Microbial Expression technology

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Pseudomonas aeruginosa



- is an aerobic, motile, **Gram-negative rod**
- Is an opportunistic human pathogen
- is associated with chronic airway infection
- is resistant to many antibiotics

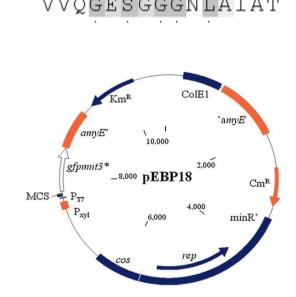
Proteins we are interested in:

- lectins
- lipases
- esterases
- phospholipases
 - proteases

Identification of novel enzymes in P. aeruginosa

database search



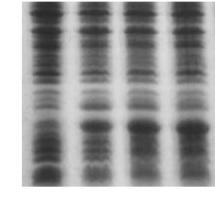


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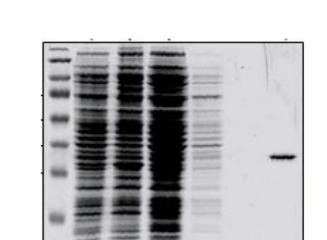
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homologous & heterologous expression



protein purification

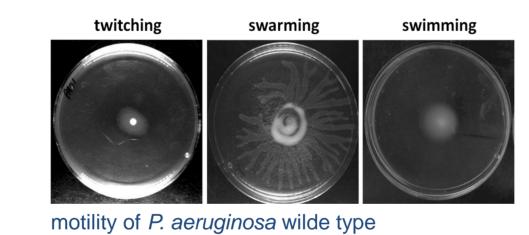




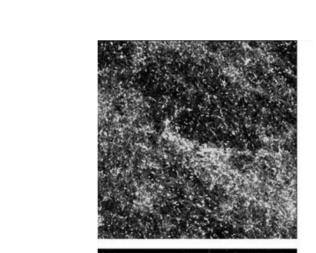
activity assays, biochemical characterization, physiological investigation, structure determination,

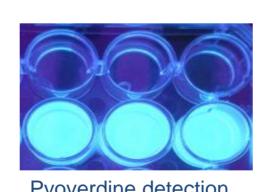
Characterization of virulence factors

Motility assays



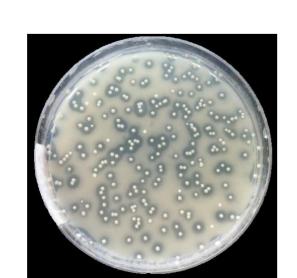
Biofilm formation





Siderophore production

Activity assays



Lipase activity assay

2D gel electrophoresis of *P. aeruginosa*

Proteom investigation

Microarray analysis



DNA microarray of P. aeruginosa

Investigation of Pseudomonas Lectins

Lectins

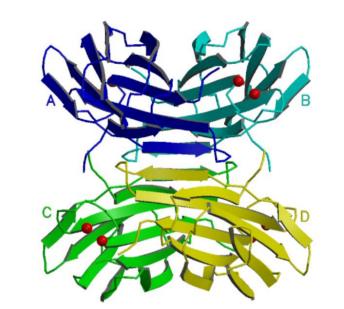
- are sugar-binding proteins
- function as central mediators of information transfer in biological systems
- play an important role in cell-cell interactions
- are secreted by unknown mechanism

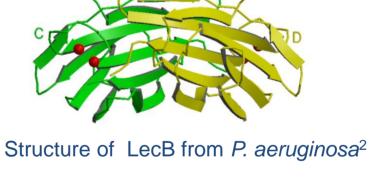
P. aeruginosa LecB

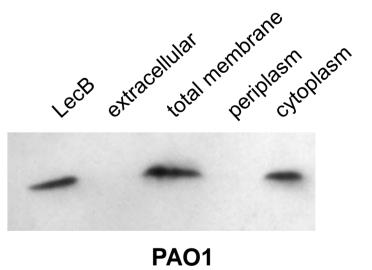
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can agglutinate erythrocytes







Localization of LecB by Western Blot³

