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### 23 Abstract

24 Iron is an essential nutrient for bacterial growth. Thus, iron acquisition pathways have often 25 been considered to be gateways for the uptake of antibiotics into bacteria. Bacteria excrete chelators, called siderophores, to access iron. Antibiotic molecules can be covalently attached 26 to siderophores for their transport into pathogens during the iron-uptake process. P. aeruginosa 27 carries genes for at least 20 different iron-uptake strategies, using various siderophores, within 28 29 its genome. Although it produces the two siderophores pyoverdine and pyochelin, it is also able 30 to use many siderophores produced by other bacteria. We investigated the phenotypic plasticity of iron-uptake pathway expression in an epithelial cell infection assay in the presence of two 31 32 different siderophore-antibiotic conjugates, one with a hydroxamate siderophore and the second 33 with a tris-catechol. Proteomic and RT-qPCR approaches showed that *P. aeruginosa* was able 34 to sense the presence of both compounds in its environment and adapt the expression of its iron 35 uptake pathways to access iron via them. In parallel, expression of the proteins of the pyochelin pathway was significantly repressed, as well as that of proteins of the pyoverdine pathway, but 36 to a lesser extent. Interestingly, the transcription and expression of several virulence factors 37 was also repressed in the presence of both siderophore-antibiotic conjugates. The catechol-type 38 39 siderophore-antibiotic conjugates were clearly more efficient in inducing the expression of their 40 corresponding transporter than the hydroxamate compound when both were simultaneously 41 present in the environment of the pathogen, indicating that catechol-type siderophores are more promising vectors for antibiotic vectorization using a Trojan-horse strategy. 42

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46 Introduction

47 Antibiotic resistance is a complex and growing problem for human health. In 2017, the 48 World Health Organization published a list of highly resistant bacteria for which new 49 antibiotics are urgently needed. The most critical pathogens on this list are Gram-negative 50 bacteria, such as Acinetobacter, Pseudomonas, and various enterobacteria (including 51 Klebsiella, E. coli, Serratia, and Proteus). The bottleneck in the development of new antibiotics 52 for Gram-negative bacteria is the need for these drugs to cross the outer membrane. The use 53 of nutrient-importation pathways as gateways for the uptake of antibiotics has often been proposed to bypass the low permeability of the Gram-negative cell wall (1). 54

55 Iron is a key nutrient, as this metal is involved in many crucial biological processes, and 56 is therefore essential for bacterial growth and virulence. To access iron, bacteria produce 57 siderophores, small molecules with a very high affinity for ferric iron (2). These iron chelators 58 are synthesized by bacteria and released into their environment to scavenge iron. The ferric 59 complexes that are formed are recovered by specific transporters (3). Antibiotics can be covalently linked to siderophores with the idea they will be transported into the pathogens 60 during the ferri-siderophore uptake process – referred to as a Trojan-horse strategy (1, 4, 5). 61 62 One such siderophore-antibiotic conjugate (Cefiderocol), developed by Shionogi, was 63 approved by the US Food and Drug Administration in November 2019 for the treatment of 64 complicated urinary tract infections, showing that Trojan-horse strategies can be successful 65 (6). Moreover, evolution has also developed natural siderophore-antibiotic conjugates (also called sideromycins), demonstrating the relevance of such a strategy. The archetypes among 66 sideromycins are albomycins (7, 8), ferrimycins (9), danomycins (10), and salmycins (11), 67 68 isolated mainly from streptomycetes or actinomycetes and produced to kill other 69 microorganisms and dominate a given microbiota.

70 One major bottleneck limiting the development of siderophore-antibiotic conjugates 71 is that all bacteria are equipped with several iron-uptake pathways. Consequently, bacteria 72 can switch off the expression of the targeted iron uptake pathway and express an alternative 73 one, possibility leading to the rapid development of resistance strategies. For example, P. 74 aeruginosa carries genes within its genome for at least 20 different iron-uptake strategies 75 (12): (i) one ferrous (Fe<sup>2+</sup>) iron uptake pathway, (ii) three heme acquisition pathways, (iii) ferric iron (Fe<sup>3+</sup>) uptake pathways by the two siderophores pyoverdine (PVD) and pyochelin (PCH), 76 77 produced by the pathogen itself, and (iv) at least 10 different "siderophore piracy" strategies to uptake Fe<sup>3+</sup> using exosiderophores (siderophores produced by other bacteria). Indeed, 78 79 most bacteria can use siderophores produced by other bacteria in multispecies communities 80 and during infections by expressing compatible transporters that are able to capture and 81 import ferric complexes they cannot synthesize themselves (13–16). Except for ferrous-iron 82 uptake, bacterial iron-uptake pathways always include an outer membrane transporter (OMT) 83 involved in ferri-siderophore or heme uptake, enzymes involved in iron release from the 84 siderophore or heme, and inner membrane transporters (ABC transporters of protonmotive 85 force-dependent permeases). These proteins, especially the OMTs, are always specific for one 86 siderophore or a family of structurally-related siderophores (3, 17). Consequently, bacteria 87 able to access iron via several siderophores carry genes within their genome that encode an 88 OMT specific for each siderophore (3).

In contrast to the large amount of genomic data generated by bacterial genome sequencing, almost no data are available concerning the phenotypic plasticity associated with the expression of these various iron-uptake pathways. Uptake pathways are considered to be generally expressed at a basal level and pathogens only induce the expression of the most efficient pathway(s) for iron acquisition depending on the bacterial environment (16). It has

94 also been shown that bacteria are often able to sense the presence of exosiderophores and 95 express the corresponding transporters, allowing them to access iron via these 96 exosiderophores (16, 18–22). Bacteria are also able to switch from the expression of one iron-97 uptake pathway to another in response to synthetic iron chelators, as shown for P. aeruginosa 98 cells with an analogue of the siderophore enterobactin (ENT) (23). Recently, we showed by 99 proteomics and RT-qPCR that tris-catechol type siderophores, such as ENT or vibriobactin 100 (VIB), induce the transcription and expression of the genes involved in their corresponding 101 uptake pathways in *P. aeruginosa* more efficiently than tris-hydroxamate siderophores, such 102 as ferrichrome (16). The data also showed that the presence of different iron uptake pathways 103 in the genome of a pathogen involves high phenotypic plasticity in response to diverse 104 environmental stimuli (16). Such phenotypic plasticity plays a key role in the ability of 105 siderophore-antibiotic conjugates to be transported efficiently into the target bacteria. If the 106 right uptake pathway is not expressed, the drugs have no chance of being efficiently 107 transported into the bacteria by their associated siderophore.

108 Here, we investigated, for the first time, the phenotypic adaptation of *P. aeruginosa* to 109 the presence of two different siderophore-antibiotic conjugates in an epithelial cell infection 110 assay using proteomics and RT-qPCR. We used the natural sideromycin albomycin (ALBO) (Fig 111 1A), for which the siderophore component is similar to ferrichrome (FERRI), a siderophore 112 that chelates iron via three hydroxamate groups. For the second conjugate, we used the synthetic compound TCVL6, corresponding to linezolid vectorized by a tris-catechol 113 114 siderophore (TCV) analogue of ENT (Fig 1A). Both compounds have no antibiotic activity on 115 the pathogen at the concentrations used here (25, 26) and could therefore be used as tools 116 to investigate how the bacteria adapts the expression of its various iron-uptake pathways in 117 the presence of such Trojan-horse compounds. We show that both compounds are able to

promote *P. aeruginosa* growth in iron-restricted conditions, ALBO by the FERRI-dependent 118 uptake pathway (Fig 1B) and TCVL6 by the ENT-dependent uptake pathway (Fig 1C). Both 119 120 compounds were able to induce the transcription and expression of the genes encoding 121 proteins involved in their corresponding uptake pathways, indicating that P. aeruginosa PAO1 122 is able to sense the presence of these two compounds and use them to access iron. This 123 occurred in parallel with a decrease in the transcription and expression of the proteins of the 124 endogenous siderophore-dependent iron uptake pathways (PVD and PCH), as well as that of 125 virulence factors. Finally, when bacteria were simultaneously in the presence of both ALBO 126 and TCVL6, the proteins of the ferri-TCVL6 uptake pathway were more highly expressed than 127 those of the ferri-ALBO uptake pathway, indicating that between the two compounds, P. 128 aeruginosa preferentially uses TCVL6 to access iron.

### 130 Results

131 Ability of ALBO and TCVL6 to compete for iron with PVD. The efficient uptake of siderophore-132 antibiotic conjugates into bacteria requires that various conditions be met. Among them, the 133 siderophore moiety must have a high affinity for iron and be able to compete for this metal 134 with other siderophores that may be present in the bacterial environment, such as the 135 siderophores produced by the pathogens themselves. P. aeruginosa produces two siderophores, PVD and PCH, with PVD having a higher affinity for iron than PCH (K<sub>a</sub> of 10<sup>30.8</sup> 136 137 M<sup>-1</sup> for PVD vs 10<sup>18</sup> M<sup>-2</sup> for PCH (27, 28)). Apo PVD also has specific spectral properties, with a 138 characteristic absorbance peak at 400 nm (pH 7.0) and fluorescence emission at 447 nM, 139 whereas its fluorescence is quenched when complexed with iron (27, 29). As we have 140 described previously, these spectral properties can be used to compare the ability of various 141 chelators to scavenge iron (16). Here we used them to monitor the competition between PVD 142 and the compounds FERRI, ALBO, TCV, and TCVL6 for iron (Fig 2). PVD-Fe (non-fluorescent) at 143 10 µM was incubated in the presence of increasing concentrations of apo FERRI, ALBO, TCV, 144 and TCVL6 (Fig 2A). The complete removal of iron from PVD was only observed for the 145 catechol-type compounds (TCV and TCVL6) at concentrations of approximately 20  $\mu$ M (two-146 fold excess compared to PVD-Fe; Fig 2A). Neither FERRI nor ALBO were able to completely 147 remove iron from PVD at the concentrations tested, (70 – 80% of the PVD was still in its ferric form, Fig 2A), indicating that these compounds compete less efficiently for the scavenging of 148 149 iron than catechol-type siderophores or conjugates. We also monitored the kinetics of PVD-150 Fe dissociation by incubating 10 µM PVD-Fe with 100 µM FERRI, ALBO, TCV, or TCVL6 (Fig 2B) 151 and confirmed that catechol-type compounds clearly compete more efficiently for iron with 152 PVD than hydroxamate molecules. These data are consistent with the affinities of these families of siderophores for iron: K<sub>a</sub> of 10<sup>49</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> for ENT(30), an analogue of TCV, 10<sup>29</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> for 153

154 FERRI (31), and 10<sup>30.8</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> for PVD (27). Furthermore, they show that the presence of the
155 antibiotic moiety does not significantly affect the chelation properties of the vector moiety.
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ALBO and TCVL6 both transport iron into P. aeruginosa cells. Previous studies have shown 157 158 that ENT and FERRI are both able to transport Fe into bacteria via the OMT PfeA for ENT and 159 FiuA for FERRI (14, 23, 32). Moreover, previous proteomic and RT-qPCR analyses of P. 160 aeruginosa grown in iron-restricted medium have shown that TCV is also able to enter P. 161 aeruginosa cells via the OMT PfeA, as the presence of this compound induces the expression 162 of PfeA and PfeE, two proteins of the ENT-Fe uptake pathway (23). Such induction involves an 163 interaction with the inner membrane sensor PfeS of the two-component system PfeS/PfeR 164 (18, 23). We used the same approach here. P. aeruginosa PAO1 cells were grown in the 165 presence of TVCL6 and the transcription of *pfeA* and *pfeE* analyzed by RT-qPCR (Fig 3A). We 166 observed induction of the transcription of the *pfeA* and *pfeE* genes in the presence of TCVL6 167 with an efficiency equivalent to that for the vector TCV, without the antibiotic component, 168 and higher efficiency than that for ENT. Such induction of *pfeA* and *pfeE* transcription is a proof 169 that TCVL6 is able to cross the outer membrane of *P. aeruginosa* cells and interact with the 170 two-component system PfeS/PfeR in the periplasm.

171 Nothing has been described in the literature about the ability of ALBO to transport iron 172 into *P. aeruginosa* cells. Consequently, we carried out an <sup>55</sup>Fe uptake assay on iron-starved *P.* 173 *aeruginosa* cells that were unable to produce PVD or PCH ( $\Delta pvdF\Delta pchA$  strain (23)) with ALBO 174 as a siderophore (Fig 3B). The  $\Delta pvdF\Delta pchA$  mutant was used to avoid any iron uptake via the 175 siderophores produced by the bacteria itself. We observed an uptake rate of 150 pmol <sup>55</sup>Fe 176 transported per OD<sub>600 nm</sub> per min, showing that ALBO is able to transport iron into *P.* 177 *aeruginosa* cells. Uptake was completely abolished in the presence of CCCP, a protonmotive

force inhibitor (33), indicating that such uptake is not due to diffusion via porins across the outer membrane but is TonB-dependent. TonB is an inner-membrane protein that spans into the periplasm and provides the energy to the ferri-siderophore OMTs for uptake across the outer membrane (34, 35). The deletion of *fiuA* (FERRI OMT) resulted in 40% inhibition of <sup>55</sup>Fe uptake at 1 h and 15% at 3 h. FoxA has also been described as a OMT for hydroxamate siderophores (14, 32) but its deletion had no effect on <sup>55</sup>Fe accumulation via ALBO. These data show that ferric iron-loaded ALBO uptake occurs via FiuA and at least one other OMT.

185 We evaluated the ability of ALBO and TCVL6 to provide bacteria with iron by also 186 carrying out growth assays on *P. aeruginosa* cells unable to produce PVD or PCH ( $\Delta pvdF\Delta pchA$ 187 strain) in iron-restricted CAA medium, in the presence or absence of 10 µM ENT, TCV, TCVL6, 188 FERRI, or ALBO. The same assays were also carried out with various OMT mutants to identify 189 the transporter involved in such uptake. As these growth assays were carried out using strains 190 unable to produce siderophores, all iron present in the media was scavenged by ENT, TCV, 191 TCVL6, FERRI, or ALBO. Consequently, bacteria only grew if they expressed the OMT necessary 192 to import the ferric forms of these compounds. The  $\Delta pvdF\Delta pchA$  strain grew in the presence 193 of all tested compounds (Fig 4), showing that *P. aeruginosa* is able to access iron by using them 194 as siderophores and that neither ALBO nor TCVL6 had antibiotic activity at the concentrations 195 tested. Growth was still observed in the presence of ENT, TCV, and TCVL6 with the 196  $\Delta pvdF\Delta pchA\Delta pfeA$  and  $\Delta pvdF\Delta pchA\Delta pirA$  mutants, but not  $\Delta pvdF\Delta pchA\Delta pfeA\Delta pirA$  cells, 197 indicating that both PfeA and PirA are involved in iron uptake by these three compounds. Both 198 transporters had to be deleted to stop the bacteria from growing in the presence of the 199 catechol compounds. Concerning FERRI and ALBO, we observed growth for the four strains 200 tested  $\Delta pvdF\Delta pchA$ ,  $\Delta pvdF\Delta pchA\Delta fiuA$ ,  $\Delta pvdF\Delta pchA\Delta foxA$  and  $\Delta pvdF\Delta pchA\Delta foxA\Delta fiuA$  (FoxA 201 being involved in the uptake of the ferri-nocardamine complex, a tris-hydroxamate siderophore (32)), showing that although FiuA is able to transport iron into bacteria (Fig 3B),

at least one other unidentified OMT can perform the same function and it is not FoxA.

In conclusion, ENT, TCV, and TCVL6 are able to transport iron into *P. aeruginosa* cells
via the OMTs PfeA and PirA and FERRI and ALBO by FiuA and another unidentified OMT.

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207 The presence of siderophore-antibiotic conjugates induces the transcription and expression 208 of their corresponding OMTs in P. aeruginosa cells infecting epithelial cells. It is well 209 documented that bacteria are able to sense the presence of exosiderophores in their 210 environment, consequently leading to induction of the transcription and expression of their 211 corresponding OMTs (16, 18–22). We have previously shown that the presence of either TCV 212 or ENT in planktonic cultures of *P. aeruginosa* induces the transcription and expression of the 213 OMT pfeA and the presence of FERRI, the OMT fiuA (16, 23). Proteomic and RT-qPCR 214 approaches have shown that P. aeruginosa is also able to sense the presence of 215 exosiderophores and subsequently adapt its phenotype in even more complex systems, such 216 as an epithelial infection assay (16). We used the same approach here to investigate whether 217 P. aeruginosa PAO1 senses the presence of ALBO and TCVL6 in an epithelial cell infection 218 assay.

219 We first used a proteomic approach to identify the bacterial proteins, especially the 220 OMTs, showing differential expression in the presence of ALBO or TCVL6 (Fig 5) and then RT-221 qPCR to confirm the proteomic results and compare the levels of transcription of the different 222 genes (Fig 6). Epithelial A549 cells were infected with *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 cells grown 223 overnight in LB (conditions under which the iron-uptake pathways are poorly expressed (16)). 224 The bacteria/epithelial cell ratio used resulted in 40 to 50% viability of the cells 10 h after 225 infection, as we previously described in Perraud *et al.*, 2020 (16). Only bacteria associated with

the epithelial cells were harvested for proteomic analysis, after 3 h of infection, when we started to observe apoptosis of the epithelial cells. The sample preparation and proteomic workflow used allowed the identification of 1,300 proteins from *P. aeruginosa* in the presence of a large number of proteins from the epithelial cells.

230 Proteomic and RT-qPCR data (Figs 5 and 6) showed the presence of either TCVL6, TCV, 231 or ENT to strongly induce the expression of PfeA (log<sub>2</sub> fold change of 4.61 for proteomics and 232 4.71 for RT-qPCR for TCVL6). The expression of PfeE (gene number PA2689, esterase 233 hydrolyzing ENT -Fig 1C) was also induced, with a log<sub>2</sub> fold change of 2.60, 2.58 and 0.91 in the 234 proteomic data in the presence of TCVL6, TCV, and ENT. There was also an effect on PirA 235 transcription or expression, by ENT, TCV, and TCVL6 (Figs 3 and 4) with a log<sub>2</sub> fold change of 236 1.83 for TCVL6, 1.70 for TCV and 0.70 for ENT. All three molecules (ENT, TCV, and TCVL6) had 237 a similar effect on the *P. aeruginosa* phenotype, proving that TCVL6 is able to enter the 238 bacterial periplasm, like ENT and TCV, and bind to PfeS, the sensor of the two-component 239 system involved in the regulation of the expression of the ENT-dependent iron-uptake 240 pathway in *P. aeruginosa* cells (18, 23), and showing that the linezolide component linked to TCV does not affect this detection mechanism. 241

242 The presence of ALBO or FERRI induced the expression of FiuA (log<sub>2</sub> fold change of 5.68 for proteomics and 3.03 for RT-qPCR for ALBO) and no other OMT, suggesting that the other 243 244 unidentified OMT that is involved in iron acquisition by ALBO (Figs 3 and 4) must be either 245 expressed constitutively at sufficiently high levels to allow uptake, regardless of the growth 246 conditions, or its expression is induced only if FiuA cannot be expressed. In addition, in the 247 case of ALBO, the antibiotic component linked to FERRI did not interfere with the molecular 248 mechanisms involving the sigma/anti-sigma system Fiul/FiuR (21) and required for the 249 detection of these ferri-hydroxamate compounds by *P. aeruginosa*.

250 The data also show that all five compounds strongly repress the expression of the 251 various proteins of the PCH pathway, such as the OMT FptA (mean log<sub>2</sub> fold change of -3.16 252 for the proteomic data) as well as the enzymes involved in PCH biosynthesis (mean log<sub>2</sub> fold change of -2.92 for all enzymes) (Fig 5B). The expression of the proteins of the PVD pathway 253 254 was more strongly repressed by ALBO than the other compounds tested, with FERRI and 255 TCVL6 having almost no effect on the transcription and expression of these genes (Fig 5B). As 256 most of the proteins in the Fur regulon appeared to also be under-expressed in the presence 257 of ALBO relative to the other compounds tested (S1 Fig), this phenotype is certainly due to 258 low-level iron contamination of ALBO that probably had an impact on the Fur regulon as a 259 whole.

In conclusion, *P. aeruginosa* is able to detect the two siderophore-conjugates used in this study (ALBO and TCVL6) in its growth environment, even in a complex system such as an epithelial infection assay, and clear phenotypic adaption is observed. Both compounds were able to induce the transcription and expression of their corresponding OMT in *P. aeruginosa* cells: FiuA for ALBO and PfeA for TCVL6. The phenotypic adaptation of *P. aeruginosa* in this infection assay also involved repression of the transcription and expression of the proteins of the PCH and PVD pathways.

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Siderophore-antibiotic conjugates also affect the expression of virulence factors. Transcription of the genes of the PVD pathway is regulated by two sigma factors, FpvI and PvdS, the second also regulating the transcription of virulence factors such as exotoxin A (ToxA) (36, 37), a major virulence factor of *P. aeruginosa* and Piv (also called PrpL) endoprotease (38, 39). The alkaline protease AprA is regulated by OxyR and is thus dependent on redox stress, which can be induced by high iron concentrations (40). Thus, we

274 also performed proteomic analysis of the expression of all virulence factors expressed by P. 275 aeruginosa cells during the infection of A549 cells (Fig 7A). However, all secreted virulence 276 factors could not be detected with the protocol used to harvest the *P. aeruginosa* cells after 277 infection. Consequently, we used RT-qPCR to evaluate the infected samples for the 278 transcription of the genes encoding virulence factors for which their transcription is regulated 279 or not by PvdS or OxyR (Fig 7B), as well as several other virulence factors, such as AmrZ, a 280 transcriptional regulator that controls the expression of many genes involved in 281 environmental adaptation (41), PhzA2, a flavin-containing monooxygenase involved in 282 phenazine biosynthesis (42, 43), and, finally, secreted virulence factors such as ExoY, a 283 protease injected into eukaryotic cells by the type III secretion system (44-47) and the LasB 284 elastase (48).

285 Proteomic analyses showed repression of the expression of many virulence factors, 286 mostly in the presence of ALBO, but also FERRI, ENT, and TCV, and, to a lower extent, TCVL6 287 (Fig 7). The lower effect of TCVL6 can be explained by the slightly lower solubility of this 288 compound. Indeed, in some cases, a small amount of precipitate of TCVL6 could be observed. 289 In addition, RT-qPCR showed different transcriptional profiles of the tested virulence factors 290 in the presence of ENT, TCVL6, and ALBO. The presence of ENT mostly repressed the 291 transcription of *aprA* and *toxA*, as the expression of these virulence factors is regulated by 292 PvdS. TCVL6 also repressed the transcription of *aprA* (more strongly than ENT) and *toxA*, as 293 well as the transcription of *piv* and *phzA2*. Finally, ALBO repressed the transcription of *aprA*, 294 exoY, piv, and toxA.

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A tris-catechol conjugate more efficiently induces the transcription of its OMT than a hydroxamate conjugate in P. aeruginosa cells infecting epithelial cells. We have previously

298 shown that *P. aeruginosa* cells infecting epithelial A549 cells increase the transcription and 299 expression of catechol siderophore-dependent iron-uptake pathways, and not those of 300 hydroxamate siderophores, in the presence of a mixture of four different siderophores (16). 301 Here, the infection assay was repeated with a mixture of either TCV and FERRI or TCVL6 and 302 ALBO and analyzed by RT-qPCR (Fig 8). The presence of a mixture of FERRI and TCV in the 303 infection assay strongly induced the transcription of *pfeA* (ENT OMT), with a log<sub>2</sub> fold change 304 of 5; fiuA (FERRI OMT) transcription being almost not induced (Fig 8A). In addition, we 305 observed repression in the range of a 0.95 – 1.8 log<sub>2</sub> fold change for *fptA*, *fpvA*, and *hasR* 306 expression (the OMTs of PCH, PVD, and the HasA hemophore, respectively). In the presence 307 of a mixture of ALBO and TCVL6, only pfeA transcription was strongly induced (log<sub>2</sub> fold change 308 of 5.2), that of *fiuA* almost not at all, and that of *fptA*, *fpvA*, and *hasR* repressed, with a of 0.5 309  $-0.9 \log_2$  fold change. As the various genes involved in iron acquisition by a given siderophore 310 are always in an operon, a change in the transcription and expression of the gene encoding an 311 OMT implies a similar change for the transcription and expression of the other genes present 312 in the operon.

313 In conclusion, the data show that conjugates with a catechol-type siderophore moiety 314 have more chances to induce their corresponding OMT and consequently their corresponding 315 uptake pathway than hydroxamate vectors.

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317 Long-term effect of TCVL6 compounds on P. aeruginosa cells. A recurrent question in the field 318 of siderophore-antibiotic conjugates is how long bacteria can be treated with such compounds 319 before resistance appears. This issue is complex because resistance can appear at different 320 levels. Here, we investigated how long P. aeruginosa retains a phenotype that allows the 321 uptake of iron via TCV without switching to the expression of another phenotype. This assay

could not be carried out for TCVL6 and ALBO because of problems of availability of these
 compounds in larger amounts. TCV is a vector that can chelate iron (Fig 2) and transport it into
 *P. aeruginosa* cells (23).

We followed the expression of the ENT-dependent uptake pathway in P. aeruginosa 325 326 cells induced by the presence of 10  $\mu$ M ENT or TCV for 11 days of culture using a strain that 327 expresses a fluorescently tagged PfeE (mcherrypfeE (49)). The mcherrypfeE strain expresses 328 mCherry tagged PfeE, with the fluorescent tag inserted in the chromosome at the C-terminus 329 of the protein to maintain expression levels close to those of the wildtype strain (49). Each 330 day, mcherrypfeE cells were harvested and resuspended in new CAA medium (iron restricted 331 medium) in the presence of either ENT or TCV. Bacterial growth was followed in parallel with 332 the emission of mCherry fluorescence (emission at 610 nm with excitation at 570 nm). 333 Fluorescence due to mCherry increased in the presence of both ENT and TCV, with exactly the 334 same intensity for both compounds during the 11 days of culture (Fig 9), indicating that PfeE, 335 and consequently PfeA, proteins of the ENT-dependent iron uptake pathway, are expressed 336 at same level in the presence of ENT and TCV. During the 11 days, the phenotype of the P. 337 aeruginosa cells, in terms of the expression of the ENT-dependent iron uptake pathway, 338 remained the same.

340 Discussion

341 Introducing antibiotics into Gram negative bacteria, such as P. aeruginosa, via a Trojan-342 horse strategy using siderophores as vectors is a promising approach. However there are still 343 several bottlenecks in its development. The high antibiotic activity of natural sideromycins 344 clearly shows that the strategy works and the fact that cefiderocol has been approved by the 345 FDA for use in the treatment of urinary infections is a sign that antibiotic vectorization by 346 siderophores should be explored further by pharmaceutical companies. However, developing 347 such compounds requires extensive knowledge of the molecular mechanisms and regulatory 348 network involved in bacterial siderophore-dependent iron acquisition. Most bacteria carry 349 genes encoding several iron uptake pathways in their genome, allowing very high phenotypic 350 plasticity, depending on the presence or not of exosiderophores or sideromycins. Such 351 phenotypic plasticity of *P. aeruginosa* has been investigated in various growth media and in 352 the presence of several exosiderophores (16). The data show that if siderophores produced 353 by other bacteria (exosiderophores) are present, bacteria induce the expression of the uptake 354 pathway corresponding to the exosiderophore(s) (corresponding OMT and enzymes 355 necessary to release the iron from the siderophore) and, in parallel, repress those 356 corresponding to the endogenous siderophores (16).

Here, we show that this also occurs in the presence of the two siderophore-antibiotic conjugates ALBO and TCVL6 in a complex system (an epithelial cell infection assay) with rapid kinetics (3-h infection with the bacteria having been previously grown in iron-rich media). Both compounds have no antibiotic activities on *P. aeruginosa* on the concentrations used. The bacteria sense the presence of both conjugates in their environment and adapt their phenotypes to access iron *via* the sideromycins that are present. This occurs via auto-loop regulating systems: the two-component system PfeS/PfeR for TCVL6 and the sigma and anti-

sigma factors Fiul/FiuR for ALBO. Comparison of the transcription induction levels between FERRI and ALBO and between TCV and TCVL6 for their corresponding OMTs shows that the presence of the antibiotic group on each sideromycin had no inhibitory effect on the regulatory mechanism: the presence of the conjugates was sensed by *P. aeruginosa* with the same efficiency as the vector or corresponding siderophore alone.

369 Such induction of FiuA and PfeA expression occurred in parallel with a decrease in the 370 transcription and expression of (i) the proteins involved in PVD and PCH biosynthesis and ferri-371 PVD and ferri-PCH uptake and (ii) several virulence factors, especially those regulated by PvdS, 372 the sigma factor that regulates the transcription of the genes involved in PVD production. 373 When the bacteria are transferred from LB medium to the infection assay (A459 cells in RIPM 374 medium) in the presence of ALBO and TCVL6, the bacteria prefer to induce the expression of 375 FERRI and ENT uptake pathways and much less those of their own siderophores PVD and PCH. 376 Moreover, the phenotypic effect induced by the presence of the siderophore-conjugates was 377 not only limited to the expression or not of the iron uptake pathways but also that of virulence 378 factors, as their transcription and expression are tightly interconnected. The ability of 379 siderophore-conjugates to repress the transcription and expression of virulence factors is 380 clearly an asset that has to also be considered in such a Trojan-horse strategy using 381 siderophores as vectors.

When the infection assay was carried out in the simultaneous presence of both sideromycins, ALBO and TCVL6 (present in equivalent amounts), the catechol-type vector was clearly more efficient in inducing the expression of its corresponding transporters, PfeA, than that for ferrichrome, because of its strong affinity for iron. Catechol-type compounds are clearly more efficient in competing for iron with PVD than hydroxamate molecules (Fig 2), consistent with the affinities of such families of siderophores for iron: K<sub>a</sub> of 10<sup>49</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> for ENT

(30), 10<sup>29</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> for FERRI (31), and 10<sup>30.8</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> for PVD (27). Because of their higher affinity for
iron, tris-catecholate vectors scavenge iron more efficiently in the bacterial environment than
hydroxamate compounds (Fig. 2) and consequently have a higher chance to induce the
transcription of their corresponding uptake pathways in the bacteria via the auto-loop
regulating systems.

393 In conclusion, the ability of siderophore-conjugates to be detected by the pathogen in 394 its growth environment, even in a complex system, such as an epithelial infection assay, is a 395 great advantage in Trojan-horse strategies, because it ensures the expression of the needed 396 uptake pathway and suggests that such induction should occur as well in the host during an 397 infection. Moreover, the data show that conjugates with a catechol-type siderophore moiety 398 have a greater chance to induce their corresponding OMT, and consequently their 399 corresponding uptake pathway, than hydroxamate vectors and are potentially more efficient 400 Trojan-horse vectors.

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### 403 Materials and Methods

404 Chemicals. Enterobactin (ENT) and ferrichrome (FERRI) were purchase from Sigma-405 Aldrich. Albomycin  $\delta^2$  (ALBO) was purchased from EMC Microcollection. Pyoverdine (PVD) 406 was purified from *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 culture supernatants as previously described (50). TCV 407 was synthesized according to previously published protocol (51) and TCVL6 was synthesized 408 as described in Supporting information. The protonophore CCCP (carbonyl cyanide mchlorophenylhydrazone) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. <sup>55</sup>FeCl<sub>3</sub> was obtained from Perkin 409 410 Elmer Life and Analytical Sciences (Billerica, MA, USA), at a concentration of 71.1 mM, with a 411 specific activity of 10.18 Ci/g. RPMI was purchased from Thermo-Fisher.

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413 **Bacterial strains, plasmids and growth conditions.** The *P. aeruginosa* strains used in 414 this study are all listed in 1SM Table in Supporting information. *P. aeruginosa* strains were 415 grown at 30°C in LB broth. When *P. aeruginosa* strains were grown in iron-restricted 416 conditions, CAA medium was used (casamino acid medium, composition: 5 g L<sup>-1</sup> low-iron CAA 417 (Difco), 1.46 g L<sup>-1</sup> K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> 3H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.25 g L<sup>-1</sup> MgSO<sub>4</sub> 7H<sub>2</sub>O).

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419 Iron scavenging from PVD-Fe. Compounds were prepared in solution at 10 mM in 420 DMSO (TCV and TCVL6) or water (FERRI, ALBO and PVD). The competition assay with PVD-Fe 421 was carried out as described previously (16). PVD-Fe is prepared in solution at 10  $\mu$ M in 100 422 µL of 100 mM HEPES buffer pH 7.4, and incubated at 25 °C in the presence of increasing 423 concentrations of the tested molecules for 48 h. The fluorescence at 447 nm corresponding 424 to formed apo PVD was monitored (excitation at 400 nm) in a TECAN Infinite M200 plate 425 reader. For the kinetic of iron scavenging from PVD-Fe, PVD-Fe at 10 µM in 100 µL of HEPES 426 buffer was incubated at 25 °C in the presence of 100 µM FERRI, ALBO, ENT or TCVL6. The

fluorescence was monitored in function of time during 1 h in a TECAN Infinite M200 platereader.

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430 Growth assays in iron-restricted conditions. P. aeruginosa strains were first grown 431 overnight at 30°C in LB broth and were then washed, resuspended and cultured overnight at 432 30°C in CAA medium. Afterwards, bacteria were washed, resuspended in CAA medium at 0.02 433 OD at 600 nm and distributed in the wells of a 96-well plate (Greiner, U-bottomed microplate) 434 in the absence or presence of 10  $\mu$ M of FERRI, ALBO, ENT, TCV or TCVL6. The plate was 435 incubated at 30 °C, with shaking, in a Tecan microplate reader (Infinite M200, Tecan) and 436 bacterial growth was monitored at OD<sub>600 nm</sub>. We calculated the mean of three replicates for 437 each measurement.

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Iron uptake. ALBO-55Fe complexes were prepared at 55Fe concentrations of 50 µM, 439 440 with a ALBO:iron (mol:mol) ratio of 20:1. P. aeruginosa strains were first grown overnight at 441 30°C in LB broth and were then washed, resuspended and cultured overnight at 30°C in CAA 442 medium. Afterwards, bacteria were washed and again grown in CAA medium in the presence 443 of 10 µM of ALBO in order to induce the expression of the corresponding iron uptake pathways. The bacteria were then used for <sup>55</sup>Fe uptake kinetics as described previously (23). 444 445 The experiments were repeated with cells pretreated with 200 µM CCCP. This compound 446 inhibits the protonmotive force across the bacterial cell membrane, thereby inhibiting TonB-447 dependent iron uptake (33).

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449 *Infection assay.* A549 (ATCC<sup>®</sup> CCL-185<sup>™</sup>) human pulmonary epithelial cells were
 450 routinely cultivated at 37 °C, 5 % CO<sub>2</sub> in RPMI 1640 medium (Gibco) supplemented with 10 %

vol/vol FBS (Gibco) and passaged every 3 to 4 days as described previously (16). A549 cell
viability was estimated using the Real Time-Glo<sup>™</sup> MT cell viability assay kit (Promega<sup>™</sup>) as we
described previously for equivalent infection conditions using *P. aeruginosa* (16).

A549 cells infections were also carried out as we described previously (16). The 454 epithelial cells were seeded at a density of 1 x 10<sup>6</sup> cell per plate in 10 cm tissue culture dishes 455 456 (Corning), one day before infection with P. aeruginosa PAO1 cells. P. aeruginosa was grown 457 overnight in LB medium at 30°C under shaking, before being diluted to an OD<sub>600 nm</sub> of 0.1 and 458 incubated for 2 h 30, until the OD<sub>600 nm</sub> of the suspension reached 0.4 to 0.6 indicating that 459 bacteria are in exponential phase of growth. A549 cells were infected with a volume of this P. 460 *aeruginosa* suspension equivalent to 50 x 10<sup>6</sup> CFU (multiplicity of infection of 50). FERRI, ALBO, 461 ENT, TCV or TCVL6 were added to the A549 cells at the same moment as *P. aeruginosa* cells. 462 The infection was allowed to carry on for 3 h at 37°C, 5 % CO<sub>2</sub>. Afterwards, the plates were 463 washed with cold PBS 1X buffer and the A549 cells and bacteria still adhering to the bottom 464 of the plate harvested with a cell scraper. A549 cell and bacteria were then harvested by 465 centrifugation and the dry pellet was re-suspended in one volume of PBS 1X buffer and stored 466 at -80°C for proteomic analyses. For RT-qPCR analyses two volumes of RNAprotect Bacteria 467 Reagent (Qiagen) were added before centrifugation and storage at -80°C overnight.

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469 *Quantitative real-time PCR on bacteria infecting epithelial cells.* A549 cells were 470 infected as described above. These analyses were carried out as previously described by our 471 team (16). Samples were prepared as described above. On the day following sample 472 preparation, lysis of the sample was carried out using Tris-EDTA pH 8 buffer containing 15 473 mg.mL<sup>-1</sup> lyzozyme, the lysates were homogenized using the QIAshredder kit (Qiagen) and RNA 474 was extracted using RNeasy Mini kit (Qiagen). Genomic DNA digestion was performed with

475 DNase (RNase-Free DNase Set, Qiagen) and purified with a RNeasy Mini Elute cleanup kit 476 (Qiagen). In order to assess for homogeneity of the amount of A549 cell RNA present in each sample, a quantification of GAPDH was used as a control. 1 µg of total RNA was then reverse-477 478 transcribed with a High-Capacity RNA-to-cDNA Kit, in accordance with the manufacturer's 479 instructions (Applied Biosystems). The amounts of specific cDNAs were assessed in a StepOne 480 Plus instrument (Applied Biosystems) with Power Sybr Green PCR Master Mix (Applied 481 Biosystems) and the appropriate primers (Table 2SM), with the uvrD mRNA used as an internal 482 control. The transcript levels for a given gene in a given strain were normalized with respect 483 to those for uvrD and are expressed as a base two logarithm of the ratio (fold-change) relative 484 to the reference conditions.

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486 Label-free proteomic analysis on bacteria infecting epithelial cells. A549 cells were 487 infected as described above. The pellets of A549 cells and bacteria (five independent biological 488 replicates) in PBS were diluted in Laemmli buffer before undergoing lysis as previously 489 described (16). Proteins in lysate were cast into a 7.5 % acrylamide tube-gel as described (52) 490 and digested with a 1:25 enzyme /protein ratio for 14h at 37°C. The resulting peptides were 491 submitted to nanoLC-MS/MS analyses (750 ng injected) on a nanoACQUITY Ultra-492 Performance-LC systems hyphenated to a Q-Exactive Plus mass spectrometer as previously 493 described (16).

The raw data obtained were converted into ".mfg" files with MSConvert software (ProteomeWizard, version 3.0.6090). Peaks were assigned with Mascot (Matrix Science, version 2.6.2) against an in-house database containing human entries from SwissProt database (17 March 2017, 20194 entries) and *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 entries from UniProtKB database (17 March 2017, 5677 entries). Common contaminant proteins such as human

499 keratins and trypsin were added to the database and concatenated with the reverse copies of 500 all sequences. Trypsin was selected as enzyme, one missed cleavage was allowed. Database 501 searches parameters in Mascot search engine and generated PSM validation were performed 502 as previously described (16). For quantification purpose, the ".raw" files were converted into 503 ".mzDB" files with MS Angel software (version 1.6.2). XIC quantification was performed in 504 Proline software (53) using 5 ppm as m/z tolerance for the peptides abundance extraction. 505 Loess smoothing was performed for the LC-MS runs alignments. Cross assignments of peptide 506 ions were performed using 5 ppm as m/z tolerance and 60 s as retention time tolerance. Only proteins identified with at least one unique peptide were considered and only specific 507 508 peptides were kept for the sum of protein abundances. The contaminants were excluded from 509 the protein list prior to statistical analysis.

510 Experimental design and Statistical Rationale: Statistical analysis was performed using 511 the ProStaR software (version 1.16.6) (54). Proteins identified in at least 4 replicates per 512 condition were considered, normalization was performed using median quantile centering 513 mode for all conditions. Imputation was performed at the protein level SLSA mode for partial 514 observed values per condition and DetQuantile (2.5 %, factor 1) mode for values missing in 515 entire condition. Welch's T-test was used to identify statistically differentially expressed 516 proteins between two conditions. For each comparison, the p-value calibration was 517 performed using the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure. Proteins with p-value below 0.001 were 518 considered as differentially expressed, corresponding to a FDR between 1-5 %. Following 519 values were obtained: 2.35% FDR for ENT, 2.26 % FDR for TCV, 7.33 % FDR for TCVL6, 0.72 % 520 FDR for ALBO and 4.24% for FERRI.

521 The MS data were deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE 522 partner repository (55) with the PXD020378. Reviewer account details: **Usernam:** 523 reviewer98509@ebi.ac.uk **Password:**.3IVkMvDs.

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525 Growth and quantification of mCHERRY fluorescence intensity. P. aeruginosa PAO1 526 strain were first grown overnight at 30°C in LB broth and were then washed, resuspended and 527 cultured overnight at 30°C in iron-deficient CAA medium. Afterwards, bacteria were washed 528 and again grown in CAA medium in 96-well plate (Greiner, U-bottomed microplate) in the 529 presence or absence of 10 µM of ENT or TCV. The plate was incubated at 30 °C, with shaking, in a Tecan microplate reader (Infinite M200, Tecan) for measurements of OD<sub>600 nm</sub> and 530 531 mCherry (excitation/emission wavelengths: 570 nm/610 nm) fluorescence, at 30 min 532 intervals, for 11 days. Every 24 h, the bacteria were centrifuged and resuspended in new CAA 533 media with or without 10  $\mu$ M ENT or TCV. We calculated the mean of three replicates for each 534 measurement.

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728 Fig 1. A. Structure of ferrichrome (FERRI), albomycin (ALBO), enterobactin (ENT), tris-729 catechol vector (TCV), and tris-catechol-linezolid vector (TCVL6). B and C. ENT- and FERRI-730 dependent iron-uptake pathways in *P. aeruginosa*, respectively. FERRI and ENT loaded with iron are recognized at the bacterial surface by the OMTs FiuA and PfeA, respectively, and 731 transported across the outer membrane. Iron release from ENT occurs in the bacterial 732 733 periplasm and involves hydrolysis of the siderophore by the esterase PfeE and an iron-734 reduction step by a non-identified reductase. ENT-Fe does not enter the bacterial cytoplasm 735 in *P. aeruginosa* cells. Concerning FERRI-Fe, once in the bacterial periplasm, the complex is 736 transported further across the inner membrane by the protonmotive-dependent permease 737 FiuB and iron is released from FERRI in the bacterial cytoplasm by a mechanism involving acetylation of the siderophore by FiuC and iron reduction by an unknown reductase (14). 738





742 Fig 2. A. Ability of FERRI, ALBO, TCV, and TCVL6 to scavenge iron from PVD-Fe complexes. Ten micromoles of PVD-Fe in 100 mM HEPES pH 7.4 was incubated with increasing 743 744 concentrations of FERRI, ALBO, TCV, or TCVL6 for 48 h (until equilibrium was reached), as 745 described previously (16). Metal-free PVD is fluorescent, with absorbance typically at 447 nm, 746 and PVD-Fe is not (27, 29). Apo PVD formation was thus followed by monitoring its fluorescent 747 at 447 nm (excitation at 400 nm). The data were normalized using the formula (F<sub>MEASURED</sub> -748 F<sub>PVD-Fe</sub>)/(F<sub>PVD</sub> – F<sub>PVD-Fe</sub>), F<sub>MEASURED</sub> being the fluorescence measured for each experimental 749 condition,  $F_{PVD-Fe}$  the fluorescence of 10  $\mu$ M PVD-Fe, and  $F_{PVD}$  the fluorescence of 10  $\mu$ M PVD. 750 B. Kinetics of PVD-Fe dissociation in the presence of FERRI, ALBO, TCV, or TCVL6. Ten 751 micromoles of PVD-Fe in 100 mM HEPES buffer pH 7.4 was incubated with 100 µM FERRI, 752 ALBO, TCV, or TCVL6, as described in Materials and Methods. The kinetics of apo PVD 753 formation were followed by monitoring the fluorescence emission at 447 nm (excitation at 754 400 nm), as previously described (16).

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**Fig 3. A. Analysis of changes in the transcription of the** *pfeA* **and** *pfeE* **genes.** RT-qPCR was performed on RNA from *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 cells grown in CAA medium, with or without supplementation with 10  $\mu$ M ENT, TCV, or TCVL6 conjugate. The data are normalized relative to the reference gene *uvrD* and are representative of three independent experiments performed in triplicate (*n* =3 ). *pfeA* encodes the OMT of ENT and *pfeE* the esterase involved in ENT hydrolysis.

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B. <sup>55</sup>Fe uptake in P. aeruginosa strains using ALBO as a siderophore. ΔpvdFΔpchA and
ΔpvdFΔpchAΔfiuA cells grown in iron-restricted CAA medium, in the presence of 10 µM ALBO
to induce any needed OMT, were incubated with 500 nM ALBO-<sup>55</sup>Fe and the kinetics of <sup>55</sup>Fe
uptake measured as previously described (23). As a control, the experiment was repeated in
the presence of 200 µM CCCP protonophore for ΔpvdFΔpchA cells. Errors bars were calculated
from three independent biological replicates.
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Fig 4. Bacterial growth in the presence of FERRI, ALBO, ENT, TCV, or TCVL6. Various strains  $(\Delta pvdF\Delta pchA \text{ and its corresponding } pfeA, pirA, fiuA \text{ and } foxA \text{ deletion mutants})$  were grown in iron-restricted CAA medium, with or without 10 µM FERRI, ALBO, ENT, TCV, or TCVL6, at 37°C. The growth curves are the mean of three independent biological triplicates.





											FptA
											PchA
											PchB
											PchC
											PchD
FERRI		ALBO		ENT		TCV		TCVL6			PchE
0.13	ns		nd		nd		nd		nd		PchF
-0.42	ns	0.71	ns	-0.80	ns	2.15	***	1.82	***		PchG
1.32	ns		nd		nd		nd		nd		PchH
5.36	***	5.68	***		nd		nd		nd		Pchl
-0.99	ns		nd		nd		nd		nd		PchR
-2.46	***	-5.50	***	-4.09	***	-2.70	***	-1.07	*		
-0.71	***	-2.45	***	-1.19	***	-0.84	***	0.05	ns		
0.13	ns	-5.45	***	0.06	ns	-0.03	ns	-0.39	ns		
-0.13	ns	0.09	ns	-3.19	***	-1.22	*	-0.85	ns		
-0.59	**	-1.44	***	-0.81	ns	-1.56	**	-1.96	*		
0.07	ns		nd	-0.56	*	0.14	ns	0.41	ns		FpvA
-0.59	ns		nd		nd		nd		nd		FpvC
-0.82	ns		nd		nd		nd		nd		FpvF
0.18	ns	-1.64	*	0.33	ns	-0.37	ns	-0.22	ns		FpvH
0.02	ns	-1.47	***	-0.16	ns	0.37	ns	0.15	ns		FpvK
0.06	ns	-1.80	**	0.26	ns	-0.07	ns	-0.84	ns		OpmQ
0.17	ns	0.92	***	0.71	*	1.36	***	0.23	ns		PvdA

-1.55 \*\*\*

-3.00 \*\*\*

-1.75 ns

-2.50

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\* 0.70 \*

0.04

3.44

-0.37 \*

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ns 0.36

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	FERRI		ALBO		ENT		TCV		TCVL6	
FptA	-2.46	***	-5.50	***	-4.09	***	-2.70	***	-1.07	*
PchA	-2.63	***	-3.67	***	-3.80	***	-3.12	***	-1.02	***
PchB	-2.99	***	-5.06	***	-5.10	***	-3.49	***	-1.31	*
PchC	-2.36	***	-4.08	***	-3.22	***	-2.10	***	-0.96	*
PchD	-2.84	***	-5.26	***	-4.47	**	-2.73	***	-1.07	*
PchE	-3.14	***	-5.50	**	-4.88	***	-3.11	***	-1.17	**
PchF	-2.60	***	-2.35	***	-4.00	***	-2.74	***	-1.01	***
PchG	-3.66	**	-5.86	***	-2.80	***	-2.54	***	-1.10	**
PchH	-2.90	***	-2.20	**	-5.73	**	-4.03	**	-1.10	***
Pchl	-5.33	***	-1.38	***	-5.56	***	-4.53	**	-1.07	**
PchR	0.17	ns	-4.39	***	0.45	*	0.35	*	0.36	*

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	FERRI ALBO		ENT		TCV		TCVL6			
FpvA	-0.71	***	-2.45	***	-1.19	***	-0.84	***	0.05	ns
FpvC	-0.41	ns	-2.09	**	-1.67	**	-0.99	*	-0.54	ns
FpvF	-0.52	***	-2.32	***	-1.24	***	-0.83	**	-0.35	ns
FpvH	-0.66	ns	-0.66	ns		nd		nd		nd
FpvK	-0.32	ns	-0.32	ns		nd		nd		nd
OpmQ	-0.42	*	-1.81	**	-1.30	***	-1.08	***	-0.19	ns
PvdA	-0.52	***	-3.68	***	-1.35	***	-1.28	***	-0.42	*
PvdD	-0.51	***	-2.99	***	-1.34	***	-1.31	***	-0.36	ns
PvdE	-0.51	**	-3.93	***	-1.48	***	-1.21	***	-0.50	ns
PvdF	-0.46	*	-3.12	***	-1.24	***	-0.84	**	-0.16	ns
PvdH	-0.53	***	-4.90	***	-1.74	***	-1.65	***	-0.63	**
PvdJ	-0.53	***	-2.92	***	-1.33	***	-1.14	***	-0.30	ns
PvdJ	-0.44	***	-2.52	***	-1.19	***	-1.20	***	-0.32	ns
PvdL	-0.57	***	-3.41	***	-1.49	***	-1.36	***	-0.43	*
PvdN	-0.52	***	-3.82	***	-1.32	***	-1.15	***	-0.35	ns
PvdO	-0.39	ns	-4.58	***	-1.22	**	-0.95	**	-0.04	ns
PvdP	-0.52	***	-5.44	***	-1.44	***	-1.30	***	-0.83	ns
PvdQ	-0.52	***	-3.04	**	-1.30	***	-1.05	***	-0.31	ns
PvdR	-0.42	**	-2.78	***	-1.17	**	-1.80	**	-0.41	ns

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PA4156 FecA FemA FiuA FoxA FptA FpvA FpvB HasR OprC PA0151 PA0434 PA0781 PA1302 PA1365 PA3268 PiuA

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PfeA

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PirA

-0.06 ns

-0.19

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-0.16 ns

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779 Fig 5. Analysis of changes in the expression of proteins involved in iron-uptake pathways in 780 P. aeruginosa cells during A549 epithelial cell infection, in the presence or absence of ALBO, 781 TCVL6, FERRI, ENT or TCV. A-B. Proteomic analyses were performed on *P. aeruginosa* PAO1

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-0.12 ns

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-0.32 ns

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cells after a 3-h infection of A549 epithelial cells in RPMI medium, in the presence or absence of 10  $\mu$ M ALBO or TCVL6. Median values measured in the infection assay supplemented with either 10  $\mu$ M ALBO or TCVL6 were plotted against those measured in the infection assay in the absence of supplementation with siderophore-antibiotic compounds. The median values represent the median of the relative intensity of each protein normalized against all proteins detected by shotgun analysis (n = 5).

C-E. Heat maps of various proteins involved in the PVD (E) and PCH (D) pathways and of OMTs (C): the darker the shade of green, the higher the induced expression of the protein. Only the proteins for which a change in the level of expression was observed are shown. The nd note indicates that the protein hasn't been identified, ns indicates that the p-value is higher than 0.05; the \*, \*\* and \*\*\* symbols indicates a p-value lower than 0.05, 0.01 and 0.001 respectively. All siderophore or siderophore-antibiotic compounds were added at 10 μm.

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Fig 6. Analysis of changes in the transcription of genes involved in iron-uptake pathways in P. aeruginosa cells during A549 epithelial cell infection, in the presence or absence of FERRI, ALBO, ENT, TCV, or TCVL6. RT-qPCR analyses were performed, similar to the proteomic analyses, on P. aeruginosa PAO1 cells after a 3-h infection of A549 epithelial cells in RPMI medium, in the presence of absence of 10 µM FERRI, ALBO, ENT, TCV, or TCVL6. The data were normalized relative to the reference gene uvrD and are representative of three independent experiments, each performed in triplicate (n = 3). Results are given as the ratio between the values obtained in the presence of the siderophores or conjugates over those obtained in their absence. fecA encodes the OMT of ferri-citrate, feoA, the ferrous transporter, and fiuA, the OMT of FERRI, foxA, that of ferrioxamine B, fptA, that of PCH, fpvA, that of PVD, hasR and

*phuR, that* of heme, *pfeA* and *pirA, that* of ENT and *piuA,* that of an unknown siderophore.

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AlgC	-0.3	ns	-0.347	**	-0.165	ns	-0.75	ns	-0.256	ns
AlgP	-0.24	*	-0.84	ns	-0.14	ns	-0.147	ns	-0.154	ns
AlgQ		nd		nd	-0.439	**	-0.271	*	-0.122	ns
ChpA	-0.175	ns	-0.636	*	-0.191	ns	0.1	ns	-0.71	ns
CsrA	0.136	ns	0.376	*		nd		nd		nd
ExoS	-0.161	ns	-1.564	*	-0.56	**	-0.254	ns	0.12	ns
ExoT	-0.116	ns	-1.743	**	-0.145	ns	0.178	ns	0.9	ns
ExsA	-0.62	*	-3.59	***	-1.219	*	-0.455	ns	-0.373	ns
ExsD	-0.431	***	-2.217	***	-0.661	*	-0.416	***	-0.27	*
FabV	0.23	ns	0.276	**	0.429	***	0.26	**	-0.54	ns
FleQ	-0.32	ns	0.291	**	0.69	ns	0.12	ns	-0.63	ns
FliC	0.285	ns	-0.253	*	0.268	*	0.27	ns	-0.134	ns
FliF	-0.268	*		nd		nd		nd		nd
FliM	0.33	*	0.235	ns	0.92	ns	0.15	ns	0.84	ns
FliS	0.387	*	-1.758	*	0.169	ns	-0.152	ns	-0.245	ns
Fur	0.51	ns	0.118	*	-0.113	ns	-0.54	ns	0.119	ns
GalU	-0.4	ns	-0.217	*	-0.812	ns	0.51	ns	0.67	ns
Gpml	-0.115	ns	-0.522	**	-0.566	ns	-0.296	ns	-0.688	ns
Hcp1	0.231	ns	0.8	ns	-0.839	**	-0.198	ns	-0.37	*
HtpG	-0.228	*	-0.525	***	-0.283	ns	-0.153	ns	-0.525	ns
LasR	-0.59	ns	-0.726	***	-0.635	ns	-0.515	ns	-0.27	ns
Lon	-0.3	ns	-0.24	*	-0.182	*	-0.91	ns	-0.126	ns
MucA		nd		nd	-1.131	ns	-1.26	*	-0.611	ns
MucB		nd	1.96	*		nd		nd		nd
MucD	-0.214	ns	-0.713	***	-0.665	ns	-0.76	ns	-0.69	ns
NuoC	0.44	ns	0.656	*	0.598	*	0.32	ns	-0.518	ns
OpgG	-0.11	ns	-0.334	*	0.31	ns	-0.96	ns	-0.593	ns
OxyR	-0.229	ns	0.119	ns	0.215	*	-0.9	ns	-0.43	ns
PA0084	0.344	*		nd		nd		nd		nd
PA0151	0.73	ns		nd	-0.565	*	0.137	ns	0.415	ns
PA0423	-0.253	ns	-2.278	**	-1.252	**	-1.159	**	-0.861	ns
PA2393	-0.56	***	-2.41	**	-1.231	***	-1.393	***	-0.39	**
PA2462	0.55	ns	1.288	*		nd		nd		nd
PA2634	-0.344	**	-1.41	***	-0.791	**	-0.44	**	-0.187	ns
PA3649	0.16	ns	-0.661	*		nd		nd		nd
PA4491	-0.11	ns	-0.12	ns	-1.237	*	-0.487	ns	-0.453	*
PA5312	-0.46	ns	0.43	ns	-0.363	ns	-0.332	**	-0.645	ns
PA5441	-0.2	ns	-0.321	**	0.2	ns	-0.177	ns	-0.594	ns
PcrH	-0.218	**	-1.263	***	-0.362	*	-0.37	ns	0.14	ns
PcrV	0.117	ns	-1.833	***	-0.245	ns	-0.26	ns	-0.733	*
Pgk	-0.1	ns	0.42	ns	0.137	ns	0.25	*	-0.291	ns
PilE		nd		nd	-0.582	***	-0.292	ns	-0.21	ns
PilF	-0.172	*	-0.137	ns	0.19	ns	-0.51	ns	-0.99	ns
PilO	-0.149	*	-0.436	*	-0.811	*	-1.78	*	-1.246	*
PilQ	-0.57	ns	-0.337	***	-0.362	*	-0.184	ns	-0.412	ns
PilU	0.319	*	0.425	ns	-0.384	ns	-0.129	ns	0.53	ns
PopB	-0.452	ns	-4.67	***	-0.781	**	0.46	ns	0.552	ns
PopD	-0.27	*	-3.461	***	-0.38	ns	0.487	ns	0.31	ns
PopN	-0.373	ns	-4.197	***	-0.89	ns	-0.799	ns	-0.524	ns
PscB	0.352	ns	-0.983	*	-1.171	***	-0.196	ns	-0.83	ns
PscC	-0.896	ns	-2.793	***		nd		nd		nd
PscD	-0.194	ns	-3.449	***		nd		nd		nd
PscE		nd	-3.967	***		nd		nd		nd
PscF	-0.536	**	-4.47	***	-1.516	*	-0.583	*	-0.641	*
PscJ	-0.512	*	-2.99	***	-0.688	*	-0.373	ns	-0.48	ns
PurD	0.157	ns	0.144	ns	0.224	*	0.125	ns	-0.3	ns
TssC1		nd	0.126	ns	-0.512	*	-0.291	ns	-0.68	*
TssK1		nd	-0.278	ns	-0.462	*	-0.23	ns	-0.13	ns
ТурА	0.7	ns	0.12	ns	0.348	**	0.142	ns	-0.177	ns
Vfr	0.32	ns	0.196	*	0.151	ns	0.24	ns	-0.217	ns
WbpA	0.16	ns	0.3	**	-0.19	ns	-0.18	ns	-0.225	ns
WbpB	-0.9	ns	0.255	*	0.29	ns	0.9	ns	-0.5	ns
WbpD	-0.374	*	-0.295	ns	0.255	ns	-0.162	ns	-0.25	ns
WbpE	0.23	ns	-0.228	*	-0.298	ns	0.47	ns	0.77	ns
WbpG	-0.292	*	-0.74	***	0.35	ns	-0.117	ns	-0.349	ns
WbpH	-0.185	*	-0.495	*	0.19	ns	0.15	ns	-0.298	ns
Wbpl	0.32	ns	-0.736	***	0.66	ns	-0.62	ns	-0.229	ns
WbpJ	-0.157	ns	-0.628	***	-0.976	ns	-0.5	ns	-0.61	ns
WbpK	0.13	ns	-0.752	**	-0.6	ns	0.17	ns	-0.35	ns
Wzz	-0.86	ns	0.681	*	-0.736	*	-0.167	ns	-1.164	*



Fig 7. A. Analysis of changes in the expression of virulence factors in *P. aeruginosa* cells during A549 epithelial cell infection, in the presence or absence of FERRI, ALBO, ENT, TCV,

814 **or TCVL6.** Proteomic analyses were performed on *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 cells as in Fig 5. Median 815 values measured in the infection assay supplemented with either 10  $\mu$ M FERRI, ALBO, ENT, 816 TCV, or TCVL6 were plotted against those measured in the infection assay in the absence of 817 supplementation with siderophore or siderophore-antibiotic compounds. The median values 818 represent the median of the relative intensity of each protein normalized against all proteins 819 detected by shotgun analysis (n = 5).

820 B. Analysis of the changes in the transcription of genes encoding virulence factors in P. 821 aeruginosa cells during A549 epithelial cell infection, in the presence or absence of ENT, 822 **TCVL6, or ALBO.** RT-qPCR analyses were performed on the same infection assays as in Fig 4. 823 The data were normalized relative to the reference gene *uvrD* and are representative of three 824 independent experiments performed in triplicate (n = 3). Results are given as the ratio 825 between the values obtained in the presence of siderophores or conjugates over those 826 obtained in their absence. *amrZ* encodes a transcriptional regulator controlling many genes 827 involved in environmental adaptation (41), aprA, an alkaline protease (40), exoY (56), lasB, an 828 elastase (48), phzA2, a flavin-containing monooxygenase involved in phenazine biosynthesis 829 (42, 43), *piv*, a lysyl-endopeptidase (also called PrpL) (38, 39) and *toxA*, an exotoxin (36, 37).

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835 Fig 8. Analysis of the changes in the transcription of genes encoding OMTs involved in iron-836 uptake pathways in *P. aeruginosa cells* during A549 epithelial cell infection, in the presence or absence of a mixture of either FERRI and TCV or ALBO and TCVL6. RT-qPCR analyses were 837 838 performed on *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 cells after 3 h of incubation with A549 epithelial cells in RPMI medium, with or without a mixture of two compounds: either FERRI and TCV or ALBO 839 840 and TCVL6 (each of the compounds being present at a concentration of  $10 \,\mu$ M). The data were 841 normalized relative to the reference gene *uvrD* and are representative of three independent 842 experiments, each performed in triplicate (n = 3). Results are given as the ratio between the 843 values obtained in the presence of the conjugates over those obtained in their absence. *fecA* 844 encodes the OMT of ferri-citrate, feoA, the ferrous transporter, and fiuA, the OMT of FERRI, 845 foxA, that of ferrioxamine B, fptA, that of PCH, fpvA, that of PVD, hasR and phuR, that of heme, pfeA and pirA, that of ENT, and piuA, that of an unknown siderophore. 846

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851 Fig 9. Monitoring the ENT-Fe uptake pathway via PfeEmCherry fluorescence during bacterial growth in the presence or absence of ENT or TCV. Fresh CAA medium was inoculated with 852 853 pfeEmcherry (cells expressing fluorescent tagged PfeE) grown in the same medium and the 854 resulting culture dispensed into the wells of a 96-well plate. ENT (kinetics in pink) or TCV 855 (kinetics in orange) (10 µM) was added and a control experiment with no chelator was carried 856 out in parallel (kinetics in black). OD<sub>600 nm</sub> measurements were used to assess growth over 857 time. The fluorescence of mCherry was measured at 610 nm (excitation at 570 nm). The 858 measurements were performed at 30-min intervals in a TECAN microplate reader at 30°C, with 859 shaking, for 11 days. Every 24 h, the plate was centrifuged, the supernatant removed, and 860 new CAA media, with or without TCV or ENT, added and the plate returned to the microplate 861 reader at 30°C with shaking. Each curve corresponds to the mean of three replicates.

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# Supporting information

### **S1 Table.** Strains and plasmids used in this study.

Strain	Collection ID	Relevant characteristics	Reference
Pseudomonas aeruginosa			
PAO1	PAO1	Wild-type strain	
∆pvdF∆pchA	PAS283	PAO1; pvdF and pchA chromosomally deleted	(1)
ΔpvdFΔpchAΔpfeA	PAS294	PAO1; pvdF, pchA and pfeA chromosomally deleted	(2)
ΔpvdFΔpchAΔpirA	PAS348	PAO1; pvdF, pchA and pirA chromosomally deleted	(1)
ΔpvdFΔpchAΔpfeAΔpirA	PAS351	PAO1; pvdF, pchA, pfeA and pirA chromosomally	(1)
		deleted	
∆pvdF∆pchA∆fiuA	PAS534	PAO1; pvdF, pchA and fiuA chromosomally deleted	(3)
pfeEmcherry	PAS355	PAO1; pfeEmcherry chromosomally integrated	(4)

### 871 S2 Table. Primers used for RT-qPCR analysis

Primer ID	Target	Sequence
uvrD F	uvrD	CTACGGTAGCGAGACCTACAACAA
<i>uvrD</i> R	uvrD	GCGGCTGACGGTATTGGA
GAPDH F	GAPDH	TGCACCACCAACTGCTTAGC
GAPDH R	GAPDH	GGCATGGACTGTGGTCATGAG
<i>aprA</i> F	aprA	AACCAGAAGATCAACCTCAACGA
<i>aprA</i> R	aprA	TCGACACATTGCCCTTCAAC
exoY F	ехоҮ	AATGGATGGCGGAGCCTATA
exoY R	ехоҮ	CAAGGCGTTGCCGAGAGAT
<i>lasB</i> F	lasB	CGCCTGGGCGAGAACA
<i>lasB</i> R	lasB	GGGAATCAGGTAGGAGACGTTGT
phzA2 F	phzA2	GGCACAACGTGCGGATCT
phzA2 R	phzA2	CGCACTCGACCCAGAAGTG

<i>piv</i> F	piv	GCGTGGGCCTGAAAACG
<i>piv</i> R	piv	CGATCCATTCGAGGGTTGTC
<i>toxA</i> F	toxA	CCCGGCGAAGCATGAC
<i>toxA</i> R	toxA	GGGAAATGCAGGCGATGA
<i>amrZ</i> F	amrZ	TCGCTCGCAGCCATCAC
<i>amrZ</i> R	amrZ	TCGAGTCGGGCGATGATC
fecA F	fecA	GATCGACGACCTGATCCTCAA
<i>fecA</i> R	fecA	GGTCATCGCCGAAAACGT
<i>pirA</i> F	pirA	GCCTGAACGCTTCCCAAA
<i>pirA</i> R	pirA	TGAAGGCCCGTGCGATA
pfeA F	pfeA	GCCGAGACCAGCGTGAAC
<i>pfeA</i> F	pfeA	GGCCGGATTCGATCTTGTT
<i>fpvA</i> F	fpvA	AGCCGCCTACCAGGATAAGC
<i>fpvA</i> R	fpvA	TGCCGTAATAGACGCTGGTTT
fptA F	fptA	GCGCCTGGGCTACAAGATC
<i>fptA</i> R	fptA	CCGTAGCGGTTGTTCCAGTT
<i>foxA</i> F	foxA	AAGGGCTCGGATACCCAGTT
<i>foxA</i> R	foxA	CGTTGGGATCGTGTTGCA
<i>fiuA</i> F	fiuA	GCCGCGACAAGAAGTTCAG
<i>fiuA</i> R	fiuA	ACGACTCCGCATAGGAGATATAGG
<i>feoA</i> F	feoA	CCTACCGCATCACCGGTTAT
<i>feoA</i> R	feoA	ACAGGCGTTGGCGATAGC
hasR F	hasR	AGCGCCTGCAGTTCAGCTA
<i>hasR</i> R	hasR	GTTCTCGGTGTTGAGCATGTTG
phuR F	phuR	GGTCGAACTGCCCAACGA
phuR R	phuR	TACGATGTCCGGATCGACGTA



874 S1 Fig. Differential production of iron-regulated proteins in the presence of ALBO based on the 875 Palma, Worgall, and Quadri (2003) and Ochsner et al. (2002) studies (5, 6). Both studies were 876 transcriptome analyses of the *P. aeruginosa* response to iron. The analysis presented here was performed 877 on *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 cells after a 3-h infection of A549 epithelial cells in RPMI medium, in the 878 presence or absence of 10  $\mu$ M ALBO. The yellow points correspond to proteins identified in one of the 879 two analyses, the orange points to proteins identified in the two analyses, and the red points to proteins 880 belonging to the direct Fur regulon, as described in the Collectf database. 881

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- 883 Synthesis of TCVL6.
- 884 General informations

885 TCVL6 was synthesized as described in 1S Scheme. Linezolid was purchased from Sigma-

- 886 Aldrich. Protected TCV 1 and linezolid-azide derivative 2 were synthesized according
- previously described protocols (7, 8). All reactions were carried out under argon (technical

888 quality, Air products). Solvents used were of analytical grade purity (>99.9%). When necessary, 889 solvents and bases were purchased extra-dry. All other chemicals were obtained from 890 commercial suppliers and were used as received, unless otherwise stated. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) using *Merck* precoated silica gel 60F<sup>254</sup> (0.25 891 892 mm). TLC are visualized using UV (254 nm/365 nm, Vilber Lourmat, VL-4LC) and/or using 893 classical revelation mixtures (sulfuric vaniline, potassium permanganate, ninhydrin reagent). 894 Final conjugate **3** was also detected on TLC using a 2% hydromethanolic solution of FeCl<sub>3</sub> (2%). 895 Before chromatographic purification reaction mixtures were adsorbed on silica gel (60-200 896 μm, VWR Chemicals). Chromatographic purifications were performed on a *Reveleris* (*Grace* 897 Davison Discovery Sciences) purification device using PuriFlash® pre-packed silica gel columns 898 (Interchim, Montluçon, France). NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance 400 (<sup>1</sup>H: 400 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C: 100 MHz, <sup>19</sup>F : 376 MHz) or Avance 500 (<sup>1</sup>H: 500 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C: 125 MHz, <sup>19</sup>F : 470 MHz), 899 900 using the residual non-deuterated solvent as reference. The chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) and coupling 901 constants (J) are expressed in ppm and hertz respectively. Multiplicity is indicated as follow: 902 s for singlet, d for doublet, t for triplet, q for quadruplet, quint for quintuplet and m for a 903 multiplet. The letter "b" before the multiplicity indicate a broaden signal. Mass spectra were 904 recorded in the Service Commun d'Analyses (SCA) de la Faculté de Pharmacie de l'Université 905 de Strasbourg and were measured in ES-TOF experiments on a Bruker Daltonic MicroTOF mass 906 spectrometer. LC/HRMS were measured after calibration on an Agilent QToF.

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908 Protocol

909 Linezolid azide **2** (1 eq.) and alkyne-vector **1** (1,2 eq.) were solubilized in THF (final 910 concentration 0.1 M). An aqueous solution of  $CuSO_4$  (200 mg/mL, 1 eq.) and sodium ascorbate 911 (5 eq.) were successively added (9). The mixture was sonicated and further stirred at 20°C

912 under argon till the total consumption of limiting reagent (linezolid azide). The mixture was 913 then filtered through a celite pad and the filtrate was adsorbed on silical gel. The crude 914 mixture was then purified on silica gel using a gradient of EtOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The resulting white 915 solid was dissolved in the mixture CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/TFA/Triisopropylsilane/EtOH (70/20/5/5, 5 mL for 916 0.1 mmol of starting linezolid azide 2). The solution was stirred at 20°C till the total 917 consumption of the starting material. Solvents were then evaporated from the mixture under 918 reduced pressure. The oily residue was dissolved in a minimum volume of THF then 919 cyclohexane was added dropwise till the precipitation of the expected conjugate as a thin powder. The pure conjugate was filtered off on a Hirsch funnel. 920

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924 S1 Scheme: Synthesis of TCVL6 (3). i. CuSO<sub>4</sub>, sodium ascorbate, THF/H<sub>2</sub>O, (((, 20°C. ii.
925 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/TFA/Triisopropylsilane/EtOH (70/20/5/5, 20°C.

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927 Spectroscopic analysis of TCVL6.

928 <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  11.98 (s, 1H), 11.73 (m, 2H), 9.05 (br s, 3H), 8.79 (s, 929 1H), 8.56 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.45 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (t, J = 930 5.5 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.2 931 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.08-6.99 (m, 3H), 6.95-6.89 (m, 1H), 6.84-6.78 (m, 1H), 6.72-932 6.66 (m, 3H), 6.49-6.40 (m, 3H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 4.35-4.28 (m, 1H), 4.19-4.08 (m, 2H), 4.02-933 3.91 (m, 2H), 3.89-3.85 (m, 1H), 3.71-3.65 (m, 1H), 3.55-2.91 (m, 14H), 1.44 (s, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F 934 **NMR** (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  -73.72, -121.19. <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  169.7, 935 169.6, 169.5, 169.4, 169.3, 169.2, 169.1, 162.5, 149.2, 149.0, 146.1, 146.0, 145.4, 137.1, 936 132.8, 129.7, 128.7, 124.1, 119.9, 118.9, 118.8, 118.2, 118.1, 117.8, 117.7, 115.5, 114.1, 937 71.6, 68.4, 53.9, 53.8, 53.7, 50.1, 47.3, 47.2, 43.7, 42.4, 41.5, 10.5, 40.3, 40.2, 40.1, 35.9, 938 30.9, 27.5, 23.4, 23.3, 22.5, 21.8, 21.7. **HRMS:** C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>54</sub>FN<sub>13</sub>O<sub>17</sub>: calcd: 1127.37447, found: 939 1127.37501.

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- 941 LC-HRMS Spectra of compound 3 (TCVL6 )
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Chemical Formula: C Exact Mass: 1127,37447 Molecular Weight: 1128,05440



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#### User Chromatograms







Formula Calculator Re	Boot	Macc	Tat Macc	Diff (ppp)	M-	Ion Species	Score
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C49 H49 N19 014		1127.37100	1127.37004	-0.91	1120.37002	C49 H50 N19 014	90.92
C45 H54 F N15 019	<u> </u>	112/.3/165	1127.37044	-1.0/	1128.37882	C45 H55 F N15 O19	96.77
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C53 H53 N13 O16	<u> </u>	1127.37162	1127.37332	1.51	1128.37882	C53 H54 N13 O16	97.9
C48 H53 N15 O18		1127.37164	1127.3693	-2.08	1128.37882	C48 H54 N15 O18	96.54
C50 H54 F N13 O17	TRUE	1127.37163	1127.37447	2.52	1128.37882	C50 H55 F N13 O17	95.18
C54 H49 N17 O12		1127.37164	1127.37466	2.68	1128.37882	C54 H50 N17 O12	94.19
C57 H50 F N13 O12		1127.37162	1127.36859	-2.68	1128.37882	C57 H51 F N13 O12	94.08
C51 H50 F N17 O13		1127.37165	1127.3758	3.69	1128.37882	C51 H51 F N17 O13	90.37
C46 H50 F N19 O15		1127.37139	1127.37178	0.34	1150.36048	C46 H50 F N19 Na O15	98.44
C49 H49 N19 O14		1127.37139	1127.37064	-0.66	1150.36048	C49 H49 N19 Na O14	98.12
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C53 H53 N13 O16		1127.37134	1127.37332	1.76	1150.36048	C53 H53 N13 Na O16	96.08
C57 H50 F N13 O12		1127.37134	1127.36859	-2.43	1150.36048	C57 H50 F N13 Na O12	93.62
C50 H54 F N13 O17	TRUE	1127.37135	1127.37447	2.77	1150.36048	C50 H54 F N13 Na O17	93.18
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C53 H53 N13 O16		1127.37264	1127.37332	0.6	564.6936	C53 H55 N13 O16	99.64
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C50 H54 F N13 O17	TRUE	1127.37265	1127.37447	1.61	564.6936	C50 H56 F N13 O17	98.67
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C54 H49 N17 O12		1127.37267	1127.37466	1.77	564.6936	C54 H51 N17 O12	98.14
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C51 H50 F N17 O13		1127.37267	1127.3758	2.78	564.6936	C51 H52 F N17 O13	96.21
C48 H53 N15 O18		1127.37267	1127.3693	-2.99	564.6936	C48 H55 N15 O18	95.76
C42 H53 N19 O19		1127.37271	1127.37651	3.37	564.6936	C42 H55 N19 O19	94.43

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