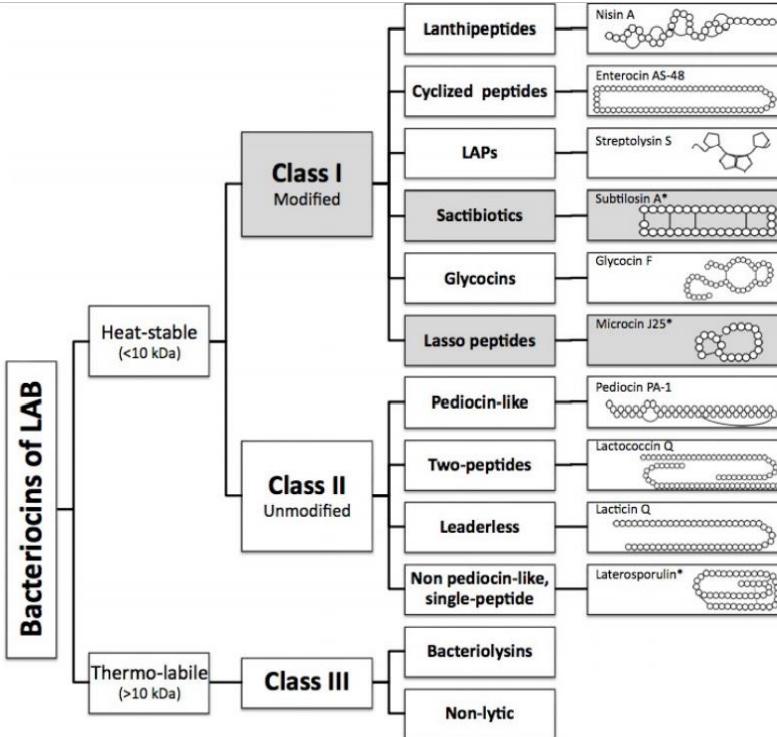


B) The invasion within a microbial community is prevented



Role: protection of ecological niches

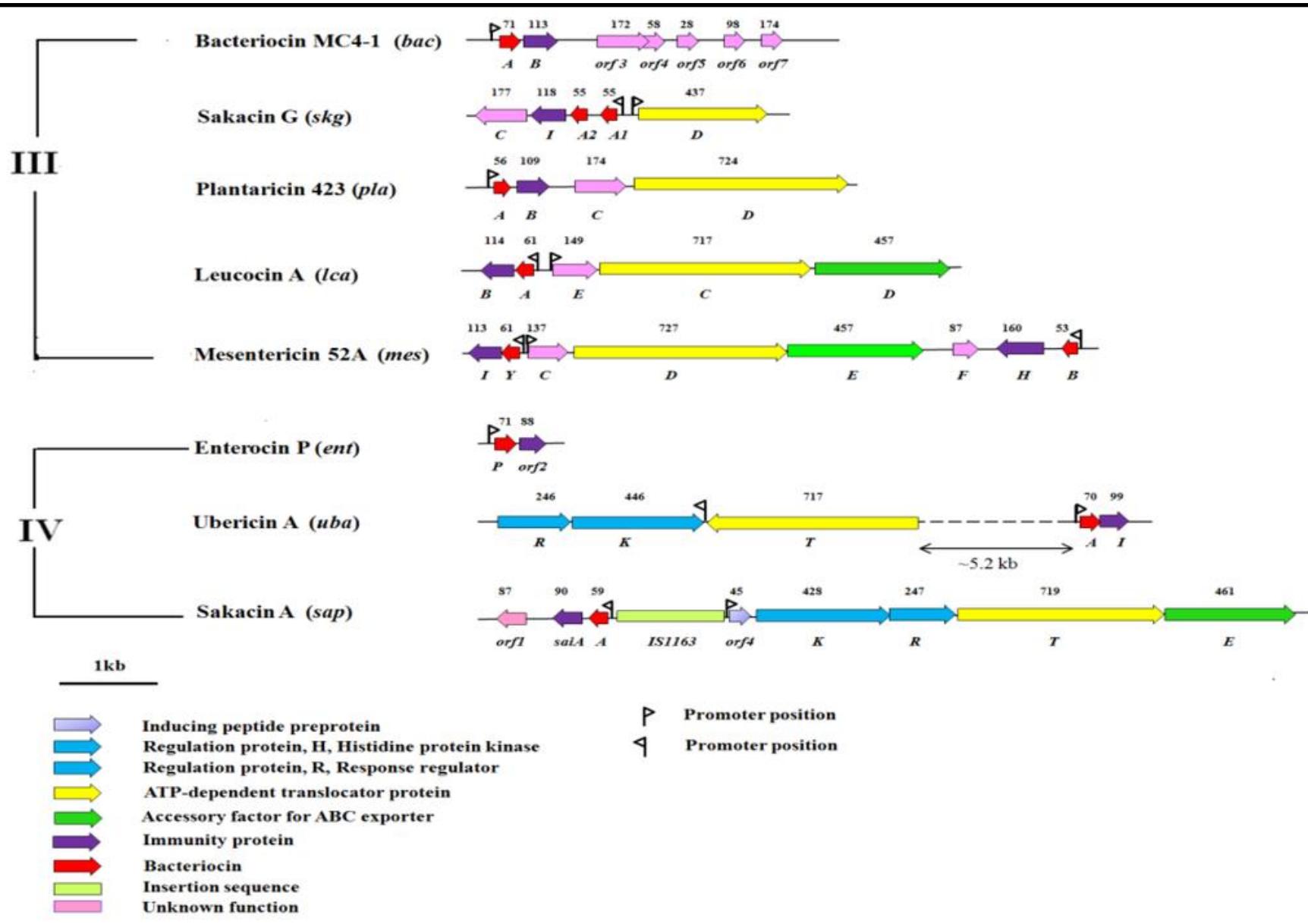
# Bacteriocins natural diversity



**Table 1 | Suggested updated bacteriocin classification scheme with examples**

Bacteriocin class*	Subgroup	Defining features and conserved enzyme (if known or present)	Examples
I	Bottromycin	Macrolactamidine, YcaO	Bottromycin A2 (ref. 173)
I	Cyanobactin	N-terminal proteolysis enzyme, PatA	Kawaguchipeptin B <sup>174</sup>
I	Darobactin	Unusual double ring structure from tryptophan-to-tryptophan, lysine or arginine linkages, rSAM	Darobactin <sup>175</sup>
I	Epipeptide	D-amino acids, rSAM	EpeX <sup>176</sup>
I	Glycycin	S-glycosylation and O-glycosylation of serine/threonine	Pallidocin <sup>177</sup>
I	Lanthipeptide, type I	Methyllanthionine and/or lanthionine residues, LanBC	Kunkecin A <sup>178</sup>
I	Lanthipeptide, type II	Methyllanthionine and/or lanthionine residues, LanM	Roseocin <sup>177</sup>
I	Lanthipeptide, type V (lanthidin)	Methyllanthionine and/or lanthionine residues, LanKY	Cacaoidin <sup>178</sup>
I	Lasso peptide	Macrolactam with threaded C-terminal tail	Ubonodin <sup>179</sup>
I	Linaridin	Dehydrobutyryne, no lanthionine	Corynarinidin <sup>27</sup>
I	Linear azole-containing or azoline-containing peptide (LAP)	Azol(ine)s, YcaO	Spongicolazolinic A/B <sup>180</sup>
I	Pantocin	Glu-Glu crosslink, PaaA	Pantocin A <sup>181</sup>
I	Pyritide (including thiopeptides)	Six-membered nitrogenous heterocycle	Thiomuracin <sup>182</sup>
I	Sactipeptide	Intramolecular sulfur-to-a-carbon thioether (sacteptide) crosslink	Ruminococcin C <sup>183</sup>
I	Circular	Covalently linked N-terminal and C-terminal residues resulting in circular peptide backbone	Pumilarin <sup>23</sup>
I	Microcins with non-ribosomal siderophore	Serine-rich C terminus with a non-ribosomal siderophore-type modification	MccH47 <sup>184</sup>
II	Pediocin-like	Contains YGNGVXC motif	Maltaricin CPN <sup>21</sup>
II	Linear, two-component	Two peptides, both required for activity	Plantaricin EF <sup>29</sup>
II	Linear, non-pediocin, non-two component	Lacks defining features of other groups	Bactofencin <sup>185</sup>
II	Defensin-like	Conserved disulfide pattern of eukaryotic defensins	Actifensin <sup>32</sup>
II	Leaderless	Leaderless peptides with or without four-helix motif	BacSp222, Enterocin DD14 (refs. 30,186)

rSAM, radical S-adenosylmethionine. \*Bacteriocins can be generally classified into two major groups: post-translationally modified (class I) and non-significantly post-translationally modified peptides (class II). Both groups are further subdivided on the basis of conserved features unique to the subgroup. Within class I bacteriocins, groups can be defined according to a specific modification that is installed by one or more modification enzymes.



*Int. J. Mol. Sci.* **2012**, *13*(12), 16668–16707;

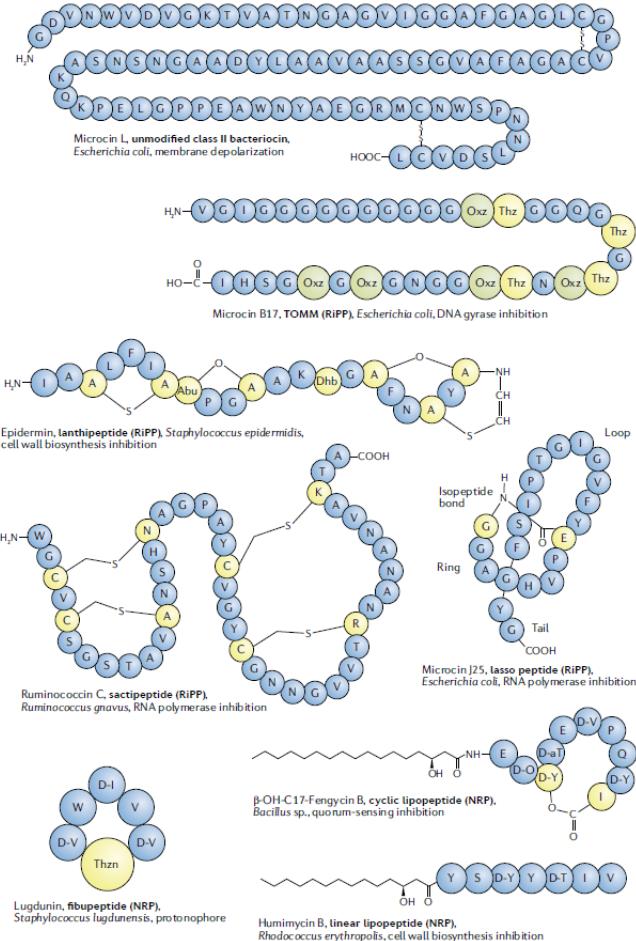
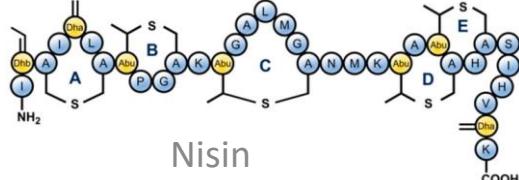
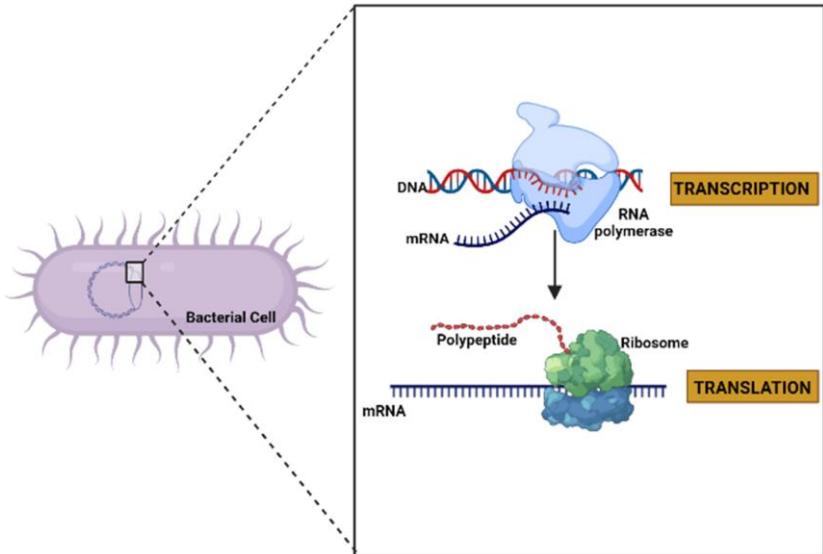
Review

### Class IIa Bacteriocins: Diversity and New Developments

Yanhua Cui <sup>1</sup>, Chao Zhang <sup>1</sup>, Yunfeng Wang <sup>2,\*</sup>, John Shi <sup>3</sup>, Lanwei Zhang <sup>1,\*</sup>, Zhongqing Ding <sup>1</sup>, Xiaojun Qu <sup>4</sup> and Hongyu Cui <sup>2</sup>



# Bacteriocins

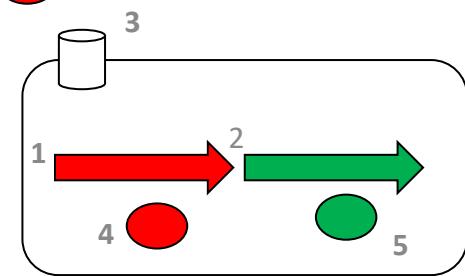




# Bacteriocins loci fulfill technological requirements



Dr. Mohamed El Bakkoury



BL21(DE3)

BL21



BL21(DE3)+pACY

BL21(DE3)+pCID (pACY-MicB17)

BL21(DE3)

BL21(DE3)+pACY

BL21(DE3)+pCID (pACY-MicB17)



**bioRxiv**  
THE PREPRINT SERVER FOR BIOLOGY

HOME | SUB

New Results

Follow this preprint

**Bacteriocin peer selection for the production of antibiotic selection free biotherapeutic pDNA**

Mohamed El Bakkoury, Luz P. Gómez de Cadiñanos, Philippe Gabant

doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.10.23.563565>

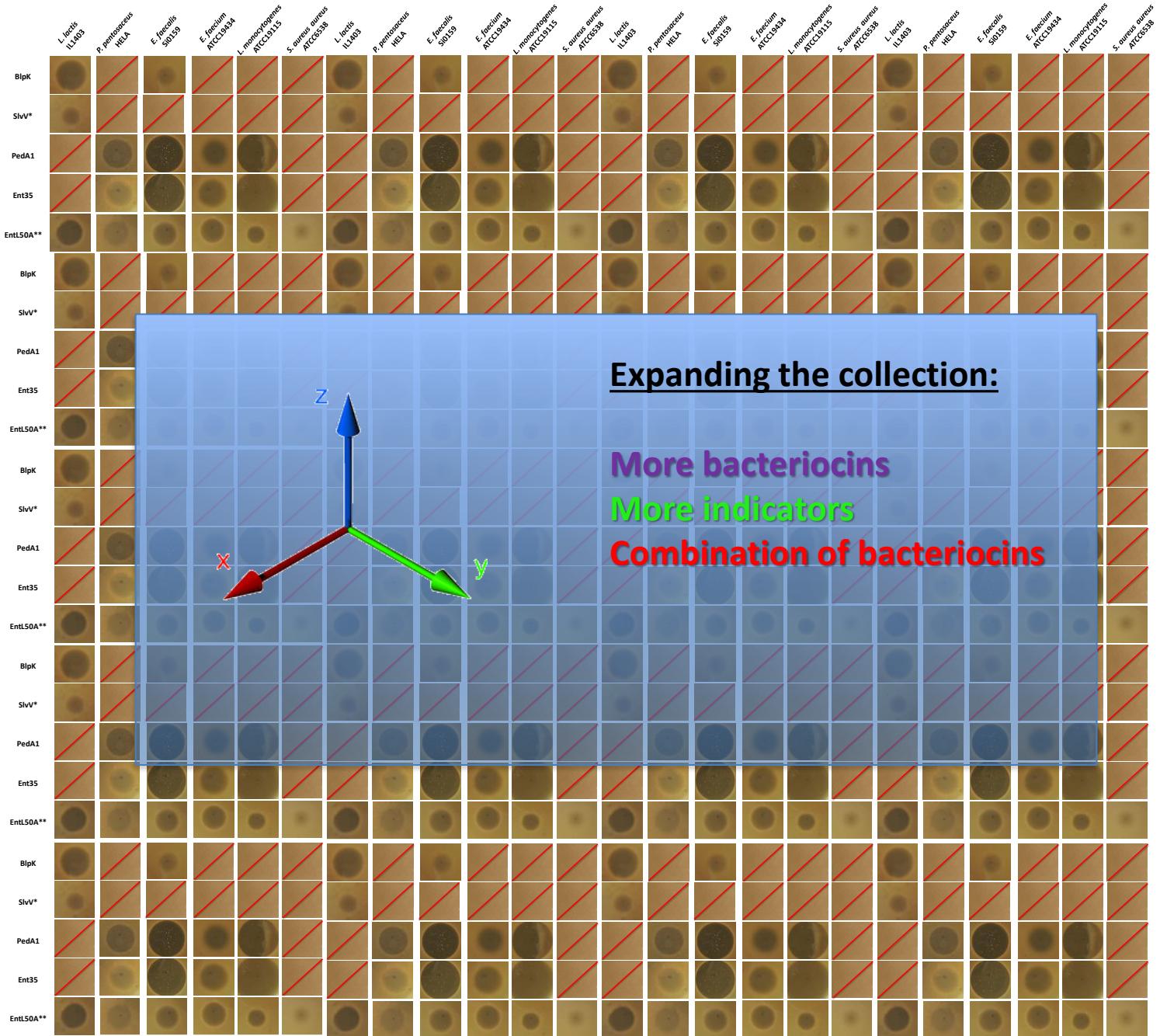
This article is a preprint and has not been certified by peer review [what does this mean?].



# The PARAGEN collection of bacteriocins

- Have for the first time a collection of active bacteriocins via a collection of biobricks.
- Compare bacteriocins (killing spectrum, stability,...)
- Explore the different technologies to produce bacteriocins (including cocktails)





## Expanding the collection:

## More bacteriocins

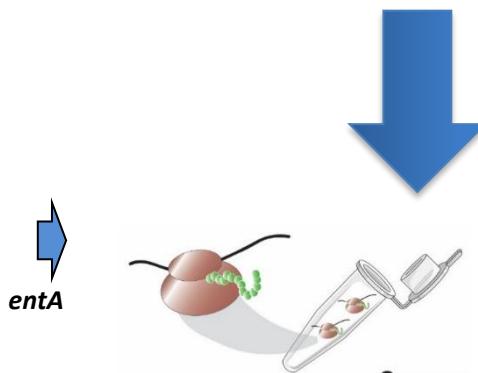
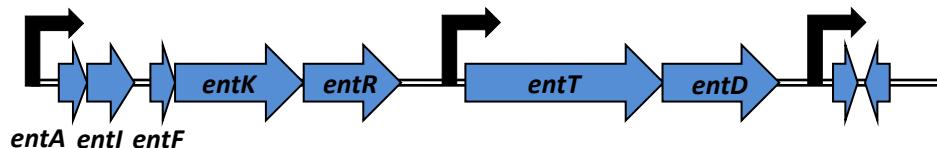
## More indicators

# Combination of bacteriocins



# Cell-free synthesis

MUCH FASTER AND LESS LABOUR INTENSIVE  
ALLOWING THE PRODUCTION OF DIFFERENT BACTERIOCINS IN ONE DAY



NO ACCESORY, TRANSPORT OR  
IMMUNITY GENES NEEDED - ALLOWING  
THE PRODUCTION OF TOXIC PEPTIDES

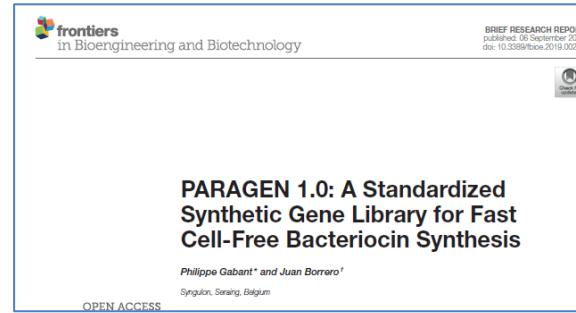
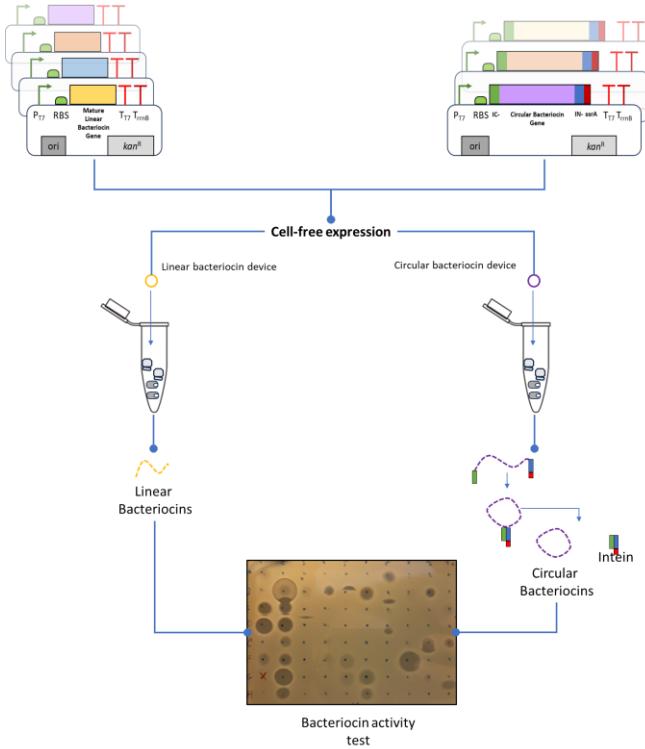
NO LIMITATION IN TERMS OF LENGTH;

## COLICIN B (511 aa)

MSDNEGSVPTEGIDYGD**T**MVVWPSTGRIPGGDVKG**G**SSGLAPSMP**P**PGWGDYSPQGIALQSVL**F**PGIIRRIILDKEE**E**GDWSGWSVSV  
HSPWGNEKVSAARTV**L**ENGLRG**G**LP**E**PSRPAVS**A**RF**L**EPAS**G**N**E**Q**K**IIRLMVT**Q**QL**E**Q**V**T**D**IP**A**SQLP**A**AGNN**V**P**K**YRL**T**LM**Q**NG**T**QY  
MAIIGGIPMT**P**V**V**DA**P**VPDRSRPG**T**N**I**K**D**V**S**AP**V**SPN**L**PD**L**V**S**VG**Q**M**N**TPV**R**SN**P**E**I**Q**E**DG**V**I**E**T**G**NY**V**E**A**GY**T**M**S**NNHD**V**RFP  
EGSGV**S**PLY**I**SAVE**I**LD**S**NSL**S**QR**Q**EA**E**NN**A**K**D**FR**V**K**Q**E**N**DE**K**T**V**L**T**K**S**E**V**I**S**VG**D**K**V**GE**Y**LG**D**K**Y**K**A**LS**R**E**I**A**E**N**I**NN**F**Q**G**K**T**IRSYDDA  
M**S**S**I**N**K**LM**A**N**P**SL**K**IN**A**T**D**K**E**A**I**V**N**AW**K**A**F**NA**E**DM**G**N**K**FA**A**LG**K**TF**K**A**D**YA**I**K**A**NN**I**RE**K**S**I**E**G**Y**Q**T**G**N**W**G**P**LM**L**E**V**E**S**W**V**ISGM**A**V  
A**L**SL**F**SL**T**LG**S**AL**I**A**F**GL**S**AT**V**VG**F**VG**V**I**A**GA**I**GA**F**DD**K**F**V**DE**L**N**H**K**I**I**K**



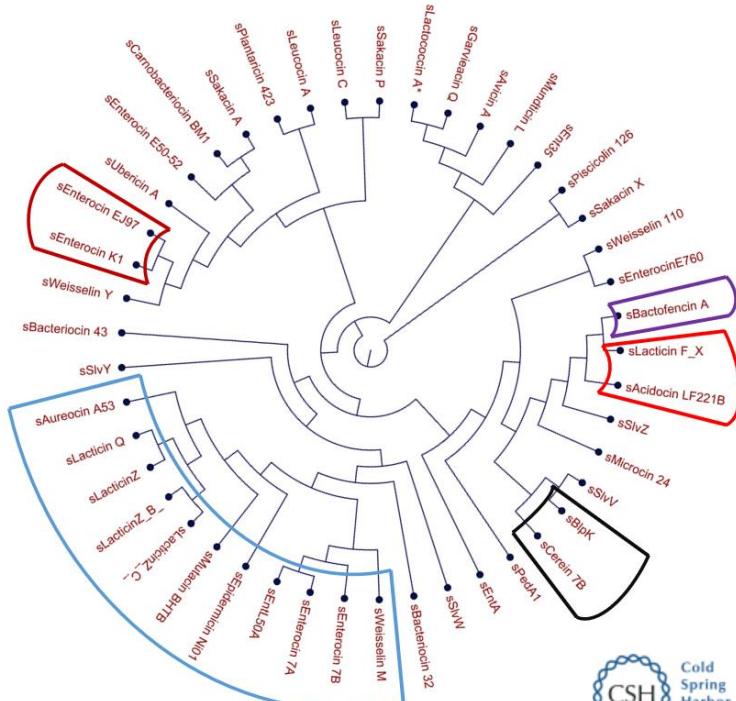
# PARAGEN: standardisation for fast and robust bacteriocin synthesis



Gabant & Borrero (2019), Jaumaux *et al.*, (2023)



# Expanding PARAGEN by bioinformatic search



Prof. P. Hols

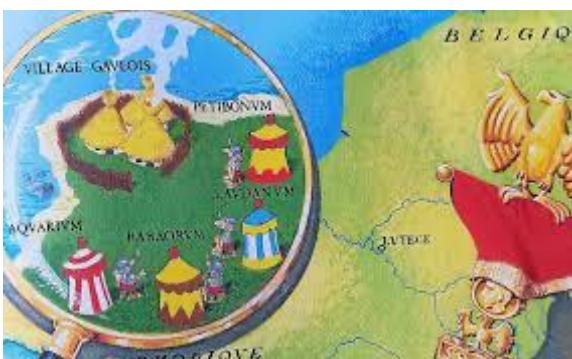


Julien Damoczi (PhD student)



bioRxiv

HOME | SUBM



New Results

 Follow this preprint

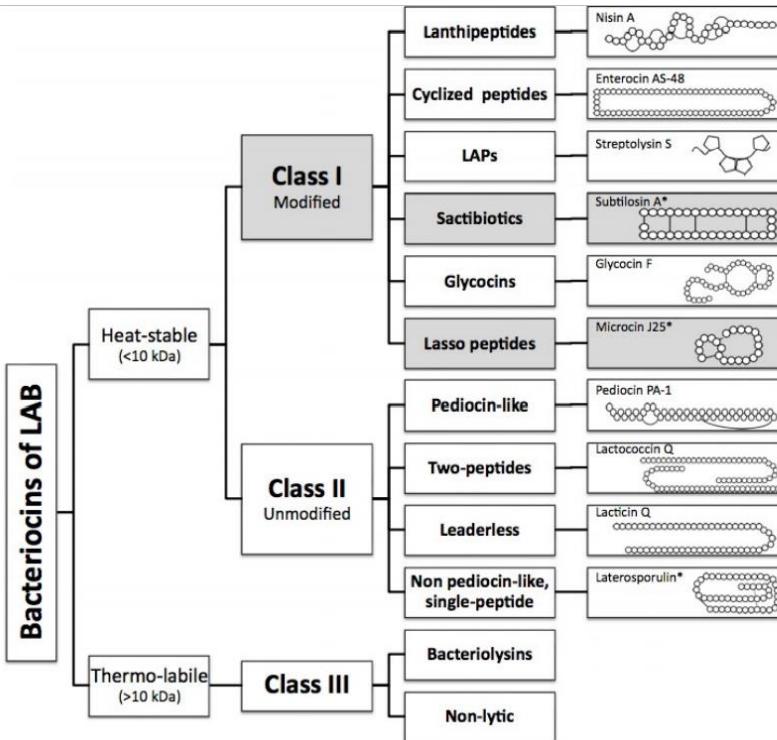
## Uncovering the class II-bacteriocin predatiome in *salivarius* streptococci

Julien Damoczi, Adrien Knoops, Marie-Sophie Martou, Félix Jamaux, Philippe Gabant, Jacques Mahillon, Johann Mignolet,  Pascal Hols

**doi:** <https://doi.org/10.1101/2024.03.04.583286>

This article is a preprint and has not been certified by peer review [what does this mean?].

# Expanding PARAGEN beyond Class II bacteriocins.

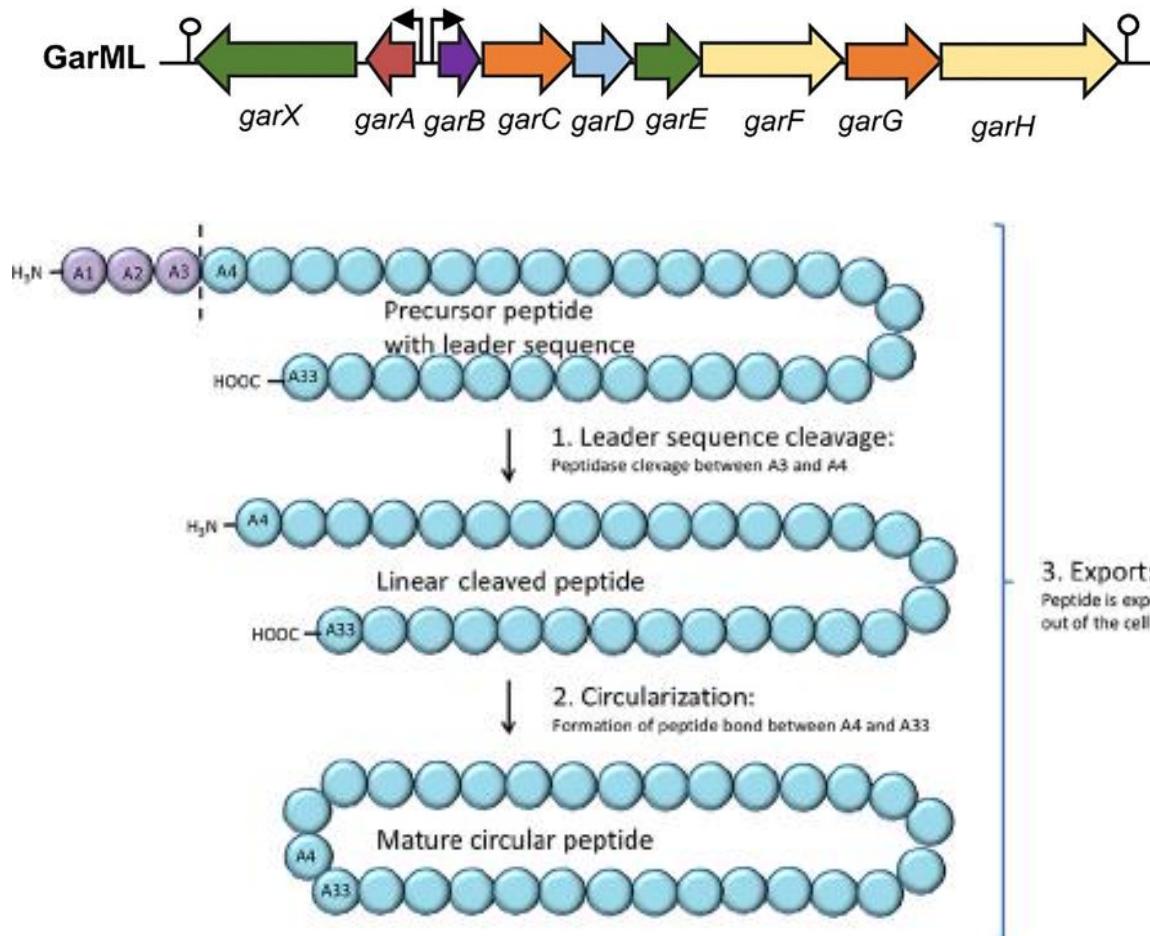


**Table 1 | Suggested updated bacteriocin classification scheme with examples**

Bacteriocin class*	Subgroup	Defining features and conserved enzyme (if known or present)	Examples
I	Bottromycin	Macrolactamidine, YcaO	Bottromycin A2 (ref. 173)
I	Cyanobactin	N-terminal proteolysis enzyme, PatA	Kawaguchipeptin B <sup>174</sup>
I	Darobactin	Unusual double ring structure from tryptophan-to-tryptophan, lysine or arginine linkages, rSAM	Darobactin <sup>175</sup>
I	Epipeptide	D-amino acids, rSAM	EpeX <sup>176</sup>
I	Glycycin	S-glycosylation and O-glycosylation of serine/threonine	Pallidocin <sup>177</sup>
I	Lanthipeptide, type I	Methyllanthionine and/or lanthionine residues, LanBC	Kunkecin A <sup>178</sup>
I	Lanthipeptide, type II	Methyllanthionine and/or lanthionine residues, LanM	Roseocin <sup>177</sup>
I	Lanthipeptide, type V (lanthidin)	Methyllanthionine and/or lanthionine residues, LanKY	Cacaoidin <sup>178</sup>
I	Lasso peptide	Macrolactam with threaded C-terminal tail	Ubonodin <sup>179</sup>
I	Linaridin	Dehydrobutyryne, no lanthionine	Corynarinidin <sup>27</sup>
I	Linear azole-containing or azoline-containing peptide (LAP)	Azol(ine)s, YcaO	Spongicolazolinic A/B <sup>180</sup>
I	Pantocin	Glu-Glu crosslink, PaaA	Pantocin A <sup>181</sup>
I	Pyritide (including thiopeptides)	Six-membered nitrogenous heterocycle	Thiomuracin <sup>182</sup>
I	Sactipeptide	Intramolecular sulfur-to-a-carbon thioether (sacteptide) crosslink	Ruminococcin C <sup>183</sup>
I	Circular	Covalently linked N-terminal and C-terminal residues resulting in circular peptide backbone	Pumilarin <sup>23</sup>
I	Microcins with non-ribosomal siderophore	Serine-rich C terminus with a non-ribosomal siderophore-type modification	MccH47 <sup>184</sup>
II	Pediocin-like	Contains YGNGVXC motif	Maltaricin CPN <sup>21</sup>
II	Linear, two-component	Two peptides, both required for activity	Plantaricin EF <sup>29</sup>
II	Linear, non-pediocin, non-two component	Lacks defining features of other groups	Bactofencin <sup>185</sup>
II	Defensin-like	Conserved disulfide pattern of eukaryotic defensins	Actifensin <sup>32</sup>
II	Leaderless	Leaderless peptides with or without four-helix motif	BacSp222, Enterocin DD14 (refs. 30,186)

rSAM, radical S-adenosylmethionine. \*Bacteriocins can be generally classified into two major groups: post-translationally modified (class I) and non-significantly post-translationally modified peptides (class II). Both groups are further subdivided on the basis of conserved features unique to the subgroup. Within class I bacteriocins, groups can be defined according to a specific modification that is installed by one or more modification enzymes.

# Expanding PARAGEN beyond Class II bacteriocins: the synthetic biology puzzle



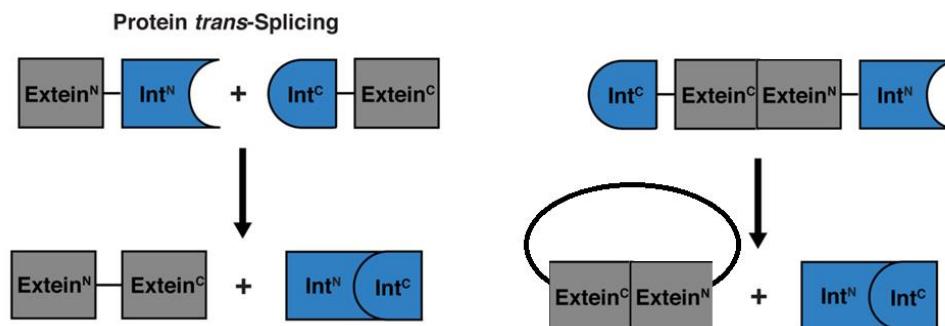
Challenge moving from a natural 9 gene circuit to a standard 1 gene PARAGEN Standard: **compacting the code**

# ➤ Inteins: natural tools



UNIVERSIDAD  
COMPLUTENSE  
MADRID

Collaboration with:  
Universidad Complutense Madrid (UCM)  
Dr. Juan Borrero



Proceedings of the  
National Academy of Sciences  
of the United States of America

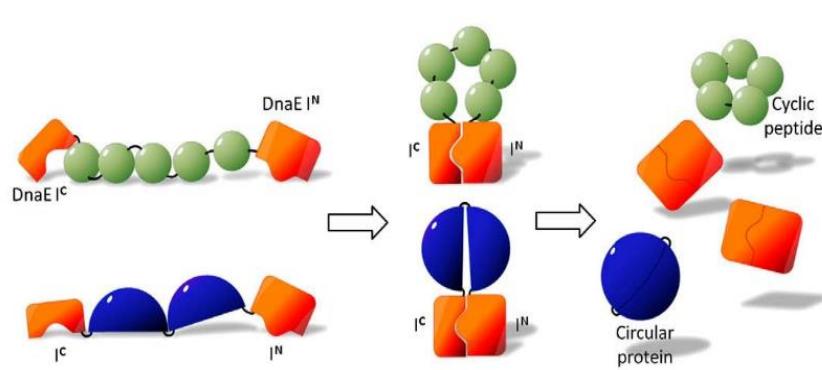
## RESEARCH ARTICLE

### Production of cyclic peptides and proteins *in vivo*

Charles P. Scott, Ernesto Abel-Santos, Mark Wall, Daphne C. Wahnon, and Stephen J. Benkovic

PNAS November 23, 1999 96 (24) 13638-13643; https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.96.24.13638

Contributed by Stephen J. Benkovic



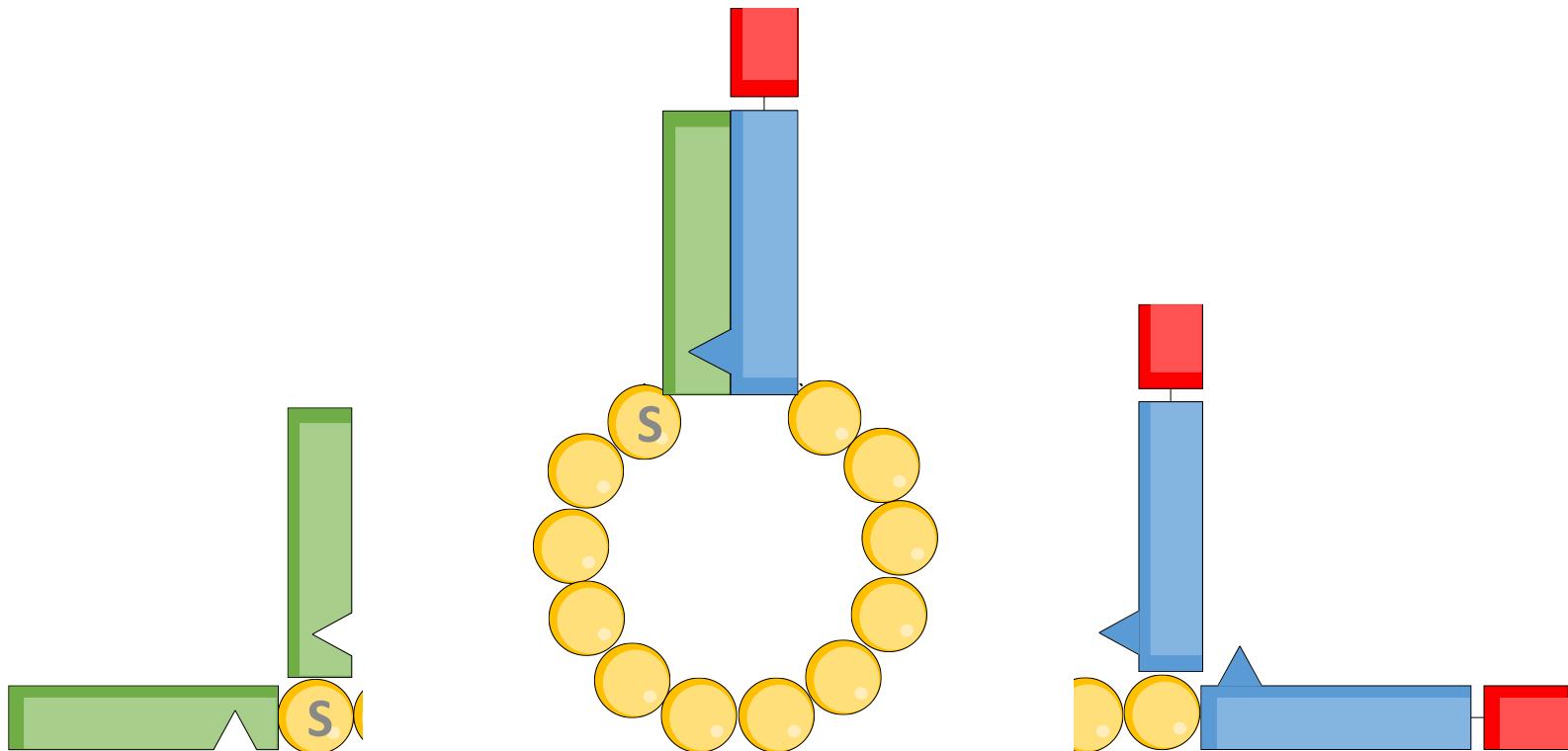
## Split Intein Mediated Ligation (SIML) system



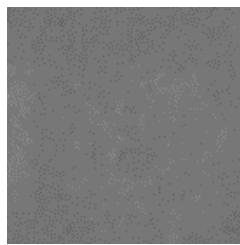
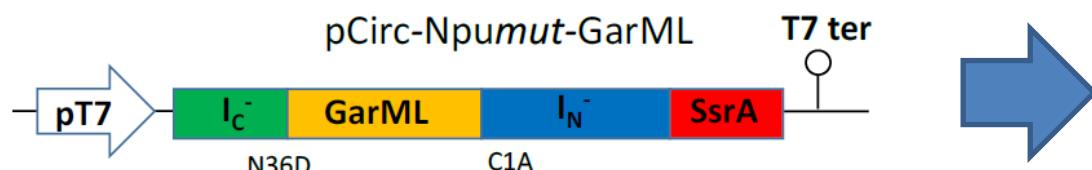
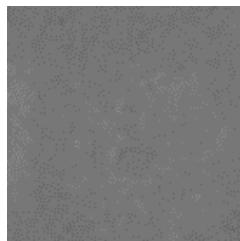
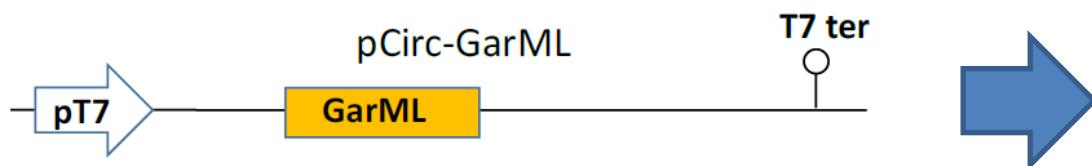
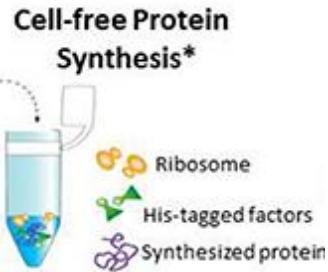
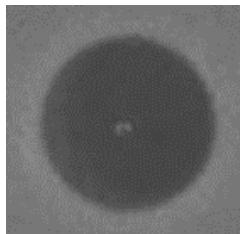
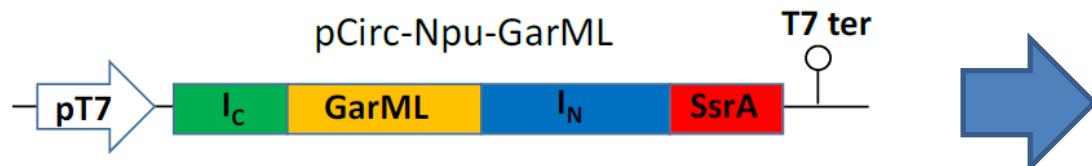
UNIVERSIDAD  
COMPLUTENSE  
MADRID



Collaboration with:  
Universidad Complutense Madrid (UCM)  
Dr. Juan Borrero



# ➤ Cell-free *in vitro* Protein Synthesis



| Frontiers in Microbiology

OPEN ACCESS

EDITED BY  
Harsh Mathur,  
Teagasc Food Research Centre, Ireland

REVIEWED BY  
Sylvie Françoise Rebuffet,  
Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle,  
France  
Payum Baindara,  
University of Missouri,  
United States  
Takeshi Zendó,  
Kyushu University,  
Japan

## *In vitro* and *in vivo* production and split-intein mediated ligation (SIML) of circular bacteriocins

Nuria Peña<sup>1</sup>, Michael J. Bland<sup>2</sup>, Ester Sevillano<sup>1</sup>,  
Estefanía Muñoz-Atienza<sup>3</sup>, Irene Lafuente<sup>1</sup>, Mohamed  
El Bakkouri<sup>2</sup>, Luis M. Cintas<sup>4</sup>, Pablo E. Hernández<sup>1</sup>, Philippe  
Gabant<sup>2</sup> and Juan Borroto<sup>\*2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Sección Departamental de Nutrición y Ciencia de los Alimentos, Facultad de Veterinaria,  
Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM), Madrid, Spain; <sup>2</sup>Syngulon SA, Serang, Belgium

TYPE Original Research  
PUBLISHED: 14 November 2022  
DOI: 10.3389/fmicb.2022.1052686

(12) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

(13) World Intellectual Property Organization  
International Bureau

(43) International Publication Date  
07 December 2023 (07.12.2023) WO 2023/235682 A1 WIPO PCT

(51) International Patent Classification: C07K 1/431 (2006.01) C07K 1/475 (2006.01)

(21) International Application Number: PCT/US2023/067672

(22) International Filing Date: 26 May 2021 (26.05.2021)

(25) Filing Language: English

(26) Publication Language: English

(30) Priority Data: 31 May 2022 (31.05.2022) US

(31) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every kind of national protection available): AE, AG, AL, AM, AO, AR, AT, AU, AW, BA, BE, BG, BI, BR, BS, BT, CA, CH, CL, CN, CO, CR, CU, CV, CZ, DE, DI, DK, DM, DO, DZ, EC, EE, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, GT, HK, HR, HU, ID, IL, IS, IT, JP, KE, KG, KW, KZ, LA, LC, LR, LS, LU, LY, MA, MD, ME, MG, MK, ML, MN, MR, MT, MU, NA, NG, NL, NO, NZ, OM, PA, PE, PH, PL, PT, QA, RO, RS, RU, RW, SC, SL, TM, TR, TW, VE, VI, SV, SY, TH, TZ, UA, UG, US, VZ, ZA, ZM, ZW

(32) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every kind of national protection available): ARPO:BW, CY, GH, GM, KE, LR, LS, MW, NA, RW, SC, SD, SL, ST, TZ, UG, ZA, ZW; EPO:AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, IE, IS, FR, GB, GR, HR, HU, IE, IR, IT, LT, LU, MC, NL, PL, PT, SI, SK, TR, MT, LV, BG, BG, SE, SM, TR, OAPI:CT, CG, CL, CM, GA, GN, GO, GW, AM, TD, TD, TD, TD, TD, TD, TD

(33) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every kind of national protection available): APHO:BW, CY, GH, GM, KE, LR, LS, MW, NA, RW, SC, SD, SL, ST, TZ, UG, ZA, ZW; EPO:AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, IE, IS, FR, GB, GR, HR, HU, IE, IR, IT, LT, LU, MC, NL, PL, PT, SI, SK, TR, MT, LV, BG, BG, SE, SM, TR, OAPI:CT, CG, CL, CM, GA, GN, GO, GW, AM, TD, TD, TD, TD, TD, TD, TD

(34) Date of publication: 07 December 2023 (07.12.2023)  
Date of priority: 31 May 2022 (31.05.2022)

(35) Date of filing: 26 May 2021 (26.05.2021)  
Date of application: 31 May 2022 (31.05.2022)

(36) Date of publication: 07 December 2023 (07.12.2023)  
Date of priority: 31 May 2022 (31.05.2022)

(37) Inventor: BORRERO, JEL PING, Juan, c/o Syngulon SA, Bulevar de la Constitución, 131, 28040 Madrid, Spain; GARNAT, Philippe, Rue du Bon Accès 151, B-4019 Seraing, Belgium

(38) Assignee: CHRISTENSEN, Michael R.; KNOBBE, MARTINS, OLSON & REAR, LLP, 2040 Main Street, 14th Floor, Irvine, California 92614 (US)

(39) Title: BACTERIOCIN POLYPEPTIDES, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME, AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

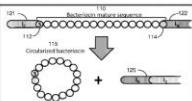


FIG. 1

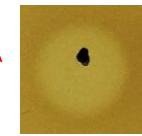
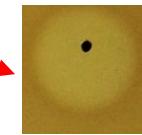
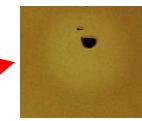
682 A1

# Expanding PARAGEN to circular bacteriocins: synthetic biology panacea based on inteins

## Characterized Circular bacteriocins

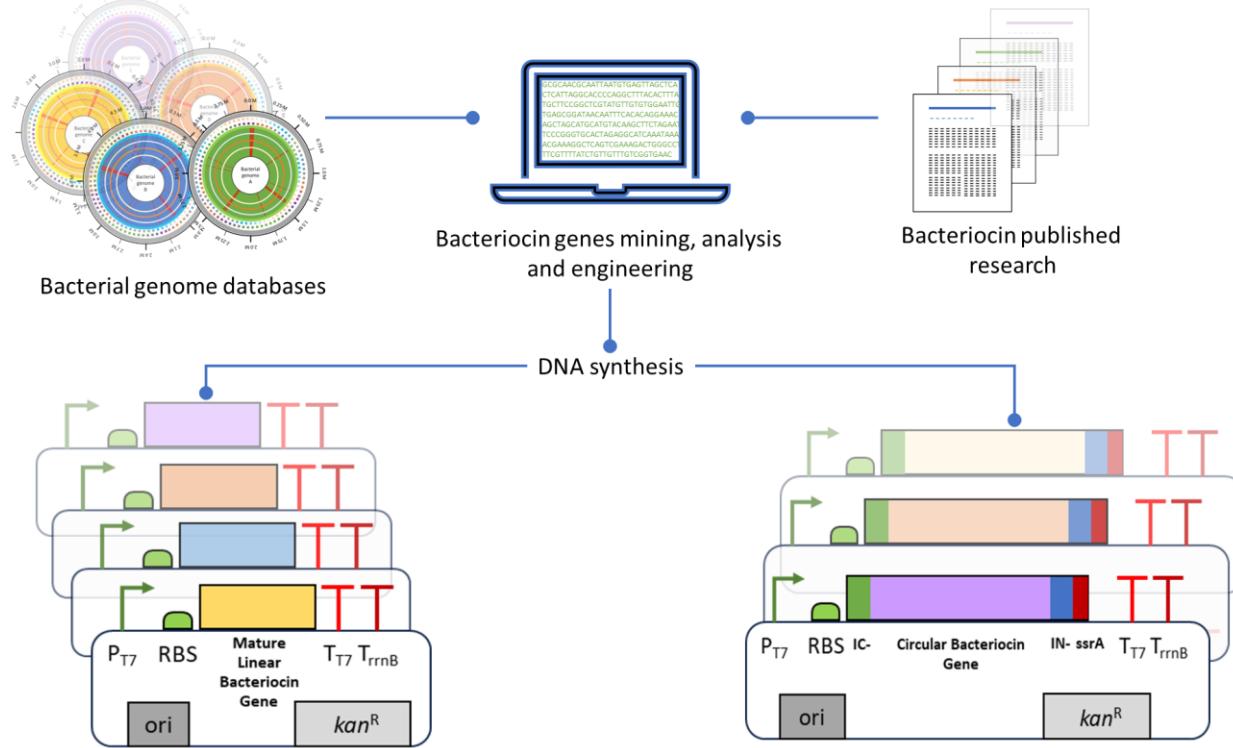
Bacteriocin	Producer	Plasmid	Activity against <i>L. lactis</i> IL1403*
Amylocyclin	<i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i> FZB42	pCirc-Npu-Alc	+
Enterocin AS-48	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> S-48	pCirc-Npu-EntAS48	+
Carnocyclin A	<i>Carnobacterium maltaromaticum</i> UAL307	pCirc-Npu-CarA	+
Circularin A	<i>Clostridium beijerinckii</i> ATCC 25752	pCirc-Npu-CirA	+
Enterocin NKR-5-3B	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i> NKR-5-3	pCirc-Npu-NKR_5_3B	+
Garvicin ML	<i>Lactococcus garvieae</i> DCC43	pCirc-Npu-GarML	+
Leucocyclin Q	<i>Leuconostoc mesenteroides</i> TK41401	pCirc-Npu-LeuQ	+
Uberolysin A	<i>Streptococcus uberis</i> 42	pCirc-Npu-UberA	-
Butyribiocin AR10	<i>Butyrivibrio fibrisolvens</i> AR10	pCirc-Npu-ButAR10	-
Paracyclin P	<i>Lactobacillus paracelei</i> JCM 8130/ DSM 5622	pCirc-Npu-ParP	+
Gassericin A	<i>Lactobacillus gasseri</i> LA39	pCirc-Npu-GasA	+
Plantaricyclin A	<i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> NI326	pCirc-Npu-PlcA	+
Cerecyclin	<i>Bacillus</i> sp. Xin1	pCirc-Npu-Cer	-
Bacteriocin 3688STDY6124959	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> 3688STDY6124959	pCirc-Npu-3688STDY	+
Bacteriocin BCW 2997	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> BCW 2997	pCirc-Npu-BCW_2,997	+
Bacteriocin CF11	<i>Clavibacter michiganensis</i> CF11	pCirc-Npu-CF11	-
Bacteriocin NBRC 15376	<i>Paenibacillus chondroitinus</i> NBRC 15376	pCirc-Npu-NBRC_15,376	-
Bacteriocin YS111	<i>Streptococcus suis</i> YS111	pCirc-Npu-YS111	+
Bacteriocin DSM 15102	<i>Gardella nitratireducens</i> DSM 15102	pCirc-Npu-DSM_15,102	+
Bacteriocin AFS089278	<i>Bacillus toyonensis</i> AFS089278	pCirc-Npu-AFS089278	-
Bacteriocin TD3	<i>Bacillus vallismortis</i> TD3	pCirc-Npu-TD3	-
Bacteriocin NRRL B-24287	<i>Streptomyces pathocidini</i> NRRL B-24287	pCirc-Npu-NRLL_B_24,287	-
Bacteriocin AK22	<i>Alkalibacterium</i> AK22	pCirc-Npu-AK22	-
Bacteriocin 15,828	<i>Gemella cuniculi</i> DSM 15828	pCirc-Npu-15,828	-
Bacteriocin NCTC 12958	<i>Streptococcus thermophilus</i> NCTC 12958	pCirc-Npu-NCTC_12,958	+
Bacteriocin UoS2029	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> UoS2029	pCirc-Npu-UoS2029	-

\*Samples showing a clear halo of inhibition (+) or no halo of inhibition (-).





# Syngulon PARAGEN collection: standardised bacteriocin synthesis



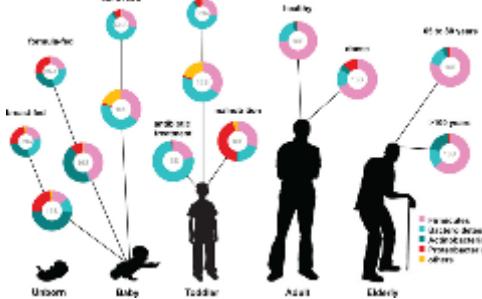
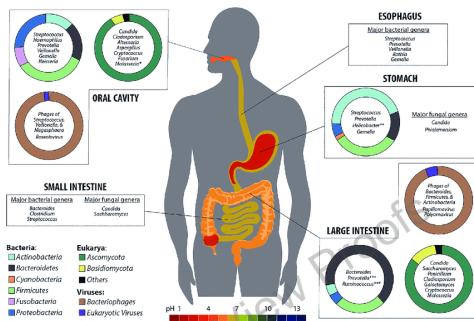
# Bacteriocins for precision anti-microbial therapies



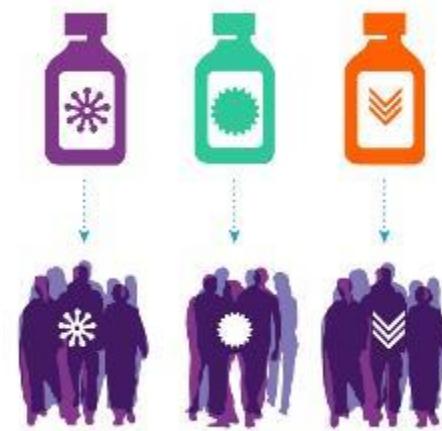
Broad spectrum antibiotics  
VS  
Narrow spectrum bacteriocins



Human microbiota is very variable



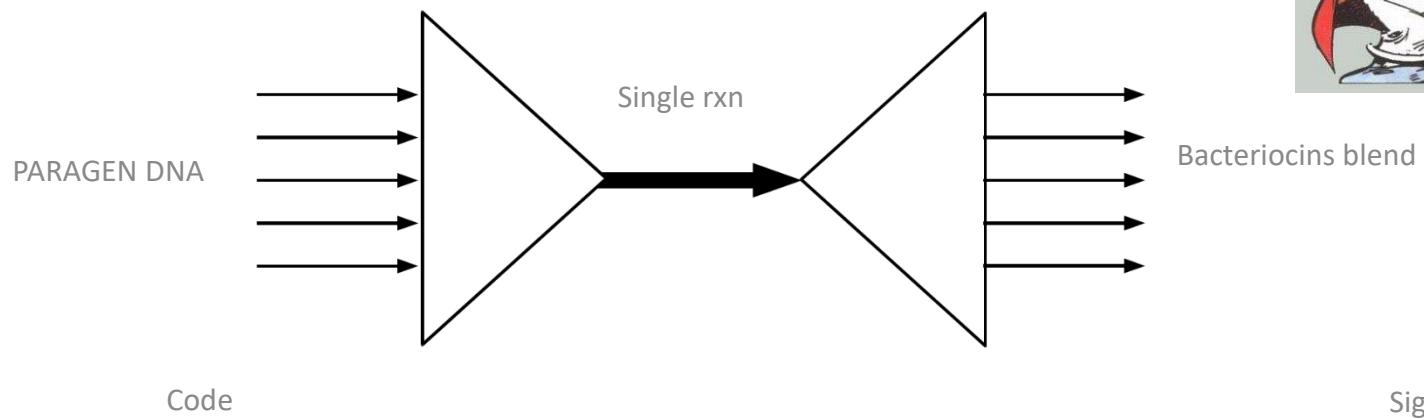
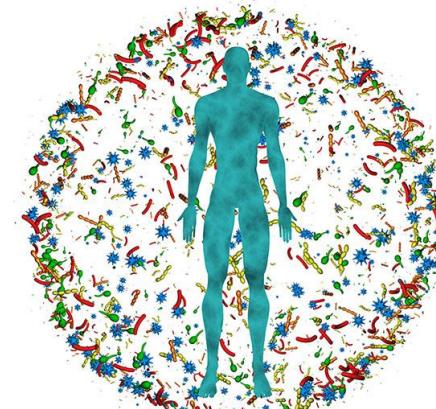
PRECISION MEDICINE



# Syngulon PARAGEN collection: how to make a rational and controlled formulation able to shape a microbiota?

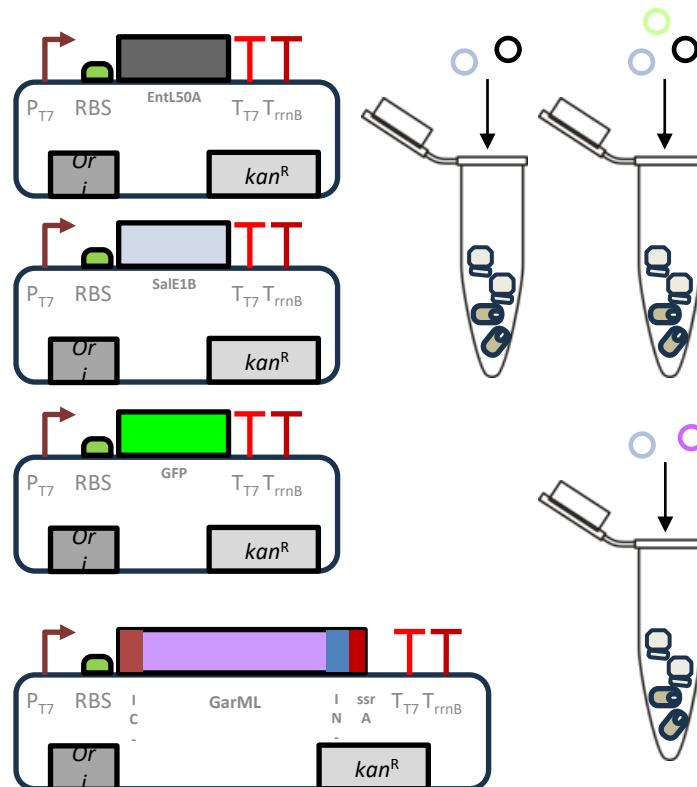


Dr Alex Quinteros Yanes , R&D Project Manager

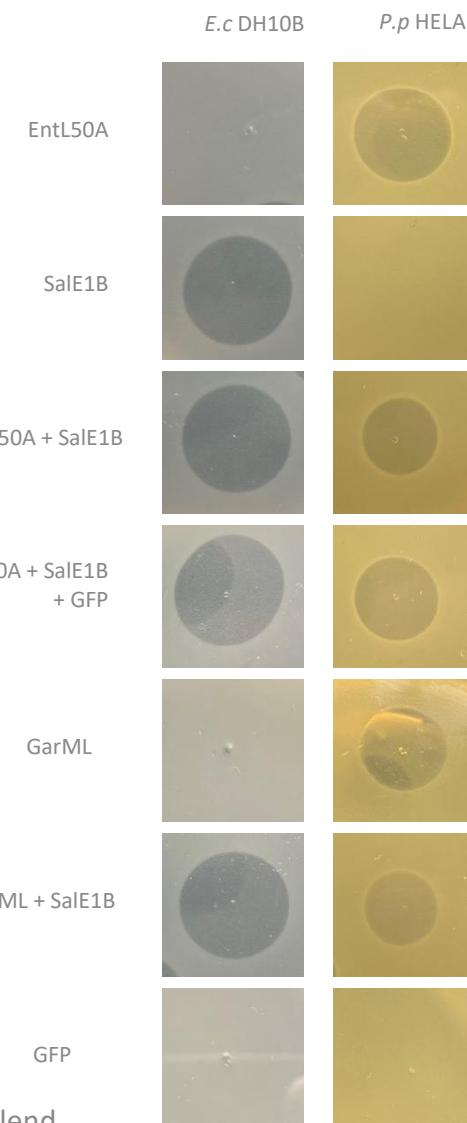


# Use of different genetic code to generate bacteriocins mixtures

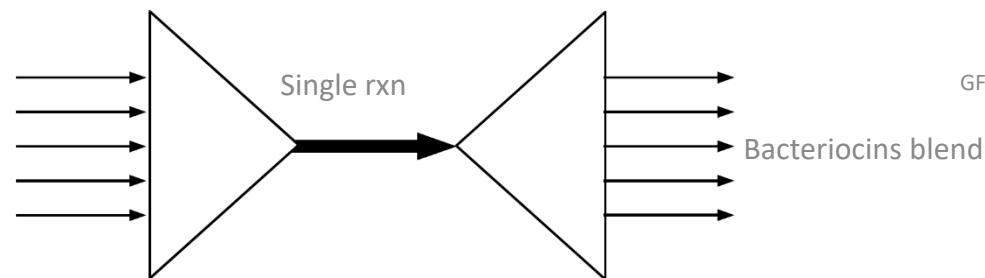
A



B

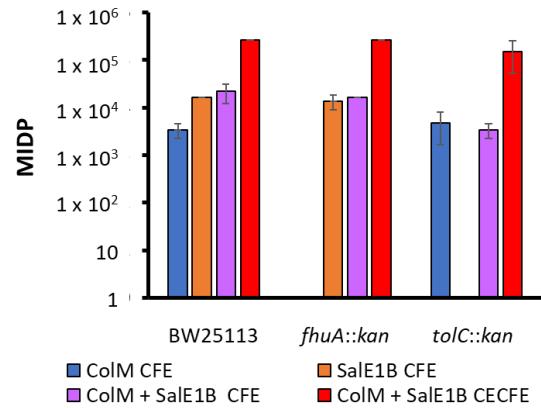
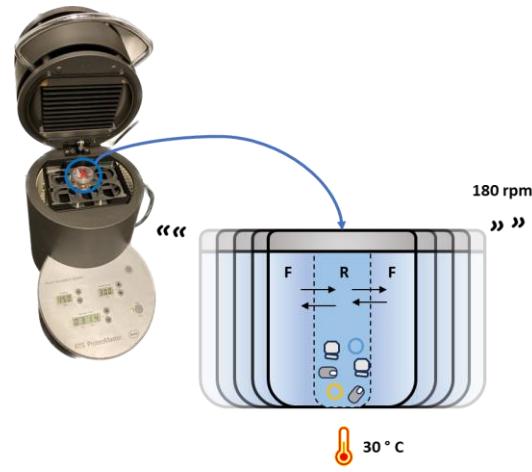
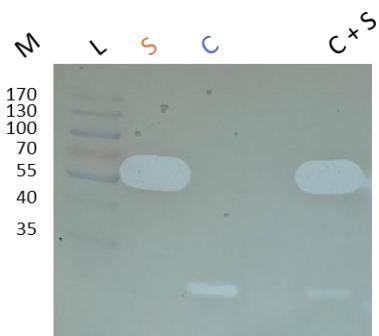
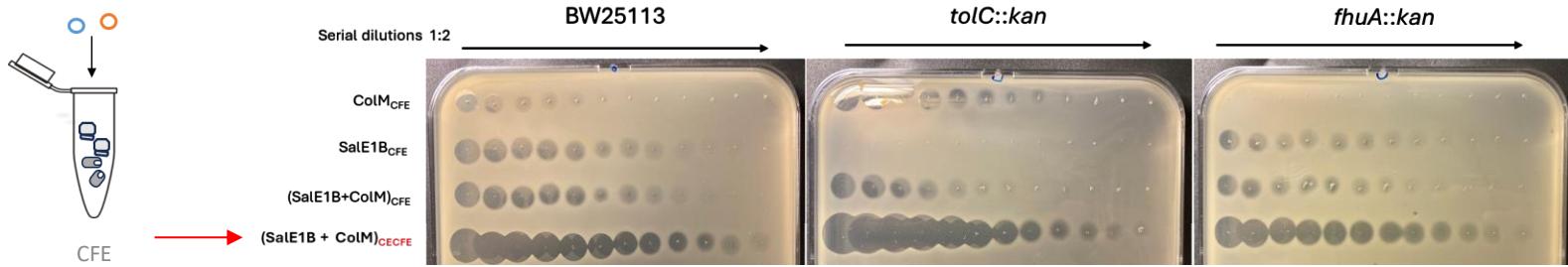


PARAGEN DNA



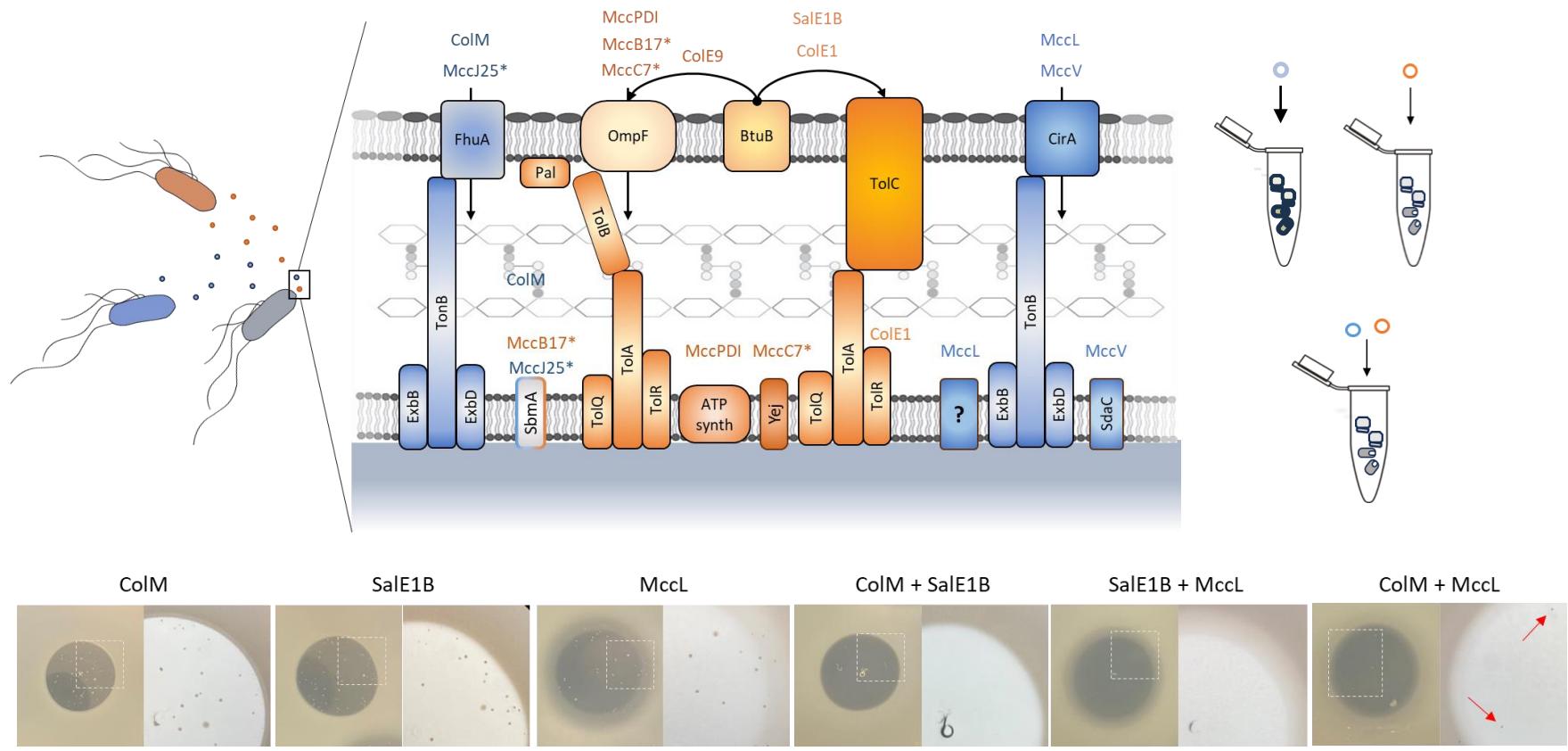


# (De)multiplexing and scaling up bacteriocin activity (signals)



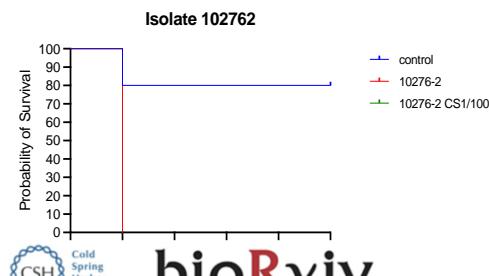
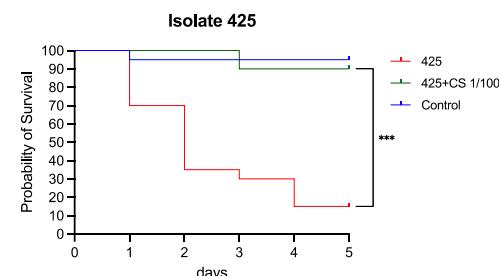
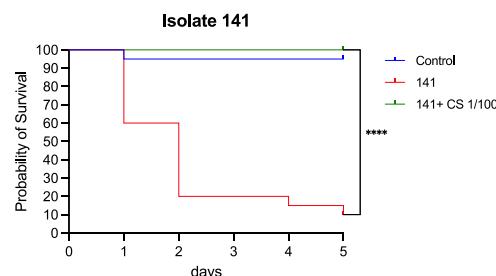
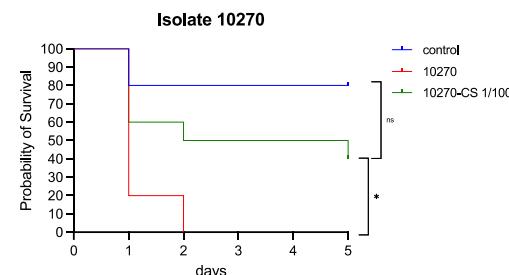
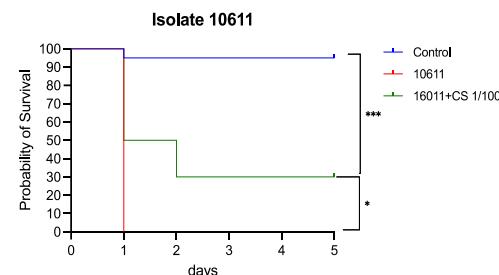
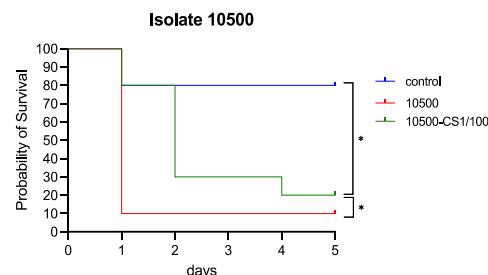
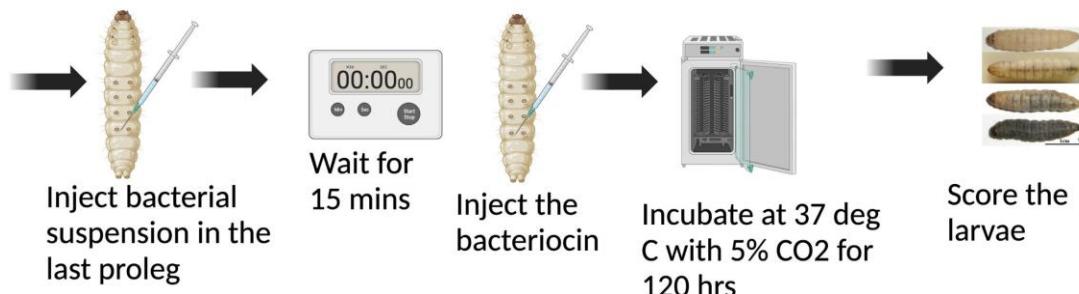
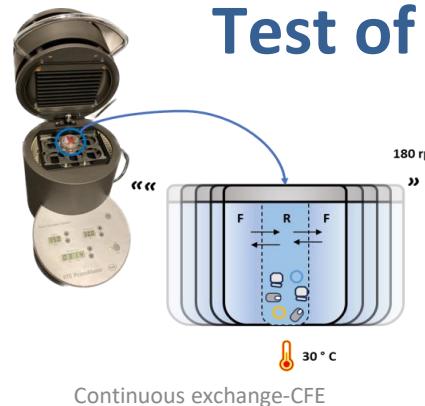


# Rational bacteriocin cocktail designs prevent AMR





# Test of CFE bacteriocin combinations *in vivo*



**bioRxiv**  
THE PREPRINT SERVER FOR BIOLOGY

HOME | SUBM

New Results

Multiplexing bacteriocin synthesis to kill and prevent antimicrobial resistance

✉ Alex Quintero-Yanes, ⚡ Kenny Petit, ⚡ Hector Rodriguez-Villalobos, ⚡ Hanne Vande Capelle, ⚡ Joleen Masschelein, ⚡ Juan Borrero del Pino, ⚡ Philippe Gabant  
doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2024.09.06.611659>

This article is a preprint and has not been certified by peer review [what does this mean?].

Follow this preprint

Bacteriocin cocktail improves survival of *Galleria m* with antibiotic resistant *E. coli* clinical isolates.

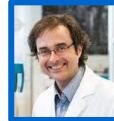


CSH  
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

**bioRxiv**

THE PREPRINT SERVER FOR BIOLOGY

HOME | SUBM



Cliniques universitaires  
**SAINT-LUC**  
UCLouvain BRUXELLES



**KU LEUVEN**

Dr. Joleen  
Masschelein

New Results

Follow this preprint

### Multiplexing bacteriocin synthesis to kill and prevent antimicrobial resistance

✉ Alex Quintero-Yanes, ✉ Kenny Petit, ✉ Hector Rodriguez-Villalobos, ✉ Hanne Vande Capelle,  
✉ Joleen Masschelein, ✉ Juan Borrero del Pino, ✉ Philippe Gabant

doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2024.09.06.611659>

This article is a preprint and has not been certified by peer review [what does this mean?].



**KU LEUVEN**

Hanne Vande  
Capelle

Dr. Juan Borrero

# Prospective for bacteriocins vectorization and formulation

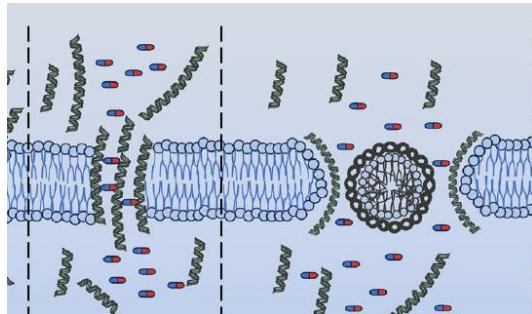
MICROBIAL DRUG RESISTANCE  
Volume 00, Number 00, 2022  
Mary Ann Liebert, Inc.  
DOI: 10.1089/mdr.2021.0429

Open camera or QR reader and  
scan code to access this article  
and other resources online.



### Promising Antimicrobial Activity and Synergy of Bacteriocins Against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

Anandi Martin,<sup>1</sup> Michael J. Bland,<sup>1</sup> Hector Rodriguez-Villalobos,<sup>2</sup> Jean-Luc Gala,<sup>3</sup> and Philippe Gabant<sup>1</sup>



### Antibiotic-bacteriocin

Tagliaferri, T. et al., (2019), Kranjec, C. et al., (2021), Martin et al., (2021), Du et al., (2023), Xiao, G et al., (2023), Rutter et al., (2024).

nature communications

Article

### Enhancing bacteriophage therapeutics through in situ production and release of heterologous antimicrobial effectors

Received: 25 November 2022

Jiemin Du <sup>1,2</sup>, Susanne Melle <sup>1,3</sup>, Jasmin Beggens <sup>1</sup>, Tobias Jäggi <sup>1</sup>,

Accepted: 20 June 2023

Pietro Piffaretti <sup>1</sup>, Laura Hunold <sup>1</sup>, Cassandra I. Matta <sup>1</sup>, Lorenz Leitner <sup>2</sup>,

Thomas M. Kessler <sup>2</sup>, Martin J. Loesche <sup>1</sup>, Samuel Kitcher <sup>1,3</sup> &

Published online: 20 July 2023

Matthew Dunne <sup>1</sup> &

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

✉

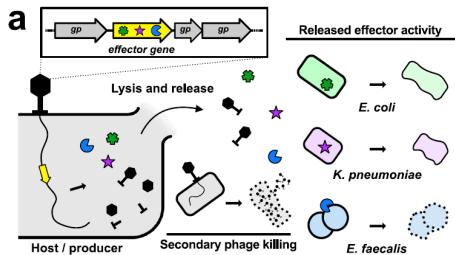
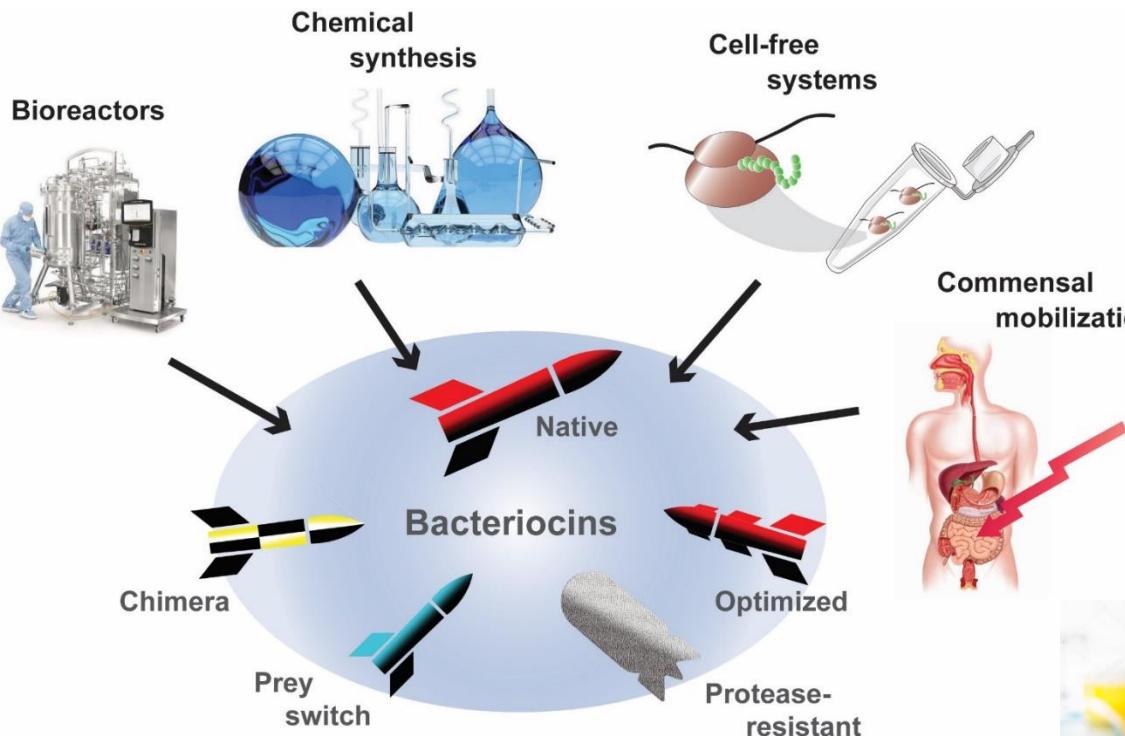
✉

✉

✉



# Bacteriocins production and delivery



- Production
- Genetic amenability
- Various prey spectrum
- Molecular diversity
  - Cyto-friendly
  - Stability
- Biological half-life

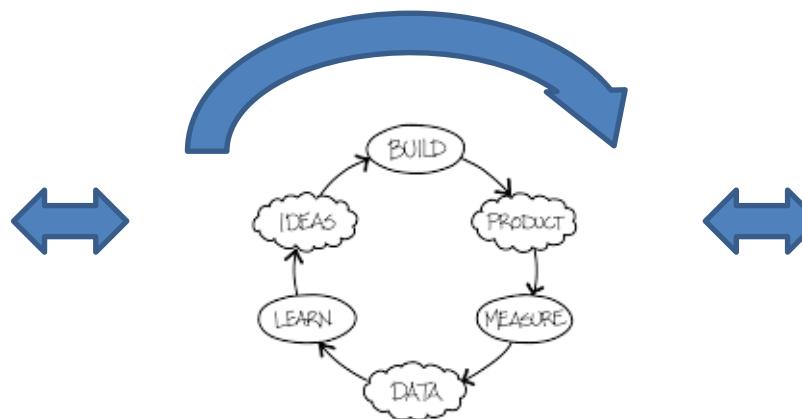
Adapted from Pascal Hols, Laura Ledesma-García, Philippe Gabant and Johann Mignolet, Trends Microbiology 16(8) No. of

Pages 13

36

# Take home message

1. Industries are looking for new ways to control microbial flora (microbiota)
2. Synthetic biology allows to apply biological functions at a new level
3. Bacteriocins are natural antimicrobial peptides (AMP) used by bacteria to protect their ecological niche
4. Syngulon has built PARAGEN a unique collection of synthetic bacteriocin genes
5. Via academic collaborations Syngulon is studying the mode of action of bacteriocins
6. Via different industrial partnerships Syngulon is testing applications of bacteriocins



# SYNGLON Publications (1)

BRIEF RESEARCH REPORT ARTICLE

Front. Bioeng. Biotechnol., 06 September 2019 | <https://doi.org/10.3389/fbioe.2019.00213>



RESEARCH ARTICLE



## PARAGEN 1.0: A Standardized Synthetic Gene Library for Fast Cell-Free Bacteriocin Synthesis

Philippe Gabant<sup>\*</sup> and Juan Borrero<sup>†</sup>

Syngulon, Seraing, Belgium



Home / Chimica Oggi-Chemistry Today / Vol. 38(4) / Antimicrobial peptides to...

MICHAEL J. BLAND, PHILIPPE GABANT\*

\*Corresponding author

Syngulon, Seraing, Belgium

BIOTECHNOLOGY

## ANTIMICROBIAL PEPTIDES TO SHAPE BIOBASED CHEMICAL PRODUCTION

Keywords: anti-microbial peptides, antibiotics, bacteriocins, biotechnology, industrial fermentation, microbiome, one health



Applied and Environmental Microbiology

Bacteriology | Full-Length Text

## Enhancing the antibacterial function of probiotic *Escherichia coli* Nissle: when less is more

Emma Bartram,<sup>1,2</sup> Masanori Asai,<sup>1,3</sup> Philippe Gabant,<sup>4</sup> Sivaramesh Wigneshweraraj<sup>1,2</sup>



Open Access Perspective

## In the Age of Synthetic Biology, Will Antimicrobial Peptides be the Next Generation of Antibiotics?

by Félix Jaumaux, Luz P. Gómez de Cadiñanos and Philippe Gabant \*

Syngulon, Rue du Bois Saint-Jean 15/1, 4102 Seraing, Belgium

\* Author to whom correspondence should be addressed.

*Antibiotics* 2020, 9(8), 484; <https://doi.org/10.3390/antibiotics9080484>

frontiers | Frontiers in Microbiology



Check for updates

OPEN ACCESS

EDITED BY  
Harsh Mathur,  
Teagasc Food Research Centre, Ireland

REVIEWED BY  
Sylvie Françoise Rebuffat,  
Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle,  
France  
Piyush Bairdara,  
University of Missouri,  
United States  
Takeshi Zendo,  
Kyushu University,  
Japan

Johann Mignolet<sup>1,2,3\*</sup>, Guillaume Cerckel<sup>1†</sup>, Julien Damoczi<sup>1†</sup>,

Laura Ledesma-García<sup>1</sup>, Andrea Sass<sup>3</sup>, Tom Coenye<sup>2</sup>, Sylvie Nessler<sup>4</sup>, Pascal Hols<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Biochemistry and Genetics of Microorganisms (BGM), Louvain Institute of Biomolecular Science and Technology, Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium; <sup>2</sup>Syngulon, Seraing, Belgium; <sup>3</sup>Laboratory of Pharmaceutical Microbiology, Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium; <sup>4</sup>Institute for Integrative Biology of the Cell (IIBC), CEA, CNRS, Univ. Paris-Sud, Université Paris-Saclay, 91198, Gif-sur-Yvette cedex, France

Trends in Microbiology

CellPress  
REVIEWS

Review

## Mobilization of Microbiota Commensals and Their Bacteriocins for Therapeutics

Pascal Hols,<sup>1</sup> Laura Ledesma-García,<sup>1</sup> Philippe Gabant,<sup>2</sup> and Johann Mignolet<sup>1,2,3,\*</sup>

TYPE Original Research  
PUBLISHED: 14 November 2022  
DOI: 10.3389/fmcb.2022.1052686

## *In vitro* and *in vivo* production and split-intein mediated ligation (SIML) of circular bacteriocins

Nuria Peña<sup>1</sup>, Michael J. Bland<sup>2</sup>, Ester Sevillano<sup>1</sup>, Estefanía Muñoz-Atienza<sup>1</sup>, Irene Lafuente<sup>1</sup>, Mohamed El Bakkoury<sup>2</sup>, Luis M. Cintas<sup>1</sup>, Pablo E. Hernández<sup>1</sup>, Philippe Gabant<sup>2</sup> and Juan Borrero<sup>3\*</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Sección Departamental de Nutrición y Ciencia de los Alimentos, Facultad de Veterinaria, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM), Madrid, Spain; <sup>2</sup>Syngulon SA, Seraing, Belgium

# Publications (2)

Microbial Drug Resistance > VOL. 29, NO. 5 | Mechanisms

normal

## Promising Antimicrobial Activity and Synergy of Bacteriocins Against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

Anandi Martin, Michael J. Bland, Hector Rodriguez-Villalobos, Jean-Luc Gala  
, and Philippe Gabant

Published Online: 4 May 2023 | <https://doi.org/10.1089/mdr.2021.0429>

## scientific reports

Check for updates

### OPEN Protective effect of microbisporicin (NAI-107) against vancomycin resistant *Enterococcus faecium* infection in a *Galleria mellonella* model

Nele Hofkens<sup>1</sup>, Zina Gestels<sup>1</sup>, Said Abdellati<sup>2</sup>, Philippe Gabant<sup>3</sup>,  
Hector Rodriguez-Villalobos<sup>4</sup>, Anandi Martin<sup>3</sup>, Chris Kenyon<sup>1,5,6</sup> &  
Sheeba Santhini Manoharan-Basil<sup>1,6</sup>



(12) United States Patent  
Gabant et al.

(10) Patent No.: US 11,932,672 B2  
(45) Date of Patent: Mar. 19, 2024

(54) FERMENTATION PROCESS

(71) Applicants: Syngulon S.A., Seraing (BE);  
Université Libre de Bruxelles,  
Brussels (BE)

(72) Inventors: Philippe Gabant, Ottignies  
Louvain-la-Neuve (BE); Mohamed El  
Bakhoury, Brussels (BE); Laurence  
Van Melderen, Waterloo (BE)

(73) Assignees: Syngulon S.A., Seraing (BE);  
Université Libre de Bruxelles,  
Brussels (BE)

(\* ) Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this  
patent is extended or adjusted under 35  
U.S.C. 154(e) by 401 days.

(21) Appl. No.: 16/955,720

(22) PCT Filed: Dec. 19, 2018

6,270,969 B1 8/2001 Hartley et al.

6,271,159 B1 8/2001 Norris et al.

6,282,283 B1 3/2003 Biet et al.

7,176,200 B2 2/2007 Gerdes et al.

7,181,097 B2 2/2007 Gerdes et al.

7,395,183 B2 9/2009 Gerdes et al.

7,595,186 B2 9/2009 Gerdes et al.

8,117,580 B2 11/2012 Sipriner et al.

8,476,048 B2 7/2013 Caini et al.

8,697,426 B2 4/2014 Leana et al.

8,897,504 B2 11/2014 Gabant et al.

9,331,660 B2 1/2019 Gabant

10,188,114 B2 1/2019 Gabant

11,427,809 B2 8/2022 Gabant

11,427,810 B2 1/2019 Gabant

2004/0111811 A1 6/2004 Gabant

2005/0130308 A1 6/2005 Bernard

2005/0265583 A1 11/2005 Sipriner

2013/0156583 A1 12/2013 Bayo et al.

2013/0286810 A1 10/2013 Gabant et al.

2014/0183737 A1 5/2014 Liu et al.

2015/0052533 A1 7/2015 Gabant

2021/0236451 A1 2/2015 Gabant

2022/0017573 A1 8/2021 Gabant

2022/0017573 A1 1/2022 Mignolet et al.



Article

## Selective Bacteriocins: A Promising Treatment for *Staphylococcus aureus* Skin Infections Reveals Insights into Resistant Mutants, Vancomycin Sensitivity, and Cell Wall Alterations

Félix Jaumaux<sup>1,2</sup>, Kenny Petit<sup>2</sup>, Anandi Martin<sup>2</sup>, Hector Rodriguez-Villalobos<sup>3</sup>, Marjorie Vermeersch<sup>4</sup>, David Perez-Morga<sup>4,5</sup> and Philippe Gabant<sup>2</sup>



Check for updates

### Microbisporicin (NAI-107) protects *Galleria mellonella* from infection with *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*

Nele Hofkens,<sup>1</sup> Zina Gestels,<sup>1</sup> Said Abdellati,<sup>2</sup> Irith De Baetser,<sup>2</sup> Philippe Gabant,<sup>3</sup> Anandi Martin,<sup>3</sup> Christopher Kenyon,<sup>1,4</sup> Sheeba Santhini Manoharan-Basil<sup>1</sup>

Other manuscripts in preparation



# Patents (1)

(12) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

(19) World Intellectual Property Organization  
International Bureau

(43) International Publication Date  
26 February 2015 (26.02.2015)



(10) International Publication Number  
**WO 2015/024855 A1**

(51) International Patent Classification:  
*A01N 63/02* (2006.01)

(21) International Application Number:  
PCT/EP2014/067418

(22) International Filing Date:  
14 August 2014 (14.08.2014)

(25) Filing Language:  
English

(26) Publication Language:  
English

(30) Priority Data:  
61/867,510 19 August 2013 (19.08.2013) US

(71) Applicant: SYNGULON SA [BE/BE]; rue Clément Ader  
16, B-6041 Gosselies (BE)

(72) Inventor: GABANT, Philippe; avenue du Bois Claude 13,

KZ, LA, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LY, MA, MD, ME, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MY, MZ, NA, NG, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PA, PE, PG, PH, PL, PT, QA, RO, RS, RU, RW, SA, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SM, ST, SV, SY, TH, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VC, VN, ZA, ZM, ZW.

(84) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every kind of regional protection available): ARIPO (BW, GH, GM, KE, LR, LS, MW, MZ, NA, RW, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW), Eurasian (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, RU, TJ, TM), European (AL, AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HR, HU, IE, IS, IT, LT, LU, LV, MC, MK, MT, NL, NO, PL, PT, RO, RS, SE, SI, SK, SM, TR), OAPI (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, KM, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).



*National Committee for Microbiology (NaCoMi)*

*The Royal Academies for Science and the Arts of Belgium (RASAB)*

# Precision microbial control: from discoveries to solutions



*André Gratia*

Together with

**2<sup>nd</sup> Bacteriocin International Conference**



**Brussels**

**May 25 – 28, 2025**



# Startup in the labs



Guy Hélin, Co-founder, CEO  
Dr. Philippe Gabant, Co-Founder, CSO



Dr. Mohamed El Bakkoury, CTO Yeast  
Dr. Luz Perez, R&D Project Manager  
Dr. Félix Jaumaux, R&D Project Manager  
Loïc Mues, R&D Scientist  
Dr. Kenny Petit, R&D project manager  
Denis Dereinne, R&D Scientist  
Arnaud Henri, Intern.  
Dr. Alex Quintero-Yanes, R&D Project manager



## Collaborators



Dr. Hector Rodriguez Villalobos.  
MD.PhD



KU LEUVEN

Dr. Joleen  
Masschelein



Dr. Juan Borrero

KU LEUVEN

Hanne Vande  
Capelle

## Scientific Advisory Board



Pr Joseph Martial (Chairman), ULg, Liège (BE)  
Pr Bruno André, ULB, Brussels (BE)  
Adj-Pr Mike Chandler, University of Georgetown (USA)  
Pr Pascal Hols, UCL, Louvain-la-Neuve (BE)  
Pr Didier Mazel, Institut Pasteur, Paris (FR)  
Pr Laurence Van Melderen, ULB, Charleroi (BE)  
Pr Ruddy Wattiez, UMons, Mons (BE)



*IN MEMORIAM*  
Dr Régis Sodoyer, ex-Sanofi Pasteur, Lyon (FR)

## R&D Partners

