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ABSTRACT

Petroleum products like linear alkanes (e.g. hexadecane, octadecane, etc.) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (e.g. naphthalene, phenanthrene, etc.) are very important pollutants in the environment because of their abundance, toxicity, weak solubility, and persistence due to their poor bioavailability, the limitation of biodegradation pathways and a high tendency to the sorption to other hydrophobic organic matters. There are different types of treatments applied in the polluted environments, including chemical, physical and biological methods. The chemical and physical treatments can cause a secondary pollution, and are expensive. In contrast, the continuous exposure to the contaminants has led to the evolution of microorganisms that are able to grow on hydrocarbons, degrade and utilize the polluted hydrocarbons as their carbon sources, and this inspired the development of biological treatment methods. Thus, the ability of microbial-degrading hydrocarbons is a potential key element in the clean-up strategy of polluted sites. Many different microorganisms, including algae, fungi and bacteria, have been reported to possess the capability of degrading a wide variety of the polluted persistent organic compounds. Among these bacteria, different members of the *Pseudomonas* genus, which also possess the capacity to degrade weakly soluble hydrocarbons such as linear alkanes, polycyclic aromatic compounds (PAHs), etc., have already been isolated for studying mechanisms involving the effective biodegradation of polluted hydrocarbons by these microorganisms.

Pseudomonas aeruginosa bacteria are found in a wide variety of environments, such as soil, water or in association with plants and animals as well as inside of the human body. These bacteria can also grow on hydrophobic carbon substrates such as long-chain linear alkanes and PAHs. The ability to grow in various unfavorable conditions of these bacteria, such as on the petroleum-related products in the polluted environments, relies on their high adaptabilities. In response to the environmental stimuli, bacteria can use different second messengers to regulate various cellular processes for their survival and adaptive development.

At the time this project was started, it was known that the second messenger bis-(3'-5')-cyclic dimeric guanosine monophosphate (cyclic di-GMP or c-di-GMP) plays a key role in the bacterial biofilm development, including the *P. aeruginosa* species. c-di-GMP was shown to be overproduced in various *P. aeruginosa* rough small colony variants (SCVs) derived from different clinical isolates. This cell type possesses high abilities to grow and form biofilms in unfavorable conditions. The formation of rough SCVs of *P. aeruginosa* strain 57RP on dextrose in biofilm or in static liquid cultures was also observed in previous experiments in the laboratory of Prof. Richard Villemur. Strain 57RP and several other *P. aeruginosa* strains were also able to grow and form biofilm on hexadecane, other n-alkanes and PAHs used as a whole carbon source. We **hypothesized** that the 57RP rough SCVs, which shared some common phenotypic behaviors with the clinical rough SCVs, also overproduce c-di-GMP. However, to which extent this second messenger would influence the appearance of SCVs and the capacity of degrading linear alkanes and/or PAHs was still unclear. Several studies carried out on the growth of certain oil-degrading bacteria growing on different substrates revealed that hexadecane induced a large change in gene expression of biofilm cells compared to the cells growing on pyruvate {Sabirova, 2006 #10585} {Sabirova, 2011 #10578} or to the planktonic cells growing on acetate {Vaysse, 2009 #10584}. Many up-regulated proteins were found in different cell compartments such as the outer membrane, periplasm, inner membrane and cytoplasm. Question to which extent of different modulation of gene expression would be seen between the 57RP cells growing on hexadecane and the 57RP cells growing on other substrates, such as glucose, requires some proteomic studies to be carried out for a better understanding of the physiological adaptation of 57RP cells to the hydrophobic substrate.

The principal aim of this project was to characterize the phenotypic changes of a *P. aeruginosa* strain 57RP, previously isolated from a hydrocarbon-polluted site in Canada by our laboratory, and capable of using several weakly soluble hydrocarbons, such as hexadecane, as the sole carbon source for its growth. The present study was carried out to further investigate the previously suggested important role of c-di-GMP in the phenotypic switching of the bacterial cell states and characterize initially the components of the cell envelope of 57RP SCV grown on hexadecane.

The four main objectives of the present study were as follows:

- 1. Isolate small colony variants (SCVs) of *P. aeruginosa* strain 57RP in the cultures with n-alkanes used as sole carbon sources.**
- 2. Characterize the phenotypic changes of SCVs grown on hexadecane and octadecane.**
- 3. Investigate the putative role of c-di-GMP in the phenotypic SCV formation and in the reversion to the wild-type phenotype.**
- 4. Characterize the proteome profiles of SCV cells grown on hexadecane.**

The results obtained from the present study are summarized as follows.

Objective 1. *57RP, a slow growth strain with low cell hydrophobicities, also forms SCVs on octadecane.*

We confirmed that SCVs were formed by the *P. aeruginosa* strain 57RP during its growth on the weakly soluble liquid hexadecane (C₁₆). Besides that, this strain also formed SCVs on solid octadecane (C₁₈), indicating that 57RP was able to form SCVs on different n-alkanes used as sole carbon sources. SCVs were identified as the main growing cell type in these cultures. The SCVs reverted to the wild-type (WT) phenotype as the parent WT cells on a rich (TSA) agar medium.

In the case of 57RV, a rapid growth strain with high cell hydrophobicities, SCVs were also formed on hexadecane (MSM with 1% hexadecane shaking at 25°C). This newly observed phenomenon was a manifestation of the natural potential for SCV formation of 57RV strain. This indicated that both strains 57RP and 57RV, with low and high cell hydrophobicities, respectively, were naturally capable of generating the phenotypic variants highly adaptive to selective stress conditions by phase variation mechanisms.

Objective 2. *Rhamnolipids are not an important factor for the growth ability of 57RP SCVs on hexadecane.*

We confirmed that SCV cells had a number of phenotypic traits that were different from those of their parent WT cells. The SCV cells were hyperpiliated with reduced motility compared to the WT cells. SCVs were able to grow without any initial long lag phase on n-alkanes as seen with the WT. The cell surface of SCVs was highly hydrophobic, allowing the SCV cells to adhere effectively to the hydrocarbons. The SCV cells were able to form biofilms at a much higher level compared to the parent WT cells. The observed phenotypic behaviors of SCV cells grown on hexadecane may represent a group of phenotypic characters typical for the small rough colony phenotype since they were also observed earlier with rough SCVs developing on dextrose when the same strain was cultivated as a biofilm or in static liquid cultures.

Besides the above mentioned confirmative data, we also demonstrated clearly that rhamnolipids are not an important factor for the growth ability of 57RP SCV on hexadecane (MSM with 1% hexadecane shaking at 25°C) as this phenotypic variant produced extremely low amount of the extracellular biosurfactant on this hydrophobic hydrocarbon source.

Objective 3. *c-di-GMP is involved in the phenotypic switching.*

The main interest of Objective 3 was to investigate the relations between c-di-GMP production, a universal bacterial second messenger, and the formation of SCVs on hexadecane as well as the reversion of SCV to wild-type phenotype on a rich (TSA) medium. We found a positive correlation between the two coincidentally occurring events. First, high c-di-GMP levels were associated with SCV formation. Second, low c-di-GMP levels occurred with the SCV reversion to the wild-type phenotype. To further study the involvement of c-di-GMP in SCV formation, we have generated two integrant clones from 57RP WT cells. The first integrant, RP401, possessed an extra inducible gene encoding phosphodiesterase (PDE) for the hydrolysis of c-di-GMP. The second integrant, RP402,

possessed an extra inducible gene encoding diguanylate cyclase (DGC) for the synthesis of c-di-GMP. Expression of these two extra genes was under the control of an arabinose-inducible promoter. Results showed that the expression of the inducible extra DGC led obviously to an expected increase in the c-di-GMP production in the extra DGC-integrated cells, especially in the extra DGC-integrated SCVs. In contrast, the expression of the extra PDE in RP401 seriously affected the time of appearance and the number of the adaptive SVCs of 57RP401 grown on hexadecane.

The 57RP401 SCVs, occurred at the end of tested culture periods, and were morphologically similar to the common 57RP SCVs grown on hexadecane (MSM with 1% hexadecane shaking at 25°C). A representative 401 SCV, randomly selected for further analyses, was also a c-di-GMP-dependent SCV and reverted to wild-type phenotype on TSA medium. This supported a previous suggestion of putative roles of c-di-GMP in phenotypic switching of bacterial cells. Also, for the first time, the important role of c-di-GMP in phenotypic switching, related to the formation and reversion to the wild-type phenotype of phenotypic SCVs, was initially characterized in a non-clinical *P. aeruginosa* strain grown on hexadecane. This is an original contribution of the present study to the current knowledge of the putative role of c-di-GMP in the general phenotypic switching of bacterial cells, including those of various *P. aeruginosa* strains.

Our results support that c-di-GMP plays an important role in the phenotypic ON/OFF switching (the SCV formation and reversion to wild-type phenotype) of the *P. aeruginosa* cells, respectively.

Objective 4. *57RP SCV cells grown on hexadecane synthesize unknown proteins and unusual LipA isoforms.*

In the comparative analysis of proteome profiles of SCV vs. WT cells, both grown in the same culture condition (MSM with 1% glucose shaking at 25°C), we found noticeable differences in the protein expression patterns between the two cell types. This observation suggests that gene expression was regulated (up/down) differently between these two cell

types. The proteome profiles of the cell membrane-binding and periplasmic proteins of the 57RP SCV grown on hexadecane (MSM with 1% hexadecane shaking at 25°C) were further characterized. The characteristic cell components of 57R SCV grown on hexadecane include the presence of various proteins involved in the transport, antioxidant, nitrogen regulatory activities, etc.

In the further analyses of proteome profiles of SCV grown on hexadecane, we identified the unexpected presence of an unknown protein and three isoforms of secreted LipA. One of these three LipA isoforms was in the form of a lipase mature polypeptide and the other two were in the lipase premature form.

Presently, the underlying mechanisms for the appearance of these three LipA isoforms and the unknown protein, as well as their physiological role(s) in the adaptive abilities of the 57RP SCVs grown on hexadecane, remain to be determined.

Results obtained from the present study form the basis for the further, deeper investigations in the future to better understand the adaptive responses of *P. aeruginosa* cells to certain environmental stress conditions. These certainly include the investigations of the role of c-di-GMP, a bacterial general second messenger, in the phenotypic switching of bacterial cells to generate the environmental stress adapted variants. These also include, certainly, the further investigations of the not-yet-known underlying mechanisms for the phase variation-based, environment specific stimuli-induced generation of unusual protein isoforms, such as the three LipA isoforms formed in the 57RP SCVs that were adapted to grow well on hexadecane observed in the present study. The physiological role, if any, of the observed uncharacterized protein and the unusual LipA isoforms in the adaptive growth of the 57RP SCVs on hexadecane should also be an interesting topic for future investigations.

Key words: *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, small colony variant (SCV), biofilm, c-di-GMP, lipase

RÉSUMÉ

Les produits pétroliers comme les hydrocarbures linéaires (par exemple de l'hexadécane, octadécane) et les hydrocarbures aromatiques polycycliques (par exemple le naphthalène, le phénanthrène) sont des polluants très importants dans l'environnement en raison de leur abondance, de leur toxicité, de leur faible solubilité, de leur persistance en raison de leur faible biodisponibilité, de la limitation des voies de biodégradation, et de la forte tendance à leur absorption à d'autres matières organiques. Il existe différents types de traitements appliqués dans les environnements pollués, y compris les méthodes biologiques, physiques et chimiques. Les traitements chimiques et physiques peuvent causer une pollution secondaire, et sont coûteux. L'exposition continue aux contaminants a conduit à l'évolution des micro-organismes qui sont capables de croître sur de tels hydrocarbures, comme sources de carbone, ce qui a inspiré le développement de procédés de traitement biologique. Ainsi, la capacité de dégradation microbienne des hydrocarbures est un élément clé dans la stratégie de nettoyage de sites pollués. De nombreux micro-organismes, y compris les algues, les champignons et les bactéries, ont été rapportés être capables de dégrader une grande variété de polluants organiques persistants. Différents membres du genre *Pseudomonas* possèdent la capacité de dégrader les hydrocarbures faiblement solubles tels que les alcanes linéaires et des HAPs.

Des souches appartenant à l'espèce *P. aeruginosa* ont été trouvées dans une grande variété d'environnements, tels que le sol, l'eau ou associés avec des plantes, des animaux ainsi que l'intérieur du corps humain. Ces bactéries peuvent également se développer sur des substrats carbonés hydrophobes tels que les alcanes linéaires à longue chaîne et les HAPs. L'adaptabilité de ces souches à dégrader ces produits récalcitrants résiderait dans la réponse aux stimuli de l'environnement. En effet, les bactéries peuvent utiliser différents seconds messagers pour réguler divers processus cellulaires pour leur survie et leur développement adaptatif.

Au moment où ce projet a été lancé, il était connu que le second bis-messager (3'-5')-guanosine cyclique dimère monophosphate (cyclique di-GMP ou c-di-GMP) joue un

rôle clé dans le développement de biofilm bactérien, y compris *P. aeruginosa*. Le c-di-GMP a été montré pour être surproduit dans diverses variantes de petites colonies rugueuses de *P. aeruginosa* (SCVs) dérivées de différents isolats cliniques. Ce type de variantes bactériennes possède une forte capacité à croître et former un biofilm dans des conditions défavorables. La formation de SCVs rugueux chez de la souche 57RP de *P. aeruginosa* sur le dextrose dans le biofilm ou dans des cultures liquides statiques a également été observée dans des expériences antérieures dans le laboratoire du Pr. Richard Villemur. La souche 57RP et plusieurs autres souches de *P. aeruginosa* ont également été capables de se développer et de former un biofilm sur l'hexadécane, d'autres n-alcanes et des HAPs utilisés comme une source de carbone entière. Nous avons émis **l'hypothèse** que les SCVs rugueux 57RP, qui partageaient des comportements phénotypiques communs avec les SCVs rugueux cliniques, surproduisent aussi c-di-GMP. Cependant, dans quelle mesure ce second messager pourrait influencer l'apparition de SCV n'a pas été démontré. Plusieurs études réalisées sur la croissance de certaines bactéries dégradant l'huile sur différents substrats ont révélé que l'hexadécane induit un grand changement dans l'expression des gènes des cellules de biofilms par rapport aux cellules planctoniques qui poussent sur le pyruvate ou l'acétate. De nombreuses protéines, qui ont été exprimées à des niveaux plus élevés dans les SCV par rapport aux cellules WT, ont été trouvées dans différents compartiments cellulaires tels que la membrane externe, le périplasma, la membrane interne et le cytoplasme. La question de savoir quelle étendue de la modulation différente de l'expression des gènes serait observée entre les cellules 57RP croissantes sur l'hexadécane et les cellules 57RP cultivées sur d'autres substrats, comme le glucose, nécessitent des études protéomiques pour une meilleure compréhension de l'adaptation physiologique de 57RP au substrat hydrophobe.

L'objectif principal de ce projet était de caractériser les changements phénotypiques d'une souche *P. aeruginosa* (57RP), auparavant isolées d'un site pollué par des hydrocarbures au Canada par notre laboratoire. Cette souche est capable d'utiliser plusieurs hydrocarbures faiblement solubles tels que l'hexadécane comme seule source de carbone pour sa croissance. La présente étude a été réalisée pour étudier davantage l'importance de l'apparition des SCVs et de leur rôle dans la dégradation de ces hydrocarbures. Egalement,

nous avons voulu mettre en lumière l'implication du c-di-GMP dans le changement phénotypique et caractériser initialement les composants de l'enveloppe cellulaire de 57RP SCVs cultivées sur hexadécane.

Les quatre principaux objectifs de la présente étude sont les suivants:

- 1. Former les variantes petites colonies (SCVs) de *P. aeruginosa* souche 57RP dans les cultures avec n-alcanes utilisés comme seule source de carbone.**
- 2. Caractériser les changements phénotypiques de SCV cultivés sur l'hexadécane et l'octadécane.**
- 3. Examiner le rôle putatif de c-di-GMP dans la formation de SCV phénotypique et la réversion à phénotype sauvage.**
- 4. Caractériser les profils protéomiques de cellules SCV cultivées sur hexadécane.**

Les résultats obtenus à partir de la présente étude sont résumés comme suit.

Objectif 1. *57RP, une souche de croissance lente avec hydrophobie cellulaires faibles, forme aussi des SCVs sur octadécane.*

Nous avons confirmé que les SCVs ont été formées par la souche 57RP de *P. aeruginosa* au cours de sa croissance sur le hexadécane liquide faiblement soluble (C₁₆).

En outre, cette souche formait également SCV sur octadécane solide (C₁₈), indiquant que 57RP pourrait former des SCVs sur les différents n-alcanes utilisés comme seule source de carbone. Les SCVs ont été identifiés comme le principal type de cellule en croissance dans ces cultures. Le phénotype SCV est revenu au phénotype de type sauvage (WT) lors de cultures sur un milieu riche (TSA) d'agar.

Dans le cas de 57RV, une souche de croissance rapide avec hydrophobie cellulaire élevée, des SCVs a été formée également sur hexadécane (MSM avec 1% de hexadécane sous agitation à 25°C). Ce phénomène nouvellement observé était une manifestation du

potentiel naturel pour la formation de SCV de la souche 57RV. Ceci indique que les deux souches 57RP et 57RV, avec hydrophobies cellulaires basses et hautes, respectivement, étaient naturellement capable de générer des phénotypiques variantes hautement adaptatives aux sélectives conditions de stress par des mécanismes de variation de phase.

Objectif 2. *Rhamnolipides ne sont pas un facteur important pour la capacité de croissance de 57RP SCV sur l'hexadécane.*

Nous confirmé que les SCVs avaient un nombre de caractères phénotypiques différents de la souche sauvage. Les cellules des SCVs étaient hyperpiliées avec des activités mobiles réduites par rapport aux cellules de type sauvage. Les SCVs étaient capable de se développer rapidement sans phase de latence sur les n-alcane. La surface des cellules de SCV était hautement hydrophobe, ce qui permet aux cellules d'adhérer efficacement aux hydrocarbures. Les comportements phénotypiques observés des cellules SCV cultivées sur hexadécane peuvent représenter un groupe de caractères phénotypiques typiques pour le petit phénotype de colonie rugueuse car ils ont également été observés plus tôt avec des SCVs rugueuses développées sur dextrose lorsque la même souche bactérienne a été cultivée sous forme de biofilm ou dans des cultures liquides statiques.

Outre les données confirmatifs mentionnées ci-dessus, nous avons aussi démontré clairement que rhamnolipides ne sont pas un facteur important pour la capacité de croissance de 57RP SCV sur l'hexadécane (MSM avec 1% de hexadécane sous agitation à 25°C) car cette variante phénotypique n'a presque pas produire le biosurfactant extracellulaire sur cette source d'hydrocarbure hydrophobe.

Objectif 3. *c-di-GMP implique dans la commutation phénotypique.*

L'intérêt principal de l'Objectif 3 était d'étudier les relations entre la production de c-di-GMP, un second messenger bactérien universel, et la formation de SCV sur hexadécane

ainsi que la réversion de SCV à phénotype sauvage sur un milieu riche (TSA). Nous avons trouvé une corrélation positive entre les niveaux élevés de c-di-GMP et la formation de SCVs. Également, les niveaux bas de c-di-GMP ont corrélés avec la réversion de SCV au phénotype de type sauvage. Pour étudier davantage la participation de c-di-GMP dans la formation de SCV, nous avons généré deux clones de cellules intégrantes chez la souche sauvage. Le premier, RP401, possédait un gène inductible, codant pour la phosphodiesterase (PDE) impliqué dans l'hydrolyse du c-di-GMP. Le second, RP402, possédait un gène inductible, codant la cyclase diguanylate (DGC) pour la synthèse de c-di-GMP. Les résultats ont montré que l'expression de la DGC l'inductible supplémentaire conduit évidemment à l'augmentation attendue de la production c-di-GMP dans les cellules DGC intégrées supplémentaires, en particulier dans le DGC supplémentaire intégré SCVs. En revanche, l'expression de la PDE supplémentaire dans RP401 sérieusement affectait le temps d'apparition et le nombre des SCVs adaptatifs de 57RP401 cultivées sur hexadécane.

Les SCVs de 57RP401, sont apparus à la fin des périodes de culture testées, étaient morphologiquement similaires aux SCVs de 57RP communs cultivés sur hexadécane (MSM avec 1% de hexadécane sous agitation à 25°C). Le représentant 401 SCV, choisis au hasard pour d'autres analyses, était aussi un SCV c-di-GMP-dépendant et il révertait au phénotype de type sauvage sur le milieu TSA. Cette prise en charge d'une suggestion précédente des rôles putatifs de c-di-GMP dans la commutation phénotypique des cellules bactériennes. Aussi, pour la première fois, le rôle important de c-di-GMP dans la commutation phénotypique, liés à la formation et la réversion au phénotype de type sauvage des SCVs phénotypiques, a été initialement caractérisée dans une souche *P. aeruginosa* non-clinique cultivée sur hexadécane. Ceci est une contribution originale de la présente étude à la connaissance actuelle du rôle putatif de c-di-GMP dans la commutation phénotypique générale des cellules bactériennes, y compris celles de diverses souches de *P. aeruginosa*.

Nos résultats soutient que c-di-GMP joue un rôle important dans la commutation phénotypique de ON/OFF (comme la formation SCV et la réversion au type sauvage phénotypique) des cellules de *P. aeruginosa*, respectivement.

Objectif 4. *Cellules 57RP SCV cultivées sur hexadécane synthétisent également des protéines inconnues et isoformes de LipA inhabituelles.*

Dans l'analyse comparative des profils protéomiques de SCV contre les cellules de type sauvage (WT), cultivées dans les mêmes conditions de culture (MSM avec 1% de glucose sous agitation à 25°C), nous avons constaté des différences notables dans les profils d'expression des protéines entre les deux types de cellules. Cette observation signifie que l'expression des gènes a été réglementée (haut/bas) différemment entre ces deux types de cellules. Les profils protéomiques des protéines, comme les protéines membrane-liées et protéines périplasmiques de 57RP SCV cultivées sur hexadécane (MSM avec 1% de hexadécane sous agitation à 25°C), ont en outre été caractérisés. Les composants cellulaires caractéristiques de 57R SCV cultivées sur hexadécane incluent la présence de diverses protéines impliquées dans les activités de transportation, anti-oxydation, régulation de l'azote, etc.

Fait intéressant, même dans ces autres analyses des profils protéomiques du 57RP SCVs cultivées sur hexadécane, nous avons trouvé une présence vraiment inattendue de trois isoformes de LipA sécrétée et une protéine inconnue. L'un de ces trois isoformes de LipA était sous la forme de lipase polypeptide mature et les deux autres dans la lipase de forme prémature.

Actuellement, les mécanismes sous-jacents de l'apparition de ces trois isoformes de LipA identifiés et la protéine inconnue, ainsi que leur(s) rôle(s) physiologique(s) dans les capacités d'adaptation des SCVs de 57RP cultivées sur hexadécane, restent en grande partie à déterminer.

Les résultats obtenus à partir de la présente étude constituent la base pour des investigations plus profondes dans l'avenir pour mieux comprendre les réponses adaptatives des cellules de *P. aeruginosa* à certains stress spécifiques liés à l'environnement. Principalement, les réponses phénotypiques liées aux mécanismes, que

ne sont pas encore claires, sous-jacentes de la participation de c-di-GMP, un second messenger bactérienne générale, dans le phénotypique de commutation ON/OFF de cellules bactériennes (telles que la formation des SCVs et le retour à naturel phénotype); et, les mécanismes sous-jacents, aussi ne sont pas encore connus, pour les stimulés environnement-spécifiques induites générations, à base de la variation de phase, d'isoformes de protéines inhabituelles dans certains environnements stressants-adaptatives variantes phénotypiques de la *P. aeruginosa* espèce (comme les trois isoformes de LipA synthétisées dans les SCVs de 57RP cultivées sur hexadécane qui ont été observées dans la étude présente. Le rôle physiologique, le cas échéant, de la protéine observée, mais ne sont pas encore connus et les isoformes de LipA inhabituels dans la croissance adaptative des SCVs de 57RP sur hexadécane devrait également être un sujet non moins intéressant pour les futures enquêtes.

Mots clés : *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, variante petite colonie (SCV), biofilm, c-di-GMP, lipase

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations	Meaning
2-DE	Two-dimensional gel electrophoresis
BH	Bushnell-Haas Medium
c-di-GMP	3'-5'-cyclic diguanylic acid
cAMP	Cyclic adenosine 3',5'-monophosphate
CF	Cystic Fibrosis
CFU	Colony Forming Units
cGMP	Cyclic guanosine 3',5'-monophosphate (cGMP)
CUP	Chaperone Usher Pathway
DGCs	Diguanylate cyclases
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic Acid
EAL	Glutamic acid - Alanine - Leucine
EDTA	Ethylenediamine Tetra-acetic Acid
EPS	Extracellular Polymeric Substances
GGDEF	Glycine - Glycine - Aspartic acid - Glutamic acid - Phenylalanine
GMP	Guanosine monophosphate
GTP	Guanosine triphosphate

HPLC	High Pressure Liquid Chromatography
LB	Lysis Broth Medium
LPS	Lipopolysaccharide
MATH	Microbial Adhesion To Hydrocarbons
MATS	Microbial Adhesion To Silica
MS	Mass Spectrometry
MSM	Mineral salt medium
OD	Optical Density
PAHs	Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons
PBS	Phosphate-Buffered Saline
PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction
PDEs	Phosphodiesterases
pGpG	5'-phosphoguananylyl-(3'-5')-guanosine
ppGpp	Guanosine tetraphosphate
pppGpp or (p)ppGpp	Guanosine pentaphosphate
PPi	Pyrophosphate
QS	Quorum Sensing
rpm	rotations per minute
RSCVs	Rough Small Colony Variants

SCVs	Small Colony Variants
SDS	Sodium dodecyl sulfate
SW	Siegmund-Wagner Medium
TFP	Type IV pili
TSA	Tryptic soy agar
TSB	Tryptic soy broth
TSE	Tris - Sucrose - EDTA
UV	Ultra Violet
WT	Wild Type

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Context and research question

Petroleum products like linear hydrocarbons (e.g. octadecane, hexadecane, etc.) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (e.g. naphthalene, phenanthrene, etc.) are very important pollutants in the environment because of their toxicity, insolubility and persistence. Furthermore, the cost for cleaning up the complex hydrocarbons-polluted regions following spills is considerable; for example, \$US22.14/gallon in Canada and \$US87.13/gallon in USA based on calculations from 1999 (Etkin, 2001). For example one tragic recent accident was the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, Louisiana, USA on April 2010. The owner BP Group announced that approximately 4.9 million barrels (795 million liters) of oil had leaked into the gulf (https://www.toxicology.org/pm/Deepwater_oil_spill.pdf), with serious environmental and financial consequences, as BP has approximately \$28 billion of damage claims and cleanup costs. These latter costs depend on; *inter alia*, the type of oil, the amount of oil, the sea conditions and the effectiveness of clean-up site etc. (White & Molloy, 2003). Therefore, finding an efficient and cost-effective pollution treatment technology is an important goal.

There are different types of treatments in polluted environments including chemical, physical and biological approaches. The chemical and physical treatments can cause secondary pollution, and are expensive while bioremediation is in many cases a cost-effective and environment friendly solution (reviewed in Dibble and Bartha (1979)). A long-term exposure of microbial communities to hydrocarbons leads to the selective enrichment of higher adaptive hydrocarbon-utilizing microorganisms as well as the hydrocarbon-catabolizing gene pool (Brooijmans *et al.*, 2009, Harayama *et al.*, 1999, Kostka *et al.*, 2011, Leahy & Colwell, 1990). Indeed, microbial degradation is a key module in polluted site clean-up strategy. Many different microorganisms including algae, fungi and bacteria harbor the capability of degrading a wide variety of persistent organic compounds. Among bacteria, members of the *Pseudomonas* genus possess the capacity to degrade weakly soluble hydrocarbons, such as linear alkanes and polycyclic aromatic compounds (PAHs). *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* is also a well-studied bacterium involved in

the formation of biofilm, and the production of biosurfactants, which are among the factors that would be involved in the solubilization of hydrocarbons, and the adherence of bacteria to hydrocarbons. In previous studies by Prof. Villemur and Prof. Déziel at the INRS-Institut Armand-Frappier, several strains of *P. aeruginosa* that could use aromatic and aliphatic hydrocarbons as sole carbon and energy sources were isolated (Déziel, 2001). Evidence was obtained that *P. aeruginosa* has to change its specific physiological characteristics to grow on these hydrophobic substrates. These characteristics include cell surface hydrophobicity, the ability to adhere to hydrocarbons, the production of biosurfactants, the capacity to generate phenotypic small colony variants (SCVs), and the development of a biofilm at the surface of the hydrocarbons. It was also observed that these strains have different degradation dynamics towards linear alkanes, whether in the liquid or solid phases. The spontaneous appearance of SCVs when certain strains of *P. aeruginosa* were cultivated on hydrocarbons as sole substrate indicated an important role of this colony type for growth on these substrates (Déziel, 2001).

At the time this thesis was initiated, it was known that the second messenger bis-(3'-5')-cyclic dimeric guanosine monophosphate (cyclic di-GMP or c-di-GMP) played a key role in bacterial biofilm development, including in *P. aeruginosa* (reviewed in Hengge (2009), Römling *et al.* (2013)). However, how this second messenger and the appearance of SCVs involved in the degradation of linear alkanes and/or PAHs was still unknown.

1.2 Hypothesis

Our **hypothesis** was that *P. aeruginosa*, isolated from a hydrocarbon-contaminated soil, as some other known clinical isolates of the same bacterial species, should use the same second messenger signaling system (c-di-GMP signaling) to initiate phenotypic switch to form environment-adaptive phase SCVs with typical phenotypic behaviors able to grow on n-hexadecane (C₁₆), a hydrophobic, poorly bioavailable substrate used as a sole carbon source and energy.

The *principal aim* of the project was to characterize the phenotypic changes of some strains of *P. aeruginosa* during growth on weakly soluble hydrocarbons through the study of mechanisms involving adhesion, SCV formation and second messenger signaling. Better understanding how microorganisms can adapt to particular environments should allow for the development or optimization of existing condition for biological treatments at contaminated sites.

1.3 Objectives of the thesis

The present study had the following objectives:

- (1) Isolate small colony variants (SCVs) of *P. aeruginosa* strain 57RP during culture with n-alkanes used as sole carbon sources.
- (2) Characterize the phenotypic changes of SCVs grown on hexadecane and octadecane
- (3) Investigate the putative role of c-di-GMP in the phenotypic SCV formation and in the reversion to wild-type phenotype.
- (4) Characterize the proteome profiles of SCV cells grown on hexadecane.

2 REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

2.1 Hydrocarbons and bioremediation

2.1.1 n-Alkanes, Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons and bioavailability

Alkanes are saturated hydrocarbons that have the general formula C_nH_{2n+2} and possess a linear (Figure 2.1), a branched or a cyclic carbon chain. Many alkanes such as methane, and n-hexane are classified as dangerous agents for the environment and human health (Karakaya *et al.*, 1996). n-Alkanes, one of the main components in crude oil, with various carbon chain lengths (C_8 - C_{40}) are found frequently in the weathered oil petroleum contaminated sites (Kostka *et al.*, 2011). Their solubility in water decreases with the increase of carbon number in alkanes. For example, the water solubility of C_9 alkane is 0.22 mg/L, C_{10} is 0.052 mg/L (McAuliffe, 1969) and C_{16} is 0.009 mg/L, C_{18} is 0.0021 mg/L (Sutton & Calder, 1974).

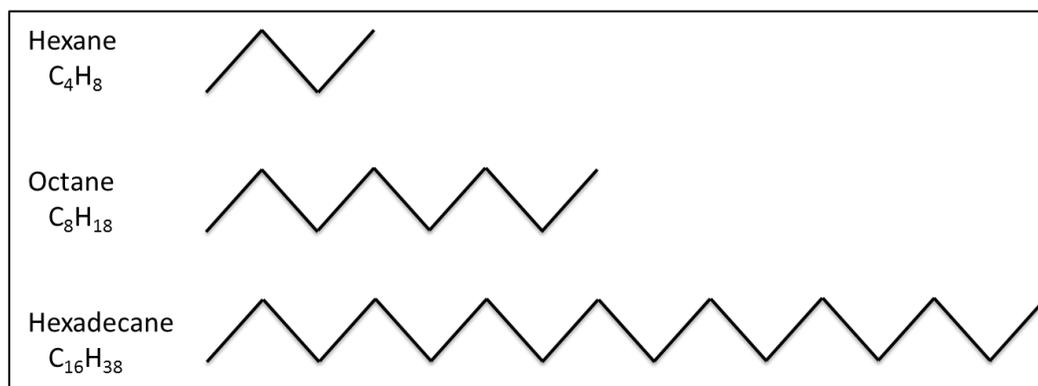


Figure 2.1 Chemical structure of selected n-alkanes (Bruce, 1998)

In addition to n-alkanes, other of components of crude oil includes Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs). These are chemical compounds that contain more than one fused aromatic ring. PAHs are found widely in natural environments. Beside of their presence in petroleum fuels and coal products, their anthropogenic activities also cause PAH accumulation in the environment. The structural formula of selected PAHs is shown in figure 2.2. Research on PAHs attracts much attention, such as benzo [a] pyrene, because some of them cause toxic and carcinogenic effects on various organisms, including humans (Baird *et al.*, 2005). PAHs also have the ability to accumulate in fatty regions of animal bodies. They are considered as carcinogens because they can induce mouse skin tumors. PAHs can be modified in the liver, which generates reactive molecules that, when intercalates in DNA strands and can induce mutations (Baird *et al.*, 2005). PAHs are divided into two categories: the low molecular weight (LMW) PAHs with 2-3 aromatic rings (e.g. naphthalene and phenanthrene), and the high molecular weight (HMW) PAHs with 4 or more aromatic rings (e.g. pyrene) (Figure 2.2) (Samanta *et al.*, 2002, H Zhang *et al.*, 2004). Water solubility decreases with increasing molecular weight (Figure 2.2) (Juhasz & Naidu, 2000, Sutton & Calder, 1974).

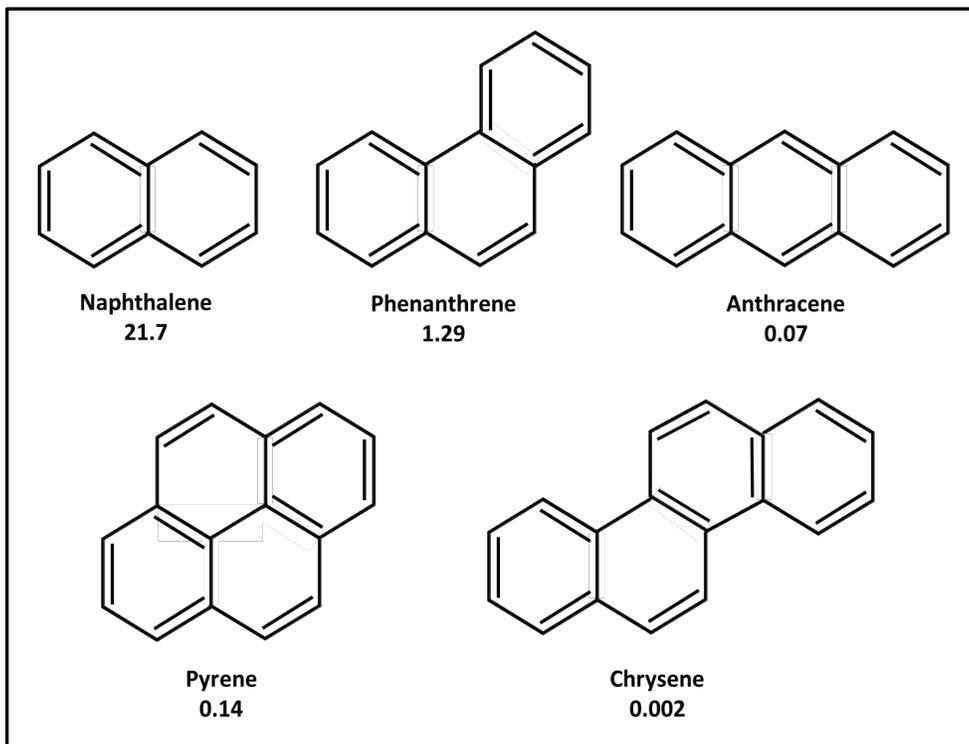


Figure 2.2 Chemical structure and water solubility (mg/L) of selected PAHs (Juhasz & Naidu, 2000, Sutton & Calder, 1974).

The hydrophobicity of long chain alkanes and PAHs render these compounds less available for microbial uptake and degradation, because bacteria acquire generally nutrients that are soluble in water. Furthermore, these molecules (especially PAHs) tend to absorb strongly to the environmental matrix such as soil particles. Despite of this limited bioavailability, there are microorganisms (*e.g. P. aeruginosa*) that have been isolated from polluted soils or sediments for their capacity to degrade these weakly soluble hydrocarbons (Déziel *et al.*, 2001, Déziel *et al.*, 1999, Déziel *et al.*, 1996, Harayama *et al.*, 1999). The precise mechanisms of uptake of such water insoluble molecules for their degradation are not well understood. Among these mechanisms are the attachment of microorganisms to the hydrocarbons, and the production of biosurfactants for their solubilization (De Kievit *et al.*, 2001, Johnsen & Karlson, 2004). Biosurfactants, produce by microorganisms, are surface active substances and have amphiphilic structure containing both hydrophilic and hydrophobic groups (reviewed in Pacwa-Płociniczak *et al.* (2011)). The water bioavailability of hydrophobic substances is increased by biosurfactants because of their ability to emulsify, form foam and disperse (JD. Desai & Banat, 1997). Classification of biosurfactants is based on physical and chemical characterization such as glycolipids; fatty acid, phospholipids and neutral lipids; lipopeptides and polymeric biosurfactant (reviewed in Pacwa-Płociniczak *et al.* (2011)). Among biosurfactants, rhamnolipids are glycolipids produced by *P. aeruginosa* (Déziel *et al.*, 1996, Ron & Rosenberg, 2002) (see section 2.4).

2.1.2 Bioremediation

Bioremediation processes use living organisms like microorganisms or both microorganisms and plants to degrade/remove toxic chemicals in contaminated water, air and soil. This approach is used to remove pollutants from contaminated environments, and/or to convert or transform these pollutants into less harmful compounds. Among pollutants, alkanes and PAHs are persistent compounds and are difficult to be degraded by the natural biota because of their poor bioavailability (Déziel, 2001, Johnsen *et al.*, 2005, Lafortune *et al.*, 2009). Bioremediation can be applied to treat soils, sediments, sludge and water (Ron & Rosenberg, 2002, Samanta *et al.*, 2002) contaminated with such

hydrocarbons. Furthermore, various environmental factors such as nutrients, pH, electron acceptor availability, etc. play a role in the process (reviewed in Choi *et al.* (2011)).

Bioremediation is often the choice for treatment of different hydrocarbon-polluted sites due to its low cost and environment friendliness (reviewed in Choi *et al.* (2011)). However, in addition to environmental conditions, the rate of bioremediation depends on the abundance and the type of microorganisms. Microorganisms such as fungi, *Actinomycetes* and other specific bacteria can be isolated from contaminated water, sludge or soils. For instance, after the oil spill breakup in Gulf of Mexico, Kostka and co-workers isolated many kinds of different hydrocarbon-degrading bacteria from beach sands, which were related to the genera *Alcanivorax*, *Marinobacter*, *Pseudomonas*, and *Acinetobacter* (Kostka *et al.*, 2011). To apply bioremediating activities in different polluted sites, the bacterial potential to degrade toxic chemicals were analyzed. For example, n-alkanes with chain length of C₁₀-C₄₀ were used as sole carbon source by *Acinetobacter* sp. strain DMS 17874 (Throne-Holst *et al.*, 2007). In another study, *Rhodococcus rhodochrous* can use C₁₂-C₂₀ (reviewed in Wentzel *et al.* (2007)) while *P. aeruginosa* strain RR1 can utilize long chain n-alkanes of C₁₂-C₃₄ (reviewed in Wentzel *et al.* (2007)).

2.1.3 Alkane degradation by alkane hydroxylase

Alkane hydroxylase is a membrane bound enzyme involved in the initial step of the catabolism of linear hydrocarbons. This enzyme is an integral-membrane non-haem di-iron monooxygenase. It plays a role in hydroxylation of alkanes at the terminal position (Rojo, 2009). n-Alkanes are oxidized at the terminal methyl group to alcohol, aldehyde and to fatty acid at final step (Figure 2.3) (Harayama *et al.*, 1999). According to Beilen *et al.* (2007), alkanes are divided into three groups: short (C₁ – C₄), medium (C₅ – C₁₅) and long chain alkanes (\geq C₁₆). Alkane hydroxylases are divided into two groups. Type 1 is found widely in the genus *Pseudomonas*, and they can oxidize short and medium chain alkanes. Type 2 can oxidize long chain alkanes (Beilen & Funhoff, 2007). Among them, AlkB has been the most studied. AlkB is present in a wide variety of Gram negative as well as Gram-positive bacteria (Smits *et al.*, 2002, Whyte *et al.*, 2002).

The AlkB-type alkane hydroxylases were recognized as the enzymes that degrade alkanes with chain length of C₁₀-C₂₀ in Gram-negative *Acinetobacter* strains (Throne-Holst *et al.*, 2007). Multiple alkane hydroxylase genes have been found in many bacteria. For instance, in *Rhodococcus* sp., Whyte *et al.* (2002) discovered 4 alkane monooxygenase genes in two different strains of *Rhodococcus* sp. (strain Q15 and NRRL B-16531) including *alkB1*, *alkB2*, *alkB3* and *alkB4*. Van Beilen *et al.* (2003) showed *alkB* homologs encoding functional enzymes sharing only 40% sequence identity with other AlkB. Normally, AlkB oxidized n-alkanes ranging from C₅-C₁₆, but more recent reports demonstrated that some alkane hydroxylases to oxidize longer alkanes (> C₁₆) (Amouric *et al.*, 2010, Quatrini *et al.*, 2008). While AlkB2 could oxidize alkanes shorter than C₁₆, AlkB1, AlkB3 and AlkB4 could oxidize longer chain alkanes up to C₃₂ to C₃₆ (Whyte *et al.*, 2002). AlkB_a in *Rhodococcus ruber* SP2 oxidized of alkanes longer than C₁₂ (Amouric *et al.*, 2009).

In *P. aeruginosa*, there are two known alkane hydroxylase genes (*alkB1* and *alkB2*) (Marín *et al.*, 2003, Winsor *et al.*, 2011). The *alkB1* gene was induced at late exponential phase by C₁₀-C₂₄ alkanes, while AlkB2 activity peaked at early exponential phase (Marín *et al.*, 2003). The presence of alkane is necessary for expression of *alkB1* and *alkB2*, AlkB1 and AlkB2 were not detected when cultured on rich LB medium (Marín *et al.*, 2003).

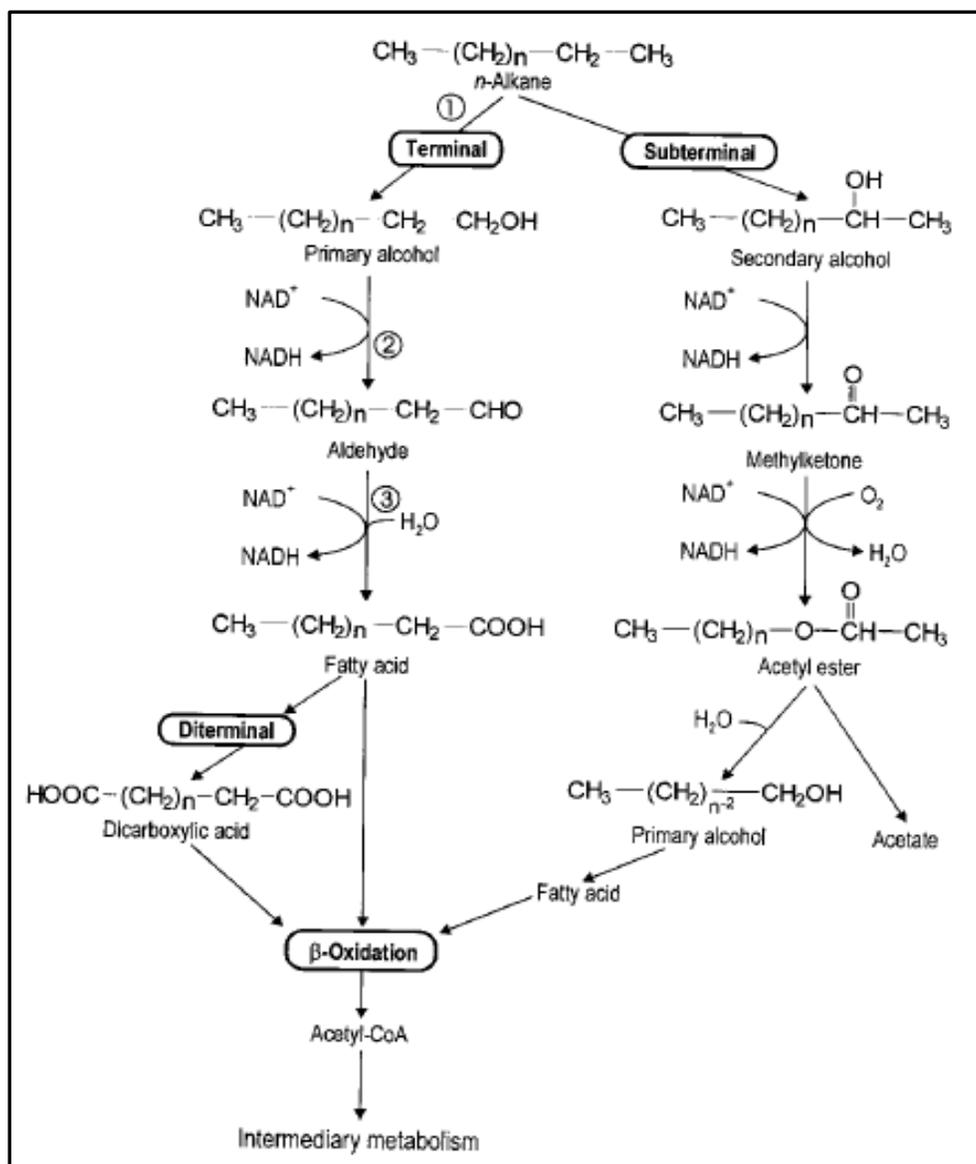


Figure 2.3 Pathways of alkane degradation. (1)-*n*-alkane monooxygenase, (2)-alcohol dehydrogenase, (3)-aldehyde dehydrogenase (Harayama *et al.*, 1999) .

2.2 *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

2.2.1 General characterization

The γ -proteobacterium *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* is a Gram-negative bacillus found in diverse environments ranging from soil to various living hosts (reviewed in Kung *et al.* (2010)). Its size ranges from 0.5 to 0.8 μm by 1.5 to 3.0 μm (Iglewski, 1996). Its outer membrane is composed of lipopolysaccharides (LPS) which influence the cell surface hydrophobicity (Starr & Stolp, 1981). *P. aeruginosa* releases a variety of pigments such as pyocyanin (blue-green) and two siderophores which are pyoverdine and pyochelin (fluorescent yellow-green). The WT cells of this bacterial species possess a single flagellum and several cell-surface-scattered type IV pili (Iglewski, 1996) participate in the swimming and twitching motilities, respectively (Mattick, 2002). This free-living bacterium is, however, also an opportunistic pathogen. For example, chronic *P. aeruginosa* infection in people with cystic fibrosis leads to deteriorating lung function (Costerton *et al.*, 1999).

The *P. aeruginosa* strain PAO1 genome consists of one chromosome 6.2 Mbp with a G+C content of 66% and which contains more than 5500 predicted open reading frames (ORF) (Winsor *et al.*, 2011). Besides many genes encoding outer membrane proteins involved in environmental sensing, motility and adhesion, the genome of this bacterial species also contains a large number of genes involved in uptake and metabolism of different carbon sources for energy (reviewed in Kung *et al.* (2010)). For instance, some strains of *P. aeruginosa* can grow on n-alkane ranging from C_6 to C_{34} , (Wentzel *et al.*, 2007), such as hexadecane and octadecane (Bouchez-Naïtali & Vandecasteele, 2008, Déziel *et al.*, 2001, Obuekwe *et al.*, 2007). In the laboratory of Prof. Villemur, different *P. aeruginosa* strains (*e.g.* 57RP and 19SJ), isolated from oil-contaminated soils, have been found to utilize n-alkanes such as hexadecane, octadecane and PAHs such as naphthalene and phenanthrene as a sole carbon sources (Déziel, 1996, Déziel, 2001, Déziel *et al.*, 2001, Déziel *et al.*, 1996).

2.2.2 Motility

P. aeruginosa displays three main types of motility: swarming, swimming and twitching, which promote translocation and dissemination. The polar flagellum and type IV pili (TFP) are involved in these motilities.

2.2.2.1 Swarming

Swarming motility, first described by Henrichsen (1972), is a type of bacterial translocation where cellular tendrils move on solid or semi-solid surfaces. The *P. aeruginosa* swarming cells are morphologically characterized by hyperflagellation, expression of two polar flagella and cell elongation compared to the vegetative cells (Yeung *et al.*, 2009). Besides flagella, swarming behavior requires the production of biosurfactants (Caiazza *et al.*, 2005, Déziel *et al.*, 2003, Tremblay *et al.*, 2007). Indeed, Déziel and co-workers showed that HAAs, an intermediate of rhamnolipid synthesis, found in the extracellular milieu, also contribute to swarming motility (Déziel *et al.*, 2003). In later work, Tremblay *et al.* (2007) demonstrated that rhamnolipids promoted swarming tendrils, a threadlike shape spreading of colony cells on surface of medium. Both flagella and rhamnolipids play an important role in swarming motility of *P. aeruginosa* cells (reviewed in Kearns (2010)). See section 2.4 for more on rhamnolipids.

2.2.2.2 Twitching

Twitching is a kind of bacterial translocation on solid surface, which is powered by the sequential extension and mediated attachment by intermittent TFP retraction. The movement of bacteria is dependent on TFP (Mattick, 2002). TFP are involved not only in the twitching motility but also in the initiation of biofilm formation in *P. aeruginosa* (Glick *et al.*, 2010, O'Toole & Kolter, 1998).

2.2.2.3 Swimming

Swimming motility is carried out by the single polar flagellum in aqueous

environments, contrary to twitching and swarming motilities, which are observed on surfaces. Contrary to swarming motility, rhamnolipids do not affect swimming motility (Tremblay *et al.*, 2007). Swimming and twitching are involved in chemotaxis towards a wide range of compounds (Barken *et al.*, 2008, Kato *et al.*, 2008).

2.2.3 Role of type IV pili in surface adherence and twitching motility

TFP are filamentous polar organelles typically of 5–7 nm in diameter and can extend to several μm in length. They are composed primarily of a single small protein subunit called PilA or pilin. TFP are involved in surface adherence of *P. aeruginosa*, and subsequently the colonization of the surface and development of biofilm (Anderson *et al.*, 2007, Kazmierczak *et al.*, 2006). They play an important role in attachment and in twitching motility. O'Toole and Kolter proposed that initial cell-surface interactions of *P. aeruginosa* are influenced by activities of flagella and pili (O'Toole & Kolter, 1998), and polar organelles are necessary for biofilm maturation, although flagella mutants can still form biofilms (Klausen *et al.*, 2003). In *P. aeruginosa*, nearly 40 genes have now been identified whose products are required for normal twitching motility. Besides those involved in the biogenesis and mechanical function of pili (such as *pilA*), there are several genes involved in controlling the production and function of the pili, and in responding to alterations in environmental conditions (Mattick, 2002).

2.3 *Biofilms*

2.3.1 Surface attached microbial communities

Biofilms are surface attached communities of living microorganisms densely encased in a self-produced matrix of extracellular polymeric substance (EPS), generally including extracellular DNA, proteins and polysaccharides (Allesen-Holm *et al.*, 2006, Harshey, 2003) called the biofilm matrix. Biofilms are found in a variety of habitats. They can be formed on both environmental abiotic surfaces, such as minerals, or at air-water interface, and biotic surfaces in the natural environment, such as other microbes, plants, external and internal surfaces of animals and the human body (reviewed in Karatan and Watnick (2009)). *P. aeruginosa* has become a model organism for the study of biofilm development (Figure 2.4) because this bacterial species is not only ubiquitous but also an opportunistic human pathogen with its high versatility and adaptation capabilities to different environments (reviewed in Valentini and Filloux (2016)).

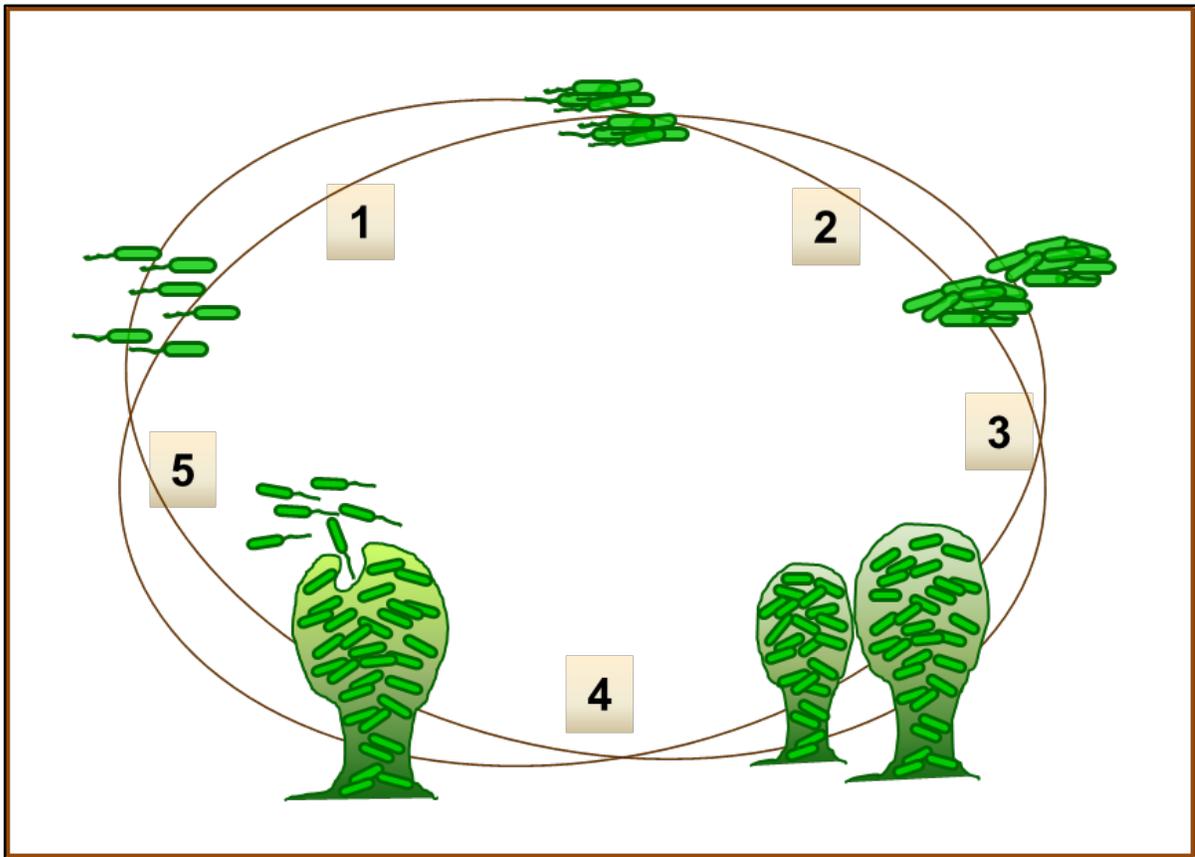


Figure 2.4 Five stages of biofilm development: 1- Initial attachment, 2- Formation of microcolonies requiring twitching motility, 3- Formation of mushroom-type structure by Quorum Sensing, 4- Maturation, 5- Dispersal (According to Sauer et al. (2002), Costerton et al. (1999)).

2.3.2 Biofilm formation

The development of a biofilm first involves the attachment of bacteria to a substratum. The second step typically involves the formation of microcolonies, which then grow and can form mushroom-type structures (typically observed in flow chamber cultures). Finally, bacteria detach from the surface and can then colonize other surfaces (Déziel, 2001, Sauer *et al.*, 2002). The initiation of biofilm formation seems to respond to environmental changes (Harshey, 2003, O'Toole, 2003, O'Toole & Kolter, 1998). Biofilm microcolonies will maintain their mushroom-shaped structure until deprivation of nutrients and will return to the planktonic state (free-floating, swimming state) (Barken *et al.*, 2008). The mushroom stalks are composed of non-motile bacteria in foci on the substratum, while mostly motile bacteria are associated with the cap when about to disseminate (Klausen *et al.*, 2003).

In nature, biofilms may exist in the form of communities of one or different types of microorganism. The later complex form of biofilms may consist of different strains or multiple species of microorganisms, including bacteria, archaea, protozoa, fungi and/or algae. In such a complex biofilm, different microbial groups may cooperate or compete with each other through their specialized metabolic functions in a given environment (reviewed in Nadell *et al.* (2009)).

2.3.3 Biofilm matrix of *P. aeruginosa*

Biofilm matrix comprises by polysaccharides, proteins and extracellular DNA (eDNA). There are differences between biofilm matrixes of microorganisms. In the biofilm matrix of *P. aeruginosa*, eDNA plays a key structural role in early stages in keeping cells together in biofilm formation and is released in the biofilm either by bacterial lysis or by the release of membrane vesicles (Allesen-Holm *et al.*, 2006). A young biofilm of *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 was destroyed when it was exposed to DNase I (Whitchurch *et al.*, 2002).

In *P. aeruginosa* biofilm matrix, Toyofuku and colleagues observed the presence of 178 proteins; 45 of which were found exclusively in the matrix fraction (Toyofuku *et al.*, 2012). Approximately 30% of the identified matrix proteins were outer membrane proteins, which are also typically found in outer membrane vesicles (OMVs). These authors demonstrated that some proteins associated with the biofilm matrix are derived from secreted proteins, others from lysed cells, while the large majority of the matrix proteins originate from OMVs and that the protein content of planktonic and biofilm OMVs is surprisingly different (Toyofuku *et al.*, 2012). However, the extracellular protein component of biofilm matrix may vary depending on the bacterial genotype, the specific environment and the development of some new highly adaptive subpopulations such as small colony variants.

Exopolysaccharides also play an important role in the biofilm formation and architecture at both early and late-stage biofilm development (Ghafoor *et al.*, 2011). A large quantity of exopolysaccharide produced by the attached bacteria not only promotes adherence but protects these bacteria from desiccation, and even helps these bacteria to acquire minerals and nutrients (Harshey, 2003). In *P. aeruginosa*, there are three types of exopolysaccharide including alginate, Psl and Pel (Ryder *et al.*, 2007).

Biofilm appears to be a good means of bacterial survival and growth in adverse conditions. For example, under the biofilm mode of growth, *P. aeruginosa* cells grown in the lung of cystic fibrosis condition patient are highly protected from the killing effect of antibiotics and the immune response (Costerton *et al.*, 1999). Further, biofilm state may also be useful in degrading hydrocarbons (Déziel *et al.*, 2001).

2.3.4 Environmental factors

The biofilm formation of microorganisms on a surface is affected by various environmental factors including nutrients, inorganic molecules, oxygen and nitric oxide, antimicrobials and surfactants (reviewed in Karatan and Watnick (2009)). A few of the

environmental factors affecting the biofilm formation of *P. aeruginosa* are explained below.

- a) *Nutrients*. *P. aeruginosa* can grow on various nutritional sources, e.g. glucose, citrate, casamino acids and benzoate; however, its biofilm development is dependent on the carbon source. Under flow through culture conditions, when glucose was supplied as the carbon source the biofilm formed by *P. aeruginosa* was found to be heterogeneous with a mushroom shape (DG. Davies *et al.*, 1998, Stewart *et al.*, 1993), whereas upon supplied with citrate, casamino acids or benzoate the biofilm was uniform, flat and densely-packed (Heydorn *et al.*, 2000, Klausen *et al.*, 2003). However, a sudden increases in the concentration of several nutrients such as citrate, glucose, glutamate, succinate, or ammonium chloride induced biofilm dispersal (Sauer *et al.*, 2004).
- b) *Inorganic molecules*. Iron is one of the inorganic molecules essential for most bacteria, including *P. aeruginosa*. Mutants of this microorganism that are defective in iron uptake are less able to form biofilms (Banin *et al.*, 2005).
- c) *Oxygen depletion and nitric oxide*. In the deepest layers of the biofilm, bacterial cells usually suffer from the depletion of oxygen due to the consumption of cells that reside at the outer layers of the biofilm. For survival, these cells may require anaerobic metabolism, and anaerobic respiration can produce reactive nitrogen intermediates including nitric oxide (NO). The reactive nitrogen intermediates at high doses are harmful for DNA, proteins, and lipids. The NO stress, originating from either the endogenous anaerobic respiration or the exogenous supply, can induce biofilm dispersal in *P. aeruginosa* (Barraud *et al.*, 2006).
- d) *Temperature and pH*. Hostacka and colleagues compared the effect of temperature and pH on the biofilm production of four strains of *P. aeruginosa*. These authors found that when grown at 37°C, 3 of the 4 tested strains produced significantly less biofilm than that they produced at 30°C (Hostacka *et al.*, 2010). The biofilm

production of the 4th strain grown at 37°C was slightly higher but not significantly than those grown at 30°C. These authors also found that in all tested media an increase in pH from 5.5 to 7.5 and 8.5 led to a higher biofilm production, e.g. the biofilm production at pH 8.5 was 139-244 % and at pH 7.5 136-164 % was higher than those observed at pH 5.5 (Hostacka *et al.*, 2010).

- e) *Antimicrobials*. The antimicrobial compounds can also induce biofilm formation of *P. aeruginosa*. Hoffman and colleagues showed that the presence of subinhibitory concentrations of the aminoglycoside antibiotic tobramycin in the culture medium could induce biofilm formation of *P. aeruginosa* (Hoffman *et al.*, 2005).

- f) *Surfactants*. (see section 2.4.3.3 Role of rhamnolipids in biofilm development).

2.4 Rhamnolipids

2.4.1 Biosurfactants

Rhamnolipids are surface-active agents that have properties of amphipathic molecules formed with both hydrophilic (rhamnose) and hydrophobic (lipid) moieties. These surface-active agents can be produced by various microorganisms living under different environmental conditions, especially at high cell densities. They are generally called biosurfactants (reviewed in Karatan and Watnick (2009)), since they have the property to reduce surface/interfacial tension.

Rhamnolipids produced by *P. aeruginosa* were identified over 70 years ago. It began with Bergström and colleagues (1946) who found for the first time glycolipid compounds containing rhamnose and β -hydroxydecanoic acid in the culture of *Pseudomonas pyocyanea* on glucose (reviewed in Lang and Wullbrandt (1999)). The ratios of the two rhamnose and lipid components of glycolipids were established by Jarvis and Johnson (Jarvis & Johnson, 1949) on the product isolated from cultivation of *P. aeruginosa*

on glycerol, and the linkage between the two sugar units was established by Edwards and Hayashi (1965). Rhamnolipids produced by *P. aeruginosa* are frequently considered as the best characterized microbial biosurfactants (reviewed in Lang and Wullbrandt (1999)).

2.4.2 Rhamnolipid biosynthesis

2.4.2.1 Quorum sensing

Rhamnolipid synthesis is regulated by quorum-sensing (QS) circuits, which are utilized by various microorganisms to coordinate their behavior in a cell density-dependent manner. In *P. aeruginosa*, activities of the QS circuits are dependent on small molecules such as N-(3-oxododecanoyl)-L-homoserine lactone (3-oxo-C₁₂-HSL) and N-butyryl-L-homoserine lactone (C₄-HSL) called autoinducers (reviewed in Karatan and Watnick (2009)). There are two AHL-based QS circuits LasI/R and RhlI/R, which produce and detect the autoinducers, and Rhl is under the control of Las system (Henke & Bassler, 2004) (Figure 2.6). In the presence of the cognate autoinducers, Las and Rhl pathways regulate quorum-sensing responses, activating a large number of genes. Among which are those involved in biofilm development, etc. (reviewed in Karatan and Watnick (2009)).

2.4.2.2 Rhamnolipid biosynthesis

Rhamnolipids are biosurfactants known to be produced by various *Pseudomonas* species, including *P. aeruginosa*, *P. chlororaphis*, *P. plantarii*, *P. putida* and *P. fluorescens*, of which *P. aeruginosa* is the predominant rhamnolipid producer (reviewed in Sekhon Randhawa and Rahman (2014)). Rhamnolipid production is regulated by RhlI/R of the QS circuits (reviewed in Henke and Bassler (2004)). Two main types of rhamnolipids usually produced by *P. aeruginosa* during growth on n-alkane are mono-rhamnolipid (mono-RL) and di-rhamnolipids (di-RL) (Hisatsuka *et al.*, 1971, Ito *et al.*, 1971) (Figure 2.5). In *P. aeruginosa*, biosynthesis of the two mono- and di-rhamnolipid is regulated by the action of three essential enzymes RhlA, RhlB and RhlC. The 3-(3-hydroxyalkanoyloxy) alkanolic acids (HAAs) (Figure 2.5) are the precursors of rhamnolipids and are synthesized by RhlA (Cabrera-Valladares *et al.*, 2006, Déziel *et al.*,

2003, Zhu & Rock, 2008). Then, the HAAs are converted into mono-rhamnolipid via RhIB (rhamnosyltransferase 1) and to di-rhamnolipid by RhIC (rhamnosyltransferase 2) (Davey *et al.*, 2003, Déziel *et al.*, 2003, Soberon-Chavez *et al.*, 2005) (Figure 2.6). RhIA and RhIB are encoded by the *rhlAB* operon, while *rhlC* is elsewhere on the chromosome (Rahim *et al.*, 2001).

The production of glycolipids or rhamnolipids typically starts at the end of exponential growth phase (Muller *et al.*, 2010). However, nutritional components may affect the rhamnolipid production and it also depends on the strains used in experiments. For example, four *P. aeruginosa* strains used by Zhang and Miller (Y Zhang & Miller, 1994) produced rhamnolipids during growth in phosphate-limited proteose peptone-glucose-ammonium salts (PPGAS) medium but did not do so in mineral salt medium containing glucose or octadecane as the carbon source (Y Zhang & Miller, 1994). Other *P. aeruginosa* strains, such as the one (strain CCTCC AB93066) used by Zhong and colleagues (2008) produced rhamnolipids during growth in minimal salt medium (MSM) supplied with glucose as the carbon source (Zhong *et al.*, 2008) while Déziel (2001) observed the rhamnolipid production during growth of the 57RP strain on various carbon sources, including n-alkanes and PAHs (Déziel, 2001).

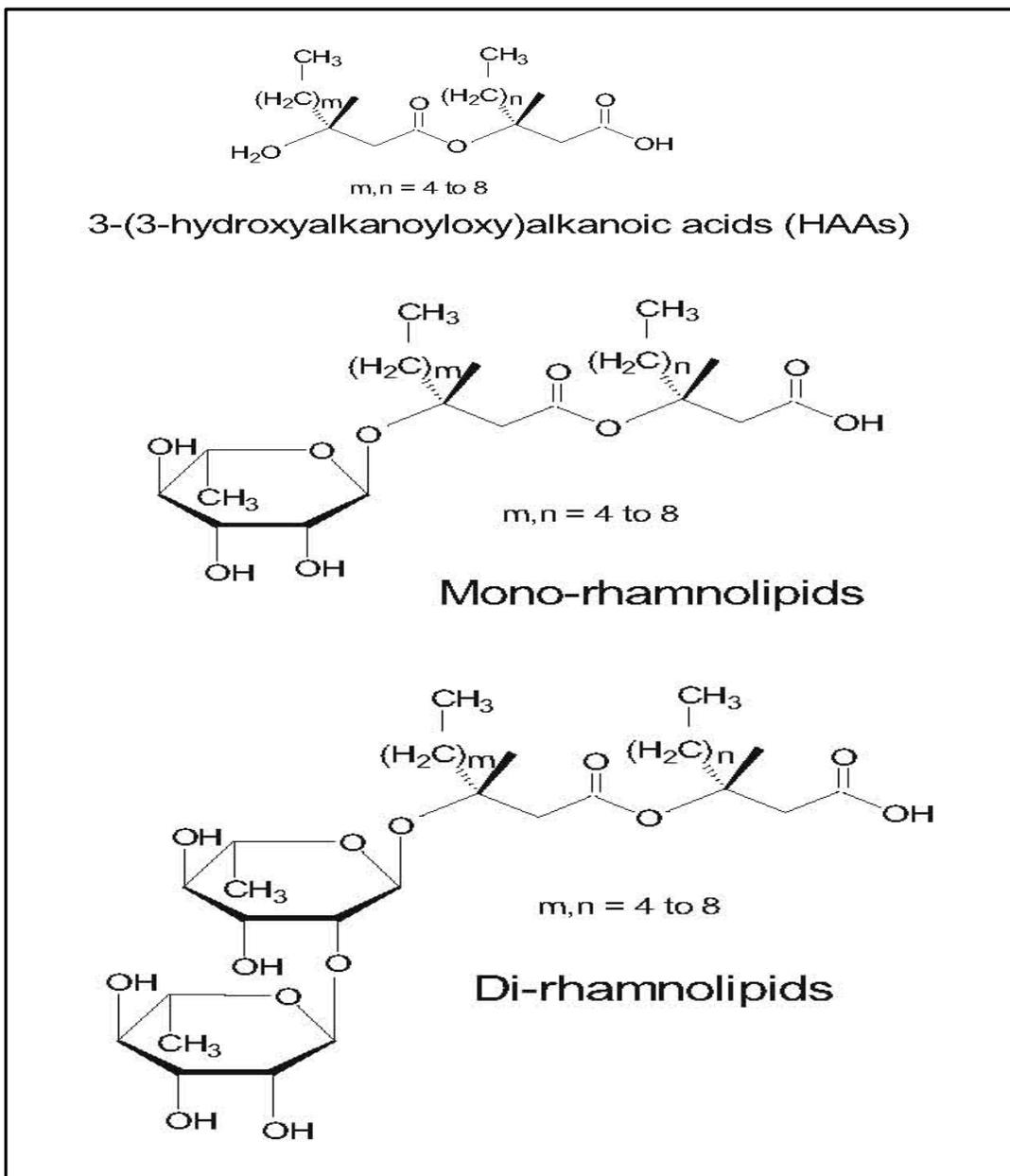


Figure 2.5 Chemical structure of 3-(3-hydroxyalkanoyloxy) alkanoic acid (HAAs), L-rhamnosyl-3-hydroxydecanoyl-3-hydroxydecanoate (mono-rhamnolipid) and L-rhamnosyl-L-rhamnosyl-3-hydroxydecanoyl-3-hydroxydecanoate (di-rhamnolipid) (Soberon-Chavez *et al.*, 2005)

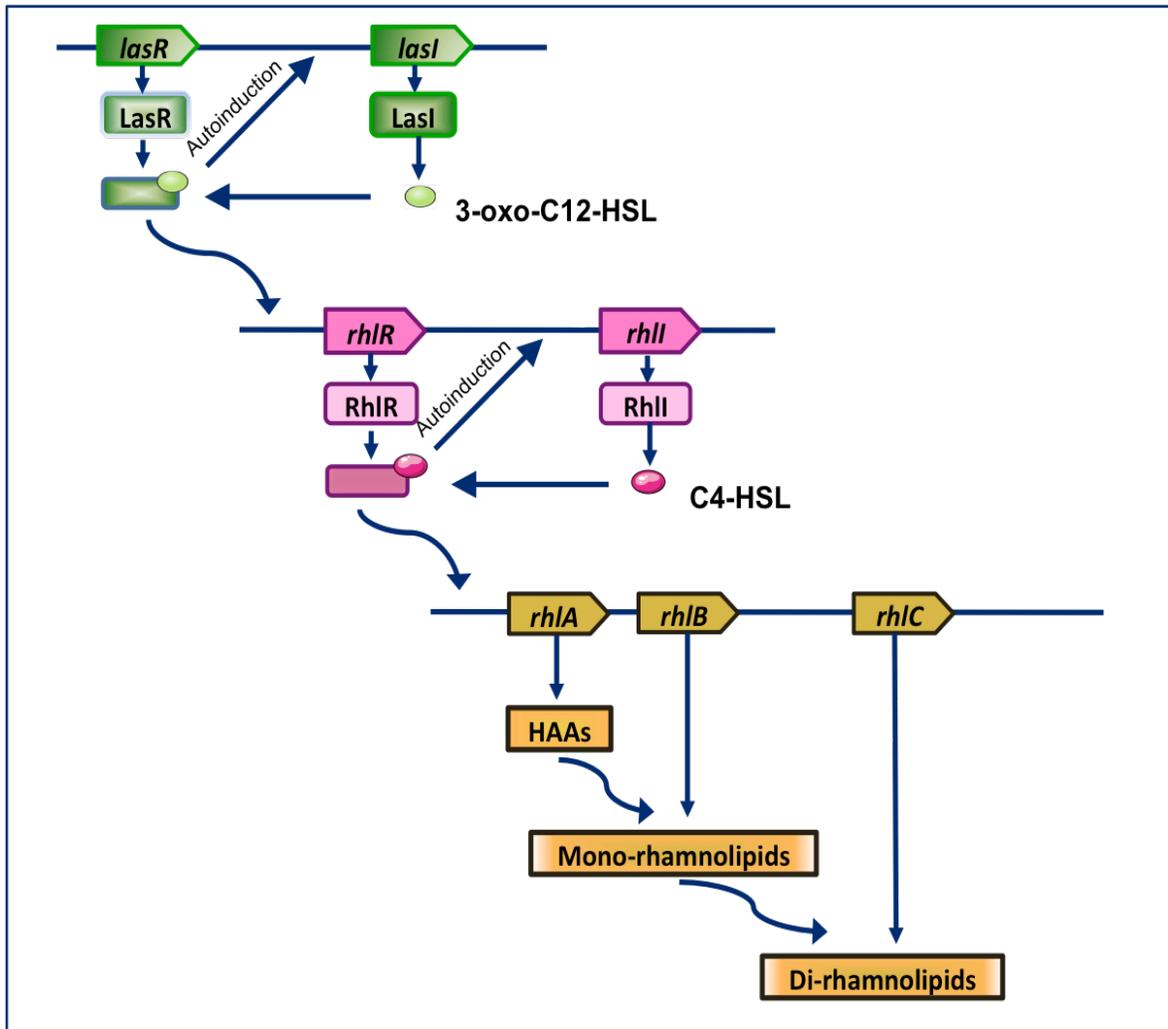


Figure 2.6 Schematic diagram of rhamnolipid biosynthesis in *P. aeruginosa* controlled by QS system. N-(3-oxododecanoyl)-L-homoserine lactone (3-oxo-12-HSL) and N-butyryl-L-homoserine lactone (C4-HSL) (According to PN. Jimenez et al. (2012), Soberon-Chavez et al. (2005)).

2.4.3 Roles of rhamnolipids

2.4.3.1 Role of rhamnolipids in the dispersion of hydrophobic substrates

Bacterial growth can be limited by the interfacial contact area when they grow on hydrocarbons. However, the limiting contact area can be overcome by cell-density-dependent mechanisms and by the dispersion or emulsification of the hydrophobic nutrients in the presence of biosurfactants. The dispersion of hydrocarbons by biosurfactants certainly enhanced the bioavailability of the initially hydrophobic nutrients to bacteria (Ron & Rosenberg, 2002). However, in certain *P. aeruginosa* strains an addition of rhamnolipids generates a negative effect on growth of some bacterial strains (Zhang & Miller, 1994).

Our main research model strain 57RP is a biosurfactant-producing strain and can adapt to grow on various hydrocarbon sources such as n-alkanes and PAHs (Déziel, 2001). Rhamnolipids might help to disperse hydrophobic hydrocarbons and to increase the contact surface between bacterial cells and substrates. However, the exact role of these biosurfactants in the growth ability of 57RP strain in culture with hydrophobic hydrocarbons, especially hexadecane, used as a sole carbon source, remains still unclear and will be investigated and discussed further in the present study.

2.4.3.2 Role of rhamnolipids in cell surface hydrophobicity

Zhang and Miller (1994) used four *P. aeruginosa* strains that produced rhamnolipids during growth in phosphate-limited proteose peptone-glucose-ammonium salts (PPGAS) but did not produce rhamnolipids during growth in the minimal salt medium containing either glucose or octadecane as the carbon source. These authors showed that the positive effect of added rhamnolipids on the increase of cell hydrophobicity and biomass production was found primarily with the two slow octadecane degraders that had low cell surface hydrophobicity (Y Zhang & Miller, 1994). In contrast, the addition of the exogenous biosurfactants showed almost no effect on the cell hydrophobicity and the biomass production of the other two fast octadecane degraders that had high cell surface

hydrophobicity. These authors also observed that rhamnolipid reduced the cell attachment to hydrocarbon of all four strains tested and the surfactant was not incorporated into the cells in both conditions with and without octadecane (Y Zhang & Miller, 1994). These authors suggested that the bioavailability of octadecane in the presence of rhamnolipids is controlled by both aqueous dispersion of octadecane and cell hydrophobicity (Y Zhang & Miller, 1994). In another study, Koch and colleagues (1991) isolated a transposon Tn5-GM-induced mutant 65E12 of *P. aeruginosa* PG201 that did not produce extracellular rhamnolipids in all conditions tested, and was also unable to take up ¹⁴C-labelled hexadecane, and was unable to grow in media containing individual alkanes from C₁₂ to C₁₉. However, when small amounts of purified rhamnolipids were added to the cultures, growth on these alkanes and uptake of [¹⁴C]hexadecane of the mutant 65E12 were restored (Koch *et al.*, 1991). The above observed positive effect of an addition of extragenous rhamnolipids on the growth on hexadecane was further supported by studies of another *P. aeruginosa* strain (Bouchez-Naïtali & Vandecasteele, 2008).

The effects of rhamnolipids on the increase in the cell surface hydrophobicity in *P. aeruginosa* have been investigated in more detail. Al-Tahhan and colleagues (2000) observed the rhamnolipid-induced removal of lipopolysaccharide (LPS) from the cell surface of *P. aeruginosa* and changed the surface properties to be more hydrophobic. These authors concluded that rhamnolipid-induced LPS release is the probable mechanism of enhanced cell surface hydrophobicity (Al-Tahhan *et al.*, 2000). In a later study on the effect of rhamnolipids on cell surface properties of *P. aeruginosa*, Sotirova and colleagues (2009) found that exogenous addition of purified rhamnolipids at concentration above the critical micelle concentration (CMC) caused the reduction of total cellular LPS content and increased cell hydrophobicity. At concentrations below CMC, rhamnolipids did not affect the LPS component of the bacterial outer membrane, but caused changes in the outer membrane protein (OMP) composition of the bacterial cell (Sotirova *et al.*, 2009). In another study, Zhong and colleagues found the adsorption of mono-RL and di-RL on the cell surface of *P. aeruginosa* increased cell surface hydrophobicity (Zhong *et al.*, 2008). The authors also reported that the adsorption capacity of all cells to mono-RL was much stronger than to di-RL as the later surfactant was still released when its aqueous

concentration was already too high. The authors assumed that the adsorption was a result of the polar interaction between the rhamnolipid molecules and the cell surface chemical groups. Extension into the environment of the hydrophobic moiety of the rhamnolipid molecules may account for the increase in cell surface hydrophobicity at low concentrations of the surfactant (Zhong *et al.*, 2008).

Besides alkanes, saturated hydrocarbons, *P. aeruginosa* can also grow on other types of hydrocarbons used as the sole carbon source such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). The two *P. aeruginosa* strains used in the present study are able to grow on these PAH substrates (Déziel, 2001, Déziel *et al.*, 1996). In a study on the evaluation of bacterial strategies to promote the bioavailability of PAHs, Johnsen and Karlson also found that *P. aeruginosa* produced extracellular surfactants in the cultures with phenanthrene supplied as the carbon source (Johnsen & Karlson, 2004).

Rhamnolipids exhibit both positive and negative effects on the interaction between the *P. aeruginosa* cells and the hydrocarbon substrate, including the increased dispersion of weakly soluble substrates, the enhancement of cell surface hydrophobicity, the induced release of LPS and decrease of OMPs, and the reduced adherence of cells to hydrocarbons (Y Zhang & Miller, 1994). However, not all *P. aeruginosa* strains produce rhamnolipids when grown on hydrocarbons. The hydrophobicity of the cell surface appeared to be an essential factor for the *P. aeruginosa* cells to be able to grow on the hydrophobic substrates such as hydrocarbons. The addition of exogenous rhamnolipids appeared to have positive effects on the ability of the *P. aeruginosa* with low cell hydrophobicity to degrade hydrocarbons. In contrast, the growth ability of the cells, with high cell hydrophobicities, may suffer from the additional rhamnolipids (Y Zhang & Miller, 1994).

2.4.3.3 *Role of rhamnolipids in biofilm development*

The general life cycle of bacterial biofilms, starting from the initial cell-to-surface attachment to the initiation of biofilm formation, development and its dispersal, is differently affected by rhamnolipids and this biosurfactant contributes substantially in the

active dispersal of biofilms to initiate a new biofilm life cycle (reviewed in (Kaplan, 2010), McDougald *et al.* (2012)). Results from research by Davey and colleagues (2003) on the biofilm development of *P. aeruginosa* have shown that rhamnolipids are involved in the different stages of biofilm development. For example, rhamnolipids can interfere with the attachment of bacterial cells to surfaces, which is the first step of biofilm formation (Davey *et al.*, 2003). The development of a young biofilm is also affected by rhamnolipids as the added rhamnolipids cause the dispersion of the biofilm. However, the mature biofilm is not affected by rhamnolipids, and, indeed, rhamnolipids contribute to the maintenance of the function of fluid channels by preventing the attachment of the other bacterial cells that may block the flow channels. One of the most significant roles of the rhamnolipid surfactant is that in the aged biofilms the self-produced rhamnolipids cause the dispersal of the aged biofilm cells. The rhamnolipid-detached cells could recolonize a new surface to exploit the nutrients still available in the environment and grow on (Davey *et al.*, 2003). Furthermore, rhamnolipids play a role in the detachment of cells from biofilms (Boles *et al.*, 2005).

2.4.3.4 *Role of rhamnolipid on motility*

Rhamnolipids or their HAAs precursors have different effects on swarming motility. Indeed, Tremblay and co-workers showed that di-RLs promoted swarming cells; in contrast, swarming motility was prevented by the presence of HAAs. In addition, mono-RLs play a role as wetting agent but are not involved in migrating swarms (Tremblay *et al.*, 2007). Another study showed that rhamnolipids are also involved in twitching motility (Glick *et al.*, 2010). Pamp and Tolker-Nielsen (2007) presented genetic evidence that *P. aeruginosa rhlA* mutants, deficient in synthesis of biosurfactants, could not form microcolonies in the initial phase of biofilm formation. These *rhlA* mutants were also defective in migration-dependent development of mushroom-shaped multicellular structures in the later phase of biofilm formation (Pamp & Tolker-Nielsen, 2007).

2.5 *Small colony variants*

2.5.1 Small colony variant definition

Bacterial small colony variants (SCV) are adaptive phenotypes of naturally occurring subpopulations of bacteria that had been reported for the first time by Jacobsen and Mitteilungen in 1910 (reviewed in Proctor *et al.* (2006)). The SCVs are constituted of slow growing cells with atypical colony morphology, and distinctive phenotype traits. The most recognizable feature of the SCVs during growth on rich media is the formation of colonies, the size of which was significantly reduced as compared to that of wild-type bacteria, and the size reduction aspect implicates the name of the type of colony variants (Proctor *et al.*, 2006).

2.5.2 Common characteristics of *P. aeruginosa* SCVs

Besides the obvious size reduction, SCVs commonly share several other observable phenotypic features (Evans, 2015b), with a few representative examples of which are listed below.

- a. High cell surface hydrophobicity and attachment (Déziel *et al.*, 2001, Drenkard & Ausubel, 2002, Haussler *et al.*, 2003).
- b. High production of EPS and auto-aggregation (D'Argenio *et al.*, 2002, Malone *et al.*, 2010, Starkey *et al.*, 2009) and high capacity of forming biofilms (Déziel *et al.*, 2001, Drenkard & Ausubel, 2002, Haussler *et al.*, 2003).
- c. Hyperpiliation and/or motility deficiencies (Déziel *et al.*, 2001, Haussler *et al.*, 2003, Wei *et al.*, 2011).
- d. Increase in the c-di-GMP production. Inhibition the c-di-GMP synthesis or increase in degradation of the second messenger could induce phenotypic reversion (D'Argenio *et al.*, 2002, Drenkard & Ausubel, 2002, Haussler *et al.*, 2003, Malone *et al.*, 2010, Starkey *et al.*, 2009).

- e. Ability to revert to the large size and different phenotypic characteristics of the wild type colony (Déziel *et al.*, 2001, Drenkard & Ausubel, 2002, Haussler *et al.*, 2003, Wei *et al.*, 2011), etc.

2.6 Phase variation

Bacterial cells, grown in the biofilm, including those derived from a clonal origin and living under a homogenous condition, often show a high degree of both genotypic and phenotypic variability representing a wide range of different physiological states. This wide range variability relates the physiological heterogeneity or bistability of the whole cell population. These phenotypic variations are based on different mechanisms, including the phase variation-induced changes in gene expression program, the transition of cell cycles, the response of cells to certain environmental stress-specific stimuli, and others (reviewed in Stewart and Franklin (2008), Veening *et al.* (2008)). However, an atypical phenotypic variation could also occur by spontaneous mutations to some specific gene(s), e.g. the c-di-GMP-metabolizing genes. The activities of these mutated genes would induce the phenotypic switching leading to the formation of various atypical phenotypic variants, including the c-di-GMP-dependent SCVs, too (see section 2.7.2.3).

SCV formation during growth on hexadecane, as the sole carbon source, and reversion to the wild phenotype during growth on rich media, has been reported in *P. aeruginosa* strain 57RP isolated from a crude-oil contaminated site (Déziel *et al.*, 2001, Déziel *et al.*, 1996). The authors suggested that the 57RP SCVs resulted from phase variation. They proposed that phase variation ensures the prior presence of phenotypic forms well adapted to initiate the formation of a biofilm as soon as environmental conditions are favorable (Déziel *et al.*, 2001). The opinion of SCV formation as a result of phase variation and environmental selection was also supported by results obtained from another research laboratory. Indeed, report of Drenkard and Ausubel indicated that 100% SCV reverted to WT phenotype when cultured on medium without antibiotic (Drenkard & Ausubel, 2002).

2.6.1 Phase variation definition

The phenomenon of phase variation was reported for the first time by Andrewes in 1922 (Andrewes, 1922) and is defined as the random switching of microbial phenotype in a reversible manner (reviewed in Henderson *et al.* (1999)).

One of the features that differentiate phase variation from point mutation is the variation rate. The rate of phase variation occurs on average 10^{-4} per cell per generation (Villemur & Déziel, 2005). In some cases, the variation rate can be as high as a change in 1 cell per 10 per generation but more often is on the order of 1 change per 10^3 cells per generation, depending on the gene, the bacterial species, and the regulatory mechanism involved (van der Woude & Bäumler, 2004). It is obvious that the phase variation rate is much higher than the rate of classical point mutation. For example, in *E. coli*, the spontaneous mutation rate was observed at 2.2×10^{-10} mutations per nucleotide per generation or 1.0×10^{-3} mutations per genome per generation (H. Lee *et al.*, 2012). However, in the complex case of spontaneous mutation-induced-phase-variation, the rate of the atypical variant formation (e.g. mutant SCV) and reversion was probably as high as the mutation rate of genes of bacterial cells grown in a given environment. At present, there is no information on the topic of switching from and to SCV state in the literature.

2.6.2 Mechanism of phase variation

There are various mechanisms known to be involved in the phase variation (reviewed in Bayliss (2009), Henderson *et al.* (1999), Villemur and Déziel (2005)), including:

- a. **Site-specific recombination.** One of the site-specific recombination types is inversion. This is a change in the original orientation of DNA sequences that will affect the expression, the ON or OFF expression mode, of the gene located within or next to the switch, including the promoter of a gene located in the invertible element (Gally *et al.*, 1993, Wisniewski-Dyé & Vial, 2008).

The other type is insertion-excision, i.e. the translocation of a short DNA sequence, called an insertion sequence (IS) element, inserted into or excised from a target DNA sequence resulting in structural variation or restoration of the original sequence of DNA (Higgins *et al.*, 2007, van der Woude & Bäumlér, 2004). The reversion by insertion-excision events in phase variation mediated by transposition targeting specific DNA sequences (van der Woude & Bäumlér, 2004).

- b. *Gene conversion by homologous recombination.*** This is a genetic modification process under which nucleotide sequences are exchanged between two identical or similar molecules of DNA. Gene conversion is a result of homologous recombination that combined DNA sequences of an active copy of a gene with parts of its silent copies to result in a new gene product. An example of this type of genetic recombination was the observation of naturally occurring RecB allele variation that was the mechanism operating in the RecBCD pathway required for antigenic variation of pilin found in *Neisseria meningitidis* (Salvatore *et al.*, 2002).

- c. *Epigenetic modification - methylation.*** In this mechanism, structure of DNA sequence, the genotype, is not altered but the phenotype is altered. Methylation alters the binding of transcription factors, resulting in switches ON or OFF of gene expression and phenotypic variation. For example, the *agn43* gene, which encodes the outer membrane protein antigen 43 (Ag43) in *E. coli* contains a GATC sequence, overlapping with the binding site of the regulatory protein OxyR. When the GATC sequence is methylated by DNA-methylating enzyme deoxyadenosine methyltransferase (Dam), it prevents the OxyR protein from binding to the site, leading to the transcription of Ag43 gene (van der Woude & Henderson, 2008).

- d. *Nested DNA inversion.*** This type of phase variation is based on the movement of a promoter region from one copy of a gene to another in the genome. The movement of promoter region is carried out through homologous recombination in the conserved region at the 5' end of the other, usually silent, genes (Dworkin & Blaser, 1997).

e. ***Slipped strand mispairing (SSM)***. In this type of phase variation, a mispairing of short repeat sequences (SRS) is produced between the mother and daughter strand during replication or DNA repair, resulting in the change of number of repeat sequences. The common feature of SRS is that SRSs usually are 1 to 7 nucleotide-long and either homogeneous or heterogeneous repetitive DNA sequences (Wisniewski-Dyé & Vial, 2008). If SSM occurred in the promoter region, the result may be seen in the level of transcription, i.e. the activation or inactivation of gene expression (Torres-Cruz & van der Woude, 2003). If SSM occurred in the region outside of the promoter, the change in the number of short repeat sequences can affect the binding ability of regulatory proteins, such as activators or repressors; consequently, altering the expression of original genes (van der Woude & Bäumlér, 2004). If SSM occurred in the coding region between the start and stop codons, known as translational slipped-strand mispairing, results in changes at the translational level, i.e. the quality of synthesized proteins is changed, due to change the length and/or the amino acid sequence resulting in nonfunctional proteins (Saunders *et al.*, 1998).

2.6.3 Roles of IS elements in generation of bacterial adaptive variants facing nutrient-stress conditions

The bacterial cells frequently face various nutrient-stressful conditions, such as the exhaustion of either easily accessible or difficultly accessible carbon sources. In response to nutrient stress, bacteria adopt various adaptation strategies for survival to overcome the facing nutrient-stress environments. One of the frequently observed operating strategies of bacteria for survival in nutrient stress conditions was the excision/insertion activity of various IS elements defined as DNA segments encoding necessary enzymes and other proteins mediating translocations of specific mobile DNA sequences within genomes of many bacteria (Kivisaar, 2010), including *Pseudomonas* (Mahillon & Chandler, 1998). Bacterial cells employ IS elements as the tools for genetic variation, phenotypic switching, promoting adaptation and survival (reviewed in Vandecraen *et al.* (2017)).

Some activities of IS elements relating the phenotypic switch, which was due to the activation or inhibition of gene expression generated by the inversion of a particular DNA sequence or insertion-excision of IS elements into or from specific chromosomal regions, have been recognized (Gally *et al.*, 1993, Higgins *et al.*, 2007, van der Woude & Bäumlér, 2004, Wisniewski-Dyé & Vial, 2008).

2.7 *Second messengers*

2.7.1 Diverse second messengers are found in bacteria

Second messengers are nucleotide-based signals that play a role in relaying intracellular signals and regulating bacterial lifestyle. There are several kinds of second messengers including: (1) cyclic adenosine 3',5'-monophosphate (cAMP), (2) cyclic guanosine 3',5'-monophosphate (cGMP), (3) guanosine tetraphosphate or guanosine pentaphosphate ((p)ppGpp), (4) the recently intensely studied cyclic di-GMP (see Section 2.7.2), and most recently discovered (5) cyclic diadenosine monophosphate (c-di-AMP) present only in bacteria (Gomelsky, 2011, Pesavento & Hengge, 2009).

2.7.1.1 cAMP and cGMP

The cyclic nucleotides, cAMP and cGMP, are a common signaling molecule in both eukaryotes and prokaryotes (Kalia *et al.*, 2013).

In *P. aeruginosa*, there are two known adenylate cyclases involved in cAMP synthesis: the membrane-bound CyaB and the cytoplasmic CyaA adenylate cyclases. This second messenger is hydrolyzed by cAMP-specific phosphodiesterases (PN. Jimenez *et al.*, 2012). In addition, cAMP plays a role in regulating virulence factors, type III secretion systems (T3SS), and TFP in *P. aeruginosa* (Diaz *et al.*, 2011). cAMP binds to the receptor protein Vfr, involved in regulation of genes belonging to the Las QS system (PN. Jimenez *et al.*, 2012), and thus this second messenger is at the top of the quorum sensing hierarchy in *P. aeruginosa* (reviewed in PN. Jimenez *et al.* (2012)).

Like cAMP, cGMP is another known signaling molecule. cGMP is synthesized by guanylate cyclases and hydrolyzed by cGMP specific PDEs (PN. Jimenez *et al.*, 2012). cGMP was found in *Escherichia coli*, *Bacillus licheniformis* and *Mycobacterium smegmatis* (Gomelsky, 2011, Linder, 2010). Although cGMP has been known since the 1970s, study involving this second messenger is scarce. Up to now, no study involving cGMP in *P. aeruginosa* was published.

2.7.1.2 (p)ppGpp

Another second messenger, (p)ppGpp also known as the “alarmone” molecule, is an intracellular signal molecule produced in response to harsh environments, e.g., amino acid starvation (Haseltine & Block, 1973), fatty acid limitation (Battesti & Bouveret, 2006), iron limitation (Vinella *et al.*, 2005), heat shock (Gallant *et al.*, 1977), glucose starvation (Potrykus & Cashel, 2008) and other stress conditions. This phenomenon is called stringent response (SR). There are two enzymes, RelA and SpoT, involved in ppGpp synthesis. pppGpp is synthesized from guanosine triphosphate (GTP) and adenosine triphosphate (ATP) by RelA, then this molecule is converted to ppGpp (Dalebroux & Swanson, 2012). SpoT is a synthase-hydrolase enzyme. Both pppGpp and ppGpp are generated by SpoT, but SpoT can also hydrolyse them to guanosine triphosphate (GTP) and pyrophosphate (PPi) or GDP and PPi (Dalebroux & Swanson, 2012). In *Vibrio cholera*, (p)ppGpp is also synthesized by the activity of SpoT and RelV, a novel (p)ppGpp synthase, under fatty acid and glucose starvation (Das *et al.*, 2009).

The best known role of (p)ppGpp in enhancing bacterial cell resilience in the fast changing environments is its impact on promoter selection by directing the RNA polymerase (RNAP) to certain genes required for survival, leading to the relocation of cellular resources toward amino acid synthesis, arresting growth and division of the stressed cell, etc. (Dalebroux & Swanson, 2012). The regulatory role of the nutrient stress-induced synthesis of (p)ppGpp can be seen in many aspects of microbial cellular processes, including growth, adaptation, secondary metabolism, survival, persistence, cell division, motility, biofilms, development, competence, and virulence (Potrykus & Cashel, 2008). In

E. coli, Boehm and colleagues (2009) found that biofilm induction involves upregulation of the polysaccharide adhesin poly-beta-1,6-N-acetyl-glucosamine (poly-GlcNAc) and two components of the poly-GlcNAc biosynthesis machinery, PgaA and PgaD. PAG-dependent biofilms appear to be regulated by ppGpp and c-di-GMP in opposite directions. In one direction, ppGpp inhibits biofilm formation, in the other one, biofilm formation is activated by c-di-GMP (Boehm *et al.*, 2009). In *Mycobacterium smegmatis*, a Gram positive bacterium, there is only one copy of a gene encoding for a protein with a GGDEF-EAL domain, responsible for c-di-GMP synthesis. This gene is *msdgc-1*, and its promoter induced by starvation or depletion of carbon sources like glucose or glycerol (Bharati *et al.*, 2013). The authors observed that *msdgc-1* utilizes SigA during the initial phase of growth, whereas near the stationary phase it uses SigB containing RNA polymerase for expression. Products of the *msdgc-1* bifunctional (both synthase: diguanylate cyclase [DGC] and hydrolase: phosphodiesterase [PDE]) protein are both c-di-GMP and pGpG. Bharati and colleagues (2013) found that when *msdgc-1* is deleted, the numbers of viable cells are ~ 10 times higher in the stationary phase when compared to that of wild type. The authors proposed that *msdgc-1* is involved in the regulation of cell population density (Bharati *et al.*, 2013). This observation indicates that c-di-GMP and/or pGpG produced by *msdgc-1* were not really necessary for survival of starved *M. smegmatis*. The inactivation of *msdgc-1* certainly contributed to increase the CTP and ATP pool required for (p)ppGpp synthesis at a proper level for signaling stringent response of carbon source-starved bacterial cells.

Recently, Brown and colleagues (2014) reported that nitrogen-starved *E. coli* synthesizes a global transcriptional regulator NtrC that activates the transcription of *relA*, a key gene responsible for the synthesis of ppGpp in the stressed bacterial cell. Results of these authors provided new insights into mechanism(s) relating the question of how a specific nutritional stress leads to the increasing the synthesis of ppGpp in bacteria (Brown *et al.*, 2014). The stringent response to nutritional stress, through the regulating activities of the starvation-induced ppGpp alarmone, should be considered when one is interested in the fate of the starved cells presented in a mix population that comprise both growing and

growth-resting cells, such as 57RP WT cells grown on hexadecane in the present study (see section 4.2)

In *P. aeruginosa*, the stringent response can activate quorum sensing (QS) and modulate cell density-dependent gene expression (van Delden *et al.*, 2001). The activation of the QS specific transcriptional regulators (LasR and RhlR) and their corresponding autoinducers. There are two main N-acyl-homoserine lactone (AHL) autoinducers, 3-oxo-C₁₂-HSL and C₄-HSL in *P. aeruginosa*. Autoinducers synthesis was prematurely induced by overexpression of *relA* during stringent response. The early expression of *lasR* and *rhlR* was also observed in a PAO1 *rpoS* (the stationary-phase sigma factor) mutant overexpressing *relA*. The premature production of AHL, which was observed during the stringent response induced by the amino acid analogue serine hydroxamate (SHX), was absent in a PAO1 *relA* mutant (van Delden *et al.*, 2001). The alarmone (p)ppGpp, produced from the activity of stress-induced RelA and SpoT proteins, signaling the stringent response leading to growth arrest, and the starvation-induced growth arresting cells usually become highly tolerant to antibiotics (Levin & Rozen, 2006). By analysis of starvation-inducing serine analog (SHX) responses to various antibiotics of an induced $\Delta relA spoT$ mutant and wild-type strain, Nguyen and colleagues (2011) found that the antibiotic tolerance of nutrient-limited and *P. aeruginosa* biofilm is mediated by activation of the SR-mediated tolerance to reduced levels of oxidant stress in bacterial cells (Nguyen *et al.*, 2011).

2.7.1.3 *c-di-AMP*

c-di-AMP is a signal molecule recently identified in *Listeria monocytogenes* (Woodward *et al.*, 2010). *c-di-AMP* is synthesized from two ATP molecules by diadenylate cyclase (DAC) and hydrolyzed to 5'-phosphorylated diadenosine nucleotide (pApA) by *c-di-AMP* phosphodiesterase (aPDE). In most bacteria, only 1-3 DACs are present (Corrigan & Grundling, 2013). In *Bacillus subtilis*, one DAC representative is DisA, which controlled sporulation checkpoint in response to broken

double stranded DNA (Witte *et al.*, 2008) and YybT is a PDE, which hydrolyzed c-di-AMP (Rao *et al.*, 2010). There is no information about c-di-AMP in *P. aeruginosa*.

2.7.2 c-di-GMP

2.7.2.1 c-di-GMP synthesis

Described for the first time in 1986 by the Benziman group, the second messenger bis-(3'-5')-cyclic dimeric guanosine monophosphate (c-di-GMP) (Figure 2.7) was recognized as an allosteric regulator of cellulose synthase in *Gluconoacetobacter xylinus* (Ross *et al.*, 1986). C-di-GMP is synthesized from 2 molecules of guanosine-5'-triphosphate (GTP) by diguanylate cyclase (DGCs) enzymes containing a conserved GGDEF amino acid domain. This molecule is also specifically hydrolyzed by phosphodiesterase (PDE) proteins containing the conserved EAL (Glu-Ala-Leu) amino acid domain, or HD-GYP (a subset of the larger HD family that possesses hydrolytic activities toward diverse substrates, including c-di-GMP) into 5'-phosphoguanylyl-(3'-5')-guanosine (pGpG) and two GMP molecules, respectively (reviewed in Römling *et al.* (2013)) (Figure 2.8). The activity of enzymes containing GGDEF domains increases the intracellular c-di-GMP level (D'Argenio & Miller, 2004, Hickman *et al.*, 2005, Hoffman *et al.*, 2005, Kulasakara *et al.*, 2006, Malone *et al.*, 2010) while the EAL enzymes are responsible for its breakdown (Hoffman *et al.*, 2005, Kulasakara *et al.*, 2006, Newell *et al.*, 2011). The enzymes responsible for c-di-GMP synthesis and degradation are key elements for the balance of the cellular c-di-GMP concentration.

In *P. aeruginosa*, the genome of strain PAO1 carries 41 open reading frames (ORFs) containing conserved amino acid domains, either of GGDEF, EAL, HD-GYP or hybrid GGDEF+EAL domains, which are putatively involved in the c-di-GMP-specific DGC and/or PDE activities (Hengge, 2009, Kulasakara *et al.*, 2006, Merighi & Lory, 2010). This includes 17 GGDEF (DGC), 16 GGDEF+EAL (hybrid proteins), 5 EAL (PDE), and 3 HD-GYP (PDE) ORFs. The genome of strain PA14 carries an additional ORF coding for EAL-conserved-domain protein (PDE), the EAL domain-containing PvrR

(Drenkard & Ausubel, 2002, Kulasakara *et al.*, 2006, Mikkelsen *et al.*, 2009).

The environmental or cellular alterations may affect the expression of certain DGC and PDE genes leading to an increase or decrease of the local and global c-di-GMP pool. The change of the local c-di-GMP pool may affect the regulation of certain signaling pathways (for example: control of activities of localized structural machineries such as flagella, type IV pili) whereas the change of the global c-di-GMP pool affect the coordination and cross talking between multiple pathways (e.g. signaling pathways involved in the biofilm development) (reviewed in Valentini and Filloux (2016)).

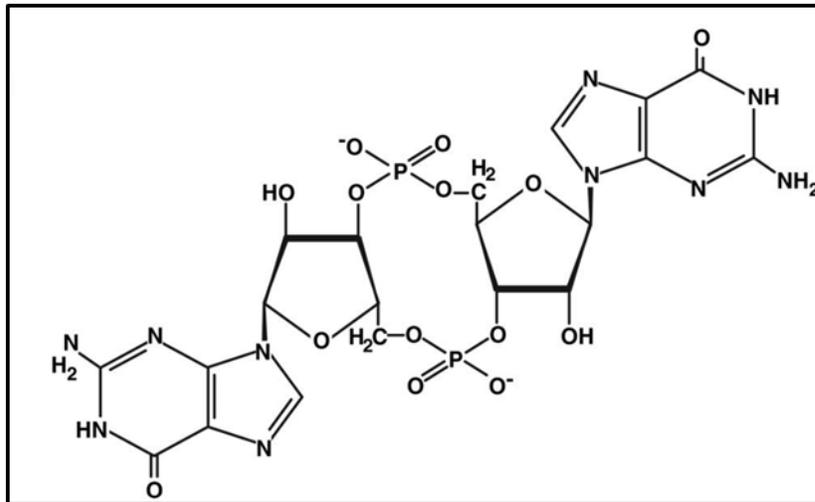


Figure 2.7 Structure of c-di-GMP (Adapted from Hengge (2009)).

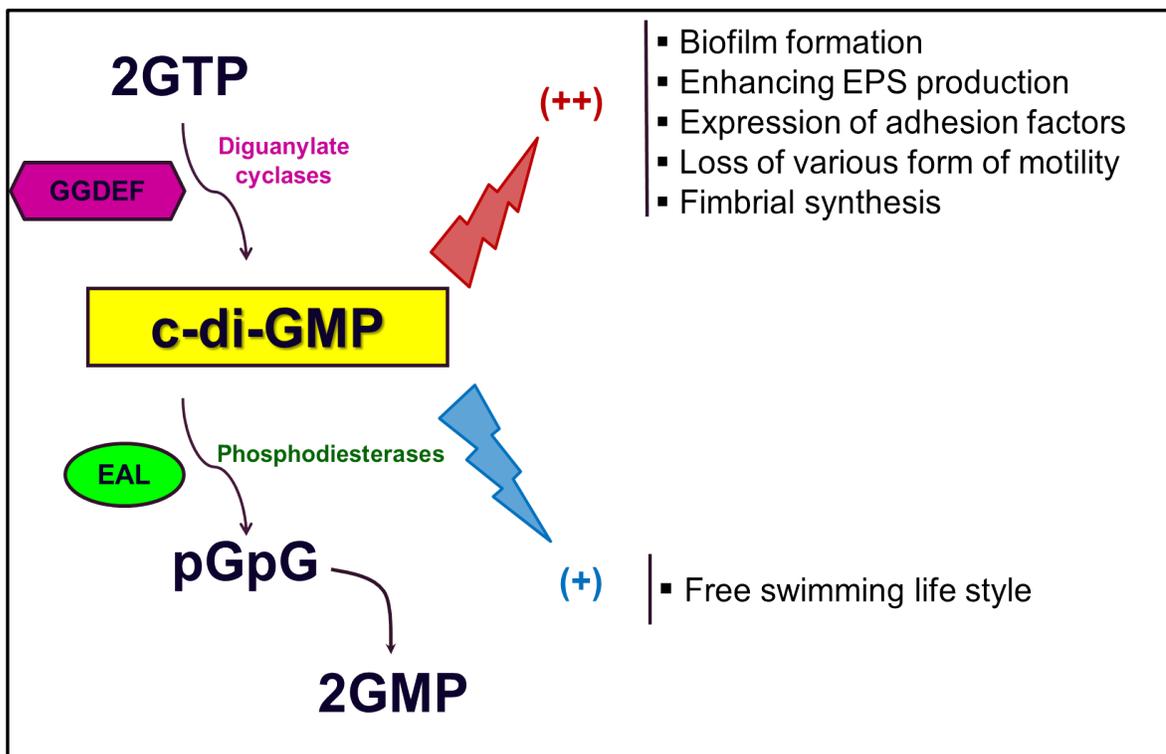


Figure 2.8 Schematic diagram of c-di-GMP synthesis and its main role (Adapted from Haussler (2004), Hengge (2009), Malone *et al.* (2010)).

2.7.2.2 Regulatory roles of c-di-GMP

A wide range of bacterial phenotypes is found to be affected by c-di-GMP, including motility-to-sessility transition, regulation of biofilms, regulation of cell cycle and differentiation, virulence, riboswitches, and RNA degradation (reviewed in (Römling *et al.*, 2013)).

In *P. aeruginosa*, several studies about c-di-GMP regulating gene expression have been reported and two models of c-di-GMP regulators are found: (1) regulators/effector proteins and (2) riboswitches (Breaker, 2012, Sudarsan *et al.*, 2008, Weinberg *et al.*, 2007). In the first model, regulators/effectors include protein-protein interactions such as PilZ (Alm *et al.*, 1996), PelD (VT. Lee *et al.*, 2007), and transcriptional regulators like FleQ (Baraquet *et al.*, 2012, Hickman & Harwood, 2008). PilZ was one of the first c-di-GMP binding protein effectors identified. This protein is necessary for TFP biogenesis (Alm *et al.*, 1996). Furthermore, a number of proteins containing PilZ domains are known (Amikam & Galperin, 2006), such as Alg44 associated to alginate synthesis (Merighi *et al.*, 2007). When c-di-GMP binds to PilZ or proteins containing PilZ domain, these proteins change their structure and activate other genes (Benach *et al.*, 2007). Proteins containing either GGDEF or EAL amino acid domain or both domains interact with the PilZ domain (VT. Lee *et al.*, 2007) and the PilZ domain is considered as a sensor of c-di-GMP intracellular levels in *Pseudomonas* (Martínez-Granero *et al.*, 2014). Next, PelD, coded by the *pel* operon, is known as a c-di-GMP receptor. The *pel* operon, identified in a transposon screen in *P. aeruginosa* PA14, contains seven genes from *pelA* to *pelG*. These genes show sequence similarity with genes encoding sugar-processing enzymes. Biofilm formation will be defected if there is any insertion into or deletion of these genes (Friedman & Kolter, 2004, Sakuragi & Kolter, 2007). The experimental results of Lee and co-workers showed that PelD had ability to bind to c-di-GMP, and that the mutation of *pelD* c-di-GMP binding site resulted in a defect in production of exopolysaccharides (VT. Lee *et al.*, 2007). Thus PelD acts as an inducer of the *pel* operon. Hickman and Harwood showed that the transcriptional regulator FleQ acts as a regulator for Pel polysaccharide production in *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 (Hickman & Harwood, 2008). Upon binding c-di-GMP, FleQ promotes *pel* and *psl* transcription. In contrast, in the absence of c-di-GMP, a

complex, formed by the FleQ and the accessory ATP-binding FleN protein, which binds to two sites up- and down-stream of the *pel* promoter, bending the local DNA chain and so inhibits transcription (Baraquet *et al.*, 2012). In the case of flagellar gene expression, Baraquet and coworkers (2013) found that c-di-GMP competitively inhibits FleQ ATPase activity and interacts with the ATP-binding site on FleQ, causing down-regulation of flagella synthesis. The repression effect of c-d-GMP on flagellar synthesis can be further enhanced by the simultaneous presence of FleN (Baraquet & Harwood, 2013).

A riboswitch is a noncoding RNA fragment sensing small molecules and regulating downstream gene expression (Breaker, 2012, Weinberg *et al.*, 2007). A riboswitch sensing c-di-GMP has been identified upstream of genes coding for DGC and/or PDE proteins (Breaker, 2012). These riboswitches, containing the Genes for the Environment, for Membranes, and for Motility (GEMM) motif (Weinberg *et al.*, 2007), have two parts: (1) an aptamer, which contains an oligonucleic acid portion which allows binding to a specific molecule, and (2) an expression platform which changes structure after the ligand binds to the aptamer. When the c-di-GMP binds to the riboswitch, the ribosomal binding site is either changed or generated by self-splicing during translation (Breaker, 2012). However, until now, there is no riboswitch model demonstrated in *P. aeruginosa*.

2.7.2.3 Role of c-di-GMP in SCV formation

SCVs have been found in many genera of bacteria including many human pathogens (Proctor *et al.*, 2006). The second messenger c-di-GMP appears to be involved in the signaling related to the adaptive changes of bacteria (D'Argenio & Miller, 2004). Over the last decade, c-di-GMP has been extensively characterized for its function in controlling cellular behavior in bacteria. Understanding the role of c-di-GMP, a universal bacterial second messenger (Römling *et al.*, 2013), in the formation of SCVs is of both theoretical interest and practical importance.

In *P. aeruginosa*, formation of harsh environmental conditions promotes development of rough or wrinkled small colony morphotypes or variants (RSCVs) that can

be found as phase variants or mutants. For example, there were SCVs isolated from chronically infected cystic fibrosis (CF) patients (Haussler *et al.*, 2003, Malone *et al.*, 2010), from laboratory aging biofilms (Kirisits *et al.*, 2005), from transposon insertion mutants (D'Argenio *et al.*, 2002, Hickman *et al.*, 2005), or from mutants generated after sub-culturing in the presence of antibiotics (Wei *et al.*, 2011). In the other hand, RSCVs can also be found in the form as environmentally conditions-dependent phenotypic variants after in vitro exposure to antibiotics (Drenkard & Ausubel, 2002) as well as from biofilm cultures (Déziel *et al.*, 2001). In the last two studies, the variant-revertant phenotype switching fashion occurred at a fairly high frequency.

c-di-GMP is the enzymatic product of various GGDEF and/or of some GGDEF-EAL conserved domain-containing proteins (Römling *et al.*, 2013). c-di-GMP signaling is closely linked to or mediates SCV formation. One such protein is WspR (PA3702), a GGDEF domain containing (phosphate receiver) response regulator, which is a member of a family of signal transduction proteins and belongs to the chemosensory pathway in *P. aeruginosa* (D'Argenio *et al.*, 2002, Hickman *et al.*, 2005, Karatan & Watnick, 2009). Briefly, the chemosensory system operon of *P. aeruginosa* consists of genes encoding for WspA, WspB, WspC, WspD, WspE, WspF, and WspR, which are predicted to encode: a external stimuli detecting membrane-bound methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein (WspA), a methyltransferase (WspC), a histidine kinase response regulator (WspE), two supporting proteins WspB and WspD which coupled WspA to WspE, a methylesterase (WspF) and a GGDEF domain-containing response regulator (WspR); the methylation state of WspA is dependent on the opposing activities of WspC and WspF. WspE autophosphorylates and transfers the first external signal detected by WspA to WspR (by transferring phosphate to the phosphate receiver domain of the GGDEF domain-containing response regulator WspR). The phosphorylation causes a conformational change and the phosphorylated WspR displays its constitutive activity of DGC.

Inactivating mutations (by transposon insertional mutations) in WspF lead to the constitutive phosphorylation and activation of WspR, resulting in the production of intracellular signaling c-di-GMP molecules. The c-di-GMP production by phosphorylated

WspR protein was confirmed by *in vitro* activity assays (Hickman *et al.*, 2005). A close link between c-di-GMP production and the occurrence of RSCVs has been established in the *wspF* transposon insertion mutants (D'Argenio *et al.*, 2002, Hickman *et al.*, 2005) and was confirmed in other comparative studies using clinical isolates and laboratory-derived RSCVs (Starkey *et al.*, 2009). Furthermore, over-expression of an EAL domain-containing protein (PA2133) predicted to catalyze degradation of c-di-GMP reversed phenotypes of the *wspF* mutant and inhibited biofilm initiation by the reversed wild-type cells (Hickman *et al.*, 2005). In another study, the over-expression of the PA2133 protein also caused the phenotypic reversion to wild type phenotype of clinical (CF39s) and laboratory-derived (MJK8) RSCVs that normally had significantly higher levels of intracellular c-di-GMP than the corresponding wild-type strains (Starkey *et al.*, 2009). These authors also reported that among 50 RSCVs isolated from PAO1 biofilms, 34 (68%) had point mutations and frame shift mutations in the *wspF* alleles and were complemented by *wspF* (pWspF) supplied in *trans*. The rest were not complemented by *wspF* and appeared to harbor mutations in other loci. MJK8 was complemented by *wspF* but CF39s was not (Starkey *et al.*, 2009). Many genes were expressed differentially in RSCVs as compared to the corresponding wild-type (wt) strains. At the transcriptional level, it was observed that 358 and 472 genes were up-regulated and 202 and 256 genes were down-regulated in the laboratory *wspF* mutant and in clinical CF39 RSCV (CF39s), respectively (Hickman *et al.*, 2005, Starkey *et al.*, 2009). In other studies, a similar tendency of up- and down-regulation of gene expression in different RSCV strains isolated from PAO1 biofilms, including MJK8 RSCV, was also observed (Kirisits *et al.*, 2005). Among the up-regulated genes, there was a number of genes required for surface attachment, and biofilm formation, including *pel* and *psl* genes for exopolysaccharide production, genes controlled by quorum sensing and genes for regulatory proteins, etc. and the down-regulated genes included flagellar genes (Hickman *et al.*, 2005, Kirisits *et al.*, 2005, Starkey *et al.*, 2009).

It was interesting to note that different proteins having either GGDEF domain alone or GGDEF-EAL hybrid domains, both with or without response regulator domains, were co-expressed in several well analyzed RSCV strains that had higher levels of c-di-GMP than corresponding wild-type strains. In the transcript profile of the *wspF* mutant showing

constitutive activation of the WspR protein (PA3702), transcription of another gene (PA0169) coding for a GGDEF domain-containing protein, which increased 2.9-fold higher compared to PAO1 wild type cells (Hickman *et al.*, 2005). Co-activation of genes coding PA3702 and PA0169 proteins was also observed in another experiment carried out on the basis of elevated levels of c-di-GMP by activity of PA3702 protein. The expression of the PA0169 gene was observed in the transcript profile of PAO1-*wspF-pelA-pslBCD*, a triple mutant of PAO1 with elevated levels of c-di-GMP by active WspR (PA3702) and without auto aggregation, was 5.1-fold higher than the double mutant PAO1-*pelA-pslBCD* control strain that produced wild-type levels of c-di-GMP (Starkey *et al.*, 2009). In contrast, the clinical RSCV strain FC39s showed increased expression of genes encoding for 3 putative diguanylate cyclase/phosphodiesterase (GGDEF/EAL domains: PA0285, PA0861, PA2567) and one putative diguanylate cyclase (GGDEF domain: PA4843) all of which are different from the above-mentioned pair of genes PA3702-PA0169. Expression of PA0285 and PA4843 was 2.04 and 3.04 fold lower and PA0861 and PA2567 was 2.37 and 6.29 fold higher than the same genes expressed in FC39wt, respectively (Starkey *et al.*, 2009). Based on results from microarray analysis, Kirisits and colleagues (2005) reported that there was no change in expression of *wspR* in the RSCVs, including MJK8, compared to the wild-type strain, but did not rule out a WspR-mediated mechanism involving post-transcriptionally regulated activity (Kirisits *et al.*, 2005). In *Vibrio cholerae*, Massie and colleagues (2012) found no correlation between total intracellular c-di-GMP levels and biofilm formation or gene expression when considering all states (total intracellular c-di-GMP levels and biofilm formation or gene expression). However, individual diguanylate cyclase (DGC) showed a significant correlation between c-di-GMP production and c-di-GMP-mediated responses, and the rate of phenotypic change versus c-di-GMP concentration was significantly different between DGCs (Massie *et al.*, 2012). This observation may be applicable for certain DGCs in relation to SCV formation in *P. aeruginosa*.

Several other GGDEF domain-containing proteins were also found to be involved in SCV formation. Malone and colleagues (2010) reported that the *yfiBNR* operon is an SCV-related locus in *P. aeruginosa*. The *yfiBNR* operon encodes a tripartite signaling

module that regulates c-di-GMP levels in *P. aeruginosa*. YfiB is a PAL-like outer-membrane bound lipoprotein (PAL: peptidoglycan-associated lipoprotein), YfiR is a small periplasmic protein, and YfiN is an inner membrane-integral diguanilate cyclase (PA1120 – a GGDEF domain-containing protein) whose activity is tightly controlled by YfiR. Exopolysaccharide synthesis was identified as the downstream target for YfiB and YfiR with active YfiN protein mediating c-di-GMP dependent SCV formation in *P. aeruginosa*. Over-expression of the phosphodiesterase PA5295 (a GGDEF-EAL domain-containing protein) abolishes surface attachment of $\Delta yfiR$ mutant, without which the $\Delta yfiR$ transposon insertion mutant was auto-aggregative and hyper-adherent SCV (Malone *et al.*, 2010). YfiB functions via tightly controlled competition between allosteric binding sites on the three Yfi proteins and activating mutations were accumulated in all three components of the Yfi regulatory system during SCV formation *in vivo* (Malone *et al.*, 2012). Giardina and colleagues (2013) proposed a scheme of allosteric regulation of YfiN, in which, without cell wall stress and periplasmic redox stress, YfiR binds to the PAS domain of YfiN and inactivates its DGC activity. Under cell wall stress, YfiR binds to YfiB and under periplasmic redox stress YfiR detaches from the PAS domain of YfiN, causing HAMP (Histidine kinases, Adenylyl cyclases, Methyl binding proteins, Phosphatases) domain torsion and unlocking the GGDEF domain of YfiN. In both of the cases, the stress-induced YfiR-detached YfiN resumes its DGC activity resulting in the production of c-di-GMP (Giardina *et al.*, 2013). The YfiN protein (other name: TpbB) (PA1120) was found to be coexpressed with another membrane-bound c-di-GMP-synthesizing protein MorA (PA4601) in a clinical *P. aeruginosa* SCV 20265 isolated from a CF patient (Meissner *et al.*, 2007). Another case of GGDEF domain-containing proteins involving SCV formation was MucR (PA1727). This is a DGC-active GGDEF-EAL domain-containing protein of *P. aeruginosa*, over-expression of which also results in the formation of RSCVs with common characters of increased pellicle formation, auto-aggregation and formation of highly structured biofilms (Hay *et al.*, 2009).

In the case of SCVs occurring from phenotypic (phase) variation, there is not much information of involvement of DGC(s) in the SCV formation. However, Drenkard and Ausubel (2002) indirectly showed a close link between c-di-GMP production and RSCV

formation by introduction of a phenotype variant regulator PvrR into the RSCVs that appeared from PA14 cells after being exposed to kanamycin or other antibiotics. PvrR is an EAL domain-containing response regulator and homolog of which is PA3947 protein. Over-expression of *pvrR* resulted in the hydrolysis of intracellular c-di-GMP and total RSCV reversion to wild-type cells after being plated for 12h on LB agar (Drenkard & Ausubel, 2002). Moreover, the authors also observed that over-expression of *pvrR* in wild-type PA14 was reduced 6-fold in the frequency of resistant variants obtained after overnight plating on kanamycin plates compared to wild type. Beside the environmental effects, such as media, NaCl, and temperature on SCV formation, PvrR displayed a putative role in the regulation of phenotypic switching, primarily by inducing reversion from variants to wild-type phenotypes (Drenkard & Ausubel, 2002). c-di-GMP is hypothesized to play an important role in phenotypic switching in other *P. aeruginosa* strains in which SCVs appeared from phase variation at a high frequency in biofilms cultured without antibiotic stress. Furthermore, one such highly phase-variable strain is 57RP isolated from hydrocarbon-contaminated soil (Déziel *et al.*, 2001).

The concentration threshold of intracellular c-di-GMP is established by the expression of active c-di-GMP-metabolizing proteins. Beside the case of membrane-bound proteins, in several cases, cytoplasmic c-di-GMP-synthesizing proteins in their active form are not distributed evenly; instead, they are clustered in the cytoplasm. For example, in the GGDEF domain-containing response regulator WspR (PA3702), Güvener and Harwood (2007) found that the subcellular distribution of fluorescent protein-tagged WspR-YFP was dispersed when unphosphorylated (the inactive form) and formed bright cytoplasmic clusters when phosphorylated (the active form) (Guvener & Harwood, 2007). Due to the clustering of active WspR, the subcellular concentration of c-di-GMP depends on the diffusion to the surrounding area of c-di-GMP from individual synthesizing clusters localized in the cytoplasm. This reflects the spatiotemporal aspect of c-di-GMP signaling in the bacterial cell. A dynamic localization to the cell pole and local c-di-GMP synthesizing action after being phosphorylated by PleD, a two-component signaling protein with DGC activity required for polar differentiation, was also observed in *Caulobacter crescentus* (Paul *et al.*, 2004). Beside the clustering or dynamic localization of

phosphorylated GGDEF domain-containing response regulators, subcellular asymmetrical distribution of c-di-GMP can also be generated by the expression of some other EAL domain-containing proteins. For example, in both RSCV strain FC39s and wild type strain FC39wt isolated from the same cystic fibrosis (CF) sputum, Starkey and colleagues (Starkey *et al.*, 2009) observed the expression of one GGDEF domain-containing response regulator (PA4843), which requires phosphorylation for activation, and three other EAL domain-containing proteins (PA0285, PA0861, PA2567), among which PA0285, PA0861 are membrane-bound proteins. However, only FC39s displayed an elevated c-di-GMP level (Starkey *et al.*, 2009). Further, Christen and colleagues (2010) also observed a phenomenon of cell cycle-dependent fluctuation of c-di-GMP in *C. crescentus* and *P. aeruginosa*. c-di-GMP was asymmetrically distributed upon bacterial cell division, which may indicate an important regulatory step in extracellular organelle biosynthesis or function (Christen *et al.*, 2010). When EAL domain-containing proteins are overexpressed their corresponding PDEs will exert hydrolytic activity resulting in the reduction of the total intracellular quantity of c-di-GMP. In that case the concentration of c-di-GMP surrounding the specific downstream receptors dropped below a minimal threshold of the c-di-GMP signaling pathway together with the c-di-GMP-dependent regulatory system will be impaired. Pultz and coworkers (2012) showed that the response threshold of *Salmonella* and *Pseudomonas* PilZ domain proteins is determined by their binding affinities for c-di-GMP. The binding affinities for c-di-GMP of PilZ domains proteins of *S. enterica* serovar Typhimurium, YcgR, which controls flagella-based motility, and BcsA, the bacterial cellulose synthase, demonstrate 43-fold difference whereas *P. aeruginosa*, PA2960, PA3353, PA3542 [Alg44], and PA4324 proteins, span a 145-fold range. The lower-affinity proteins require a higher level of c-di-GMP for their activities than the higher-affinity proteins (Pultz *et al.*, 2012). Reversion to wild type of c-di-GMP-dependent RSCVs was observed when PDEs, such as PvrR, PA2133 or PA5295, were overexpressed in *P. aeruginosa* (Drenkard & Ausubel, 2002, Hickman *et al.*, 2005, Malone *et al.*, 2010, Starkey *et al.*, 2009).

Differential expression of GGDEF domain-containing proteins such as PA0169, PA1120, PA3702 and PA4843, or GGDEF-EAL domain-containing proteins PA0285,

PA0861 and PA2567 with or without response regulator domains has been identified in different PAO1 mutants forming RSCVs as mentioned above. All accumulated evidence points toward a multifunctional origin of the formation of SCVs in relation to c-di-GMP, and suggests a mechanism used by *P. aeruginosa* to adapt rapidly to new environments for its survival. Which of the c-di-GMP-metabolizing proteins, especially those with DGC activities, predominantly mediate RSCV formation based on more-or-less environmentally dependent phase variation is still an open question.

Phenotypic variation leads to the formation of phenotypic variants, including SCVs. In PA14, Drenkard and Ausubel (2002) observed that over-production of *pvrR* resulted in the hydrolysis of intracellular c-di-GMP and SCV reversion to the wild-type phenotype. These authors suggested a putative role for c-di-GMP in phenotypic switching, as high c-di-GMP levels are associated with the SCV formation and low levels of c-di-GMP with the reversion of SCVs to the wild-type phenotype (Drenkard & Ausubel, 2002). The role of c-di-GMP in the phenotypic switching of *P. aeruginosa* cells grown on hexadecane will be investigated and discussed further in the present study.

2.8 Involvement of c-di-GMP and QS in biofilm formation

Bacteria sense and respond to environmental cues by coordinating multiple signaling systems for regulation of adaptive, developmental processes. The regulatory connections of c-di-GMP signaling systems to QS systems have been demonstrated in various microorganisms, including *Vibrio cholerae*, *V. parahaemolyticus* and *Xanthomonas campestris*, (reviewed in Römling *et al.* (2013), Srivastava and Waters (2012)). In the above-mentioned examples, the interactions between QS and c-di-GMP signaling are mainly unidirectional, i.e. synthesis and/or hydrolysis of the second messenger are regulated by autoinducer concentration (Römling *et al.*, 2013), or c-di-GMP is epistatic to QS inputs (Srivastava & Waters, 2012). The general interactions are as follows. At low cell density, low levels of autoinducer(s) stimulate c-di-GMP synthesis and/or inhibit its hydrolysis and lead to biofilm formation. At high cell density, high levels

of autoinducer(s) inhibit c-di-GMP synthesis and/or stimulate its hydrolysis and lead to biofilm dispersal.

In *P. aeruginosa*, transcripts of various QS controlled genes, such as the transcriptional regulators LasR and RhIR, regulatory protein RsaL, autoinducer synthesis protein RhlI and LasI. were increased in the transcriptional profile of c-di-GMP-dependent RSCV mutants compared to their corresponding wild type cells (Hickman *et al.*, 2005, Kirisits *et al.*, 2005, Starkey *et al.*, 2009). The regulatory connections between QS and c-di-GMP signaling have also been observed in this bacterial species. Ueda and Wood (2009) demonstrated a connection between QS, c-di-GMP, Pel polysaccharide, and biofilm formation in *P. aeruginosa* through the tyrosine phosphatase TpbA. The authors showed that Las-mediated QS positively regulates expression of the *tpbA* (PA3885) gene. The TpbA protein responds to AHL signals and likely dephosphorylates PA1120, a GGDEF domain-containing protein (TpbB), which leads to reduce c-di-GMP concentrations. The reduction of c-di-GMP levels inhibits matrix exopolysaccharide formation, which leads to reduction of biofilm formation (Ueda & Wood, 2009). The TpbB or PA1120 protein is also designed as YfiN, the membrane-bound diguanylate cyclase of YfiBNR tripartite system, which has been identified as a key regulator of the SCV phenotype of *P. aeruginosa* cells (Malone *et al.*, 2012, Malone *et al.*, 2010).

The regulating interactions between QS and c-di-GMP signaling systems are illustrated in figure 2.9.

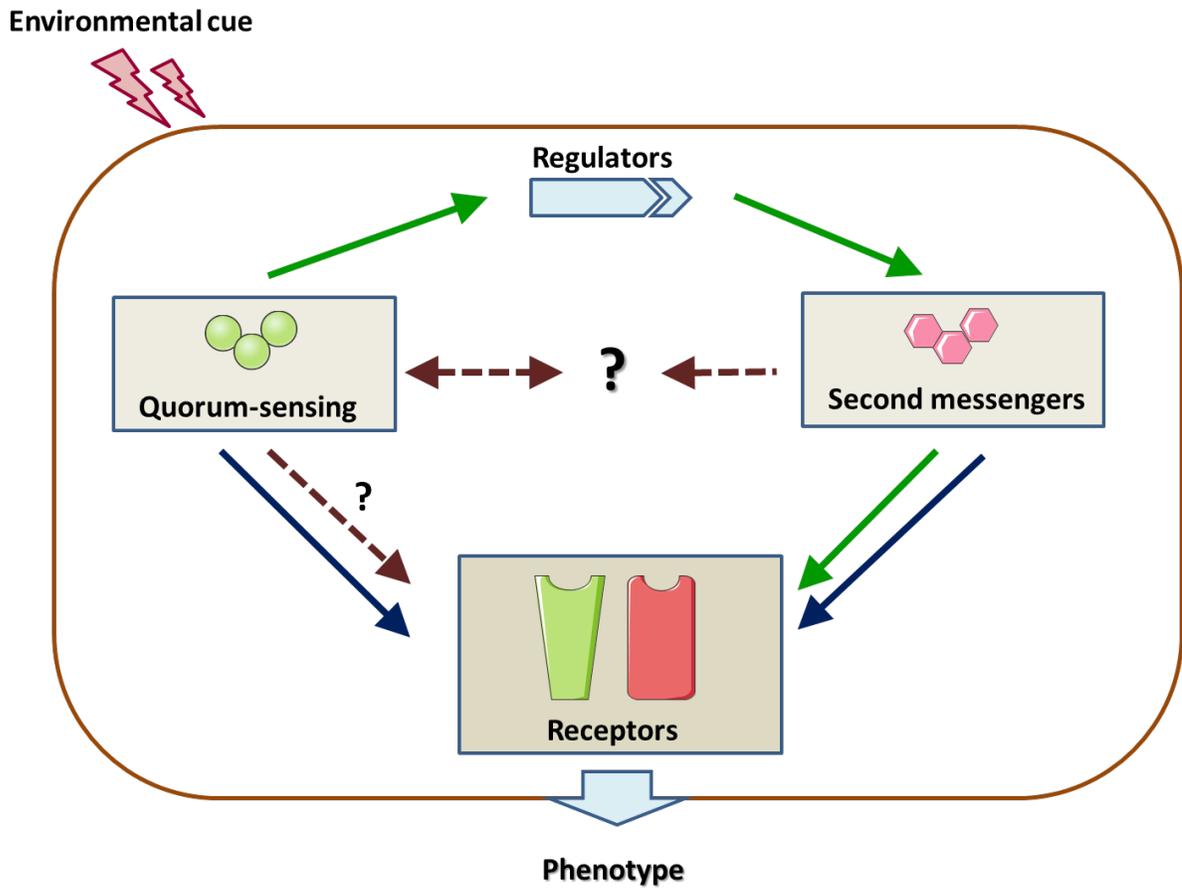


Figure 2.9 Summary of signaling pathways for *P. aeruginosa* in adapting to environmental cues to produce specific phenotypes (Adapted from Kalia *et al.* (2013), Ueda and Wood (2009)). Green arrows indicate the evidenced relation between QS, regulators, second messengers and receptors. Navy arrows show the effect on bacterial phenotypes of both QS and second messengers. Brown arrows indicate unknown relations.

2.9 Physiological adaptation of oil-degrading bacteria growing on hexadecane

Hexadecane (C₁₆), an n-alkane, is generally recognized as a hydrophobic, poorly bioavailable substrate among various petroleum hydrocarbons for different bacteria to use as a whole carbon source and energy. To be able to use such a difficultly accessible nutrient, bacteria should be able to undergo certain levels of modulation of gene expression to realize necessary physiological adaptations for survival. Several key factors involving the chemotaxis to alkanes, transport of alkanes across the cell membrane, terminal oxidation and degradation of alkanes were identified (reviewed in Wang and Shao (2013)). Examples for such necessarily adaptive responses include the modulation of expression of a large number of genes of two representative marine oil-degrading bacterial species growing on hexadecane, the *Alcanivorax borkumensis* (Sabirova *et al.*, 2011, 2006) and *Marinobacter hydrocarbonoclasticus* (Vaysse *et al.*, 2009). The adaptive modulation of gene expression, observed in biofilm cells of these bacteria growing on hexadecane, covers substantial changes in the protein component of three main cell compartments, such as the outer membrane (specific transporters of hydrophobic compounds, type VI secretion system), periplasm (presence of three different alkane-oxidizing systems) and cytoplasm (proteins/enzymes involving the redirection of carbon flux) as well as the specific expression of various stress-related genes compared to planktonic cells of the same species growing on other carbon sources such as pyruvate or acetate. At the present time, knowledge of physiological adaptation involving modulation of gene expression of *P. aeruginosa* strains growing on hexadecane is still very much limited.

2.10 Background of this work

Several *P. aeruginosa* strains have been isolated in our laboratories for their capacity to degrade hydrocarbons concomitant with the ability to produce biosurfactants (Déziel, 1996). Later on, two types of strains were noticed when they were grown on hexadecane (a C₁₆ alkane): fast grower strains (R strain) and slow grower strains (L strain). In comparison to the L strains, such as 57RP, the R strains, such as 57RV, have a more

hydrophobic cell surface, form aggregates when cultured in liquid media, and generate a more abundant biofilm (Déziel, 2001). The L strain 57RP was able to form rough SCVs on dextrose when cultured as a biofilm or in static liquid cultures. The SCVs developed on dextrose have already been characterized for several phenotypic traits, including the cell surface morphology, cell hydrophobicity, motilities, adherence to surface, biofilm formation, production of biosurfactants as rhamnolipids (Déziel, 2001; Déziel *et al.*, 2001). A period of latency was observed with the L strain 57RP before growth appeared when cultured with hexadecane, a hydrophobic, poorly bioavailable substrate used as whole carbon source and energy; this latency was not observed with the R strain 57RV (Déziel, 2001). The L strains generated SCVs before being capable of growing on hexadecane, which was proposed to explain the latency time. However, phenotypic behaviours of the SCVs formed on hexadecane were not well characterized yet as it was done with the SCVs formed on dextrose. The SCV formation was not observed in the cultures of strain 57RV. These observations were still to be confirmed.

We learned from the literature that there were several rough SCVs having been isolated from different clinical isolates of *P. aeruginosa* such as PAO1 and PA14. These RSCVs shared several phenotypic traits with those of the 57RP SCVs developed dextrose and were dependent on c-di-GMP. c-di-GMP is recognized as an intracellular second messenger used in signal transduction in a wide variety of bacteria. It is not known yet whether the 57RP SCVs are on so c-di-GMP-dependent variants? In addition, marine oil-degrading bacterial species such as *Alcanivorax borkumensis* (Sabirova *et al.*, 2011, 2006) and *Marinobacter hydrocarbonoclasticus* (Vaysse *et al.*, 2009), with which hexadecane induced a large change in cell physiology involving modulation of expression of a large number of genes. Proteomic analysis of biofilm cells developed on hexadecane, compared to planktonic cells grown on other carbon sources of the same species, the large change in protein component covered from the outer membrane to periplasm and cytoplasm. It is also not yet known that whether 57RP SCVs also shared some similar aspects of physiological adaptation when cultured on hexadecane?

In addition, a role of rhamnolipids in the degradation of weakly soluble hydrocarbons was investigated. One of the L strain, *P. aeruginosa* 57RP, was mutated in

the *rhlA* gene by insertional mutagenesis. This mutant, named 57RP-98, does not produce rhamnolipids. 57RP-98 has a slower growth rate on hexadecane than 57RP, suggesting the involvement of rhamnolipids in the growth on liquid alkanes. Importantly, 57RP is an L strain, and the rhamnolipid-negative mutant still generates SCVs when grown on hexadecane (Déziel, 2001). Taken together, this information supports a role for biofilm formation for growth of *P. aeruginosa* on hexadecane, however the role of rhamnolipids in this process remains unclear.

The background and questions mentioned above formed the basis to establish the four objectives as presented in section 1.3 of the present thesis.

3 MATERIALS AND METHODS

3.1 Bacterial strains and growth conditions

Bacterial strains. The *P. aeruginosa* strains used in the present study are listed in table 3.1. The 57RP strain used in this study was the main research strain. The 57RV and PA14 strains were used as comparative strains in certain experiments.

Table 3.1 List of *P. aeruginosa* strains used in this study.

Strain	Characterization	Type of growth on hydrocarbon	Reference
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> 57RP	Isolated from contaminated site, slow growth on hexadecane	L	Déziel (1996)
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> 57RV	Isolated from contaminated site, fast growth on hexadecane	R	Déziel (1996)
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> PA14	Isolated from a burn patient	Unknown	DG. Lee <i>et al.</i> (2006), Rahme <i>et al.</i> (1995)

L: Slow grower strain, R: Fast grower strain.

Culture condition. Three investigated *P. aeruginosa* strains were pre-cultured at 30°C overnight on Tryptic Soy Agar (TSA) (BD Biosciences, Becton, Dickinson and Company, Sparks, MD, USA) plates from frozen stocks. One colony of each strain was then cultured in Tryptic Soy Broth (TSB) (BD Biosciences) shaken at 200 rpm for 16 hrs at the same temperature. The biomass of this culture was washed twice with mineral salt medium (MSM) sterilized at 121°C for 20 min (MSM containing KH_2PO_4 0.7 g L⁻¹, Na_2HPO_4 0.9 g L⁻¹, NaNO_3 2.0 g L⁻¹, $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ 0.4 g L⁻¹, $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ 0.1 g L⁻¹ and $\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ 0.001 mg L⁻¹) at pH 6.7 (Siegmund & Wagner, 1991) before cultivation with n-alkane. The bacterial cell suspension was used to inoculate test tubes (16 x 150 mm, Pyrex) at an initial OD₆₀₀ of 0.1 in 3-6 ml of MSM. A 1% (v/v) of hexadecane (C₁₆H₃₄) or octadecane (C₁₈H₃₈) (Sigma-Aldrich Canada Co., Oakville ON CANADA), used as sole

carbon source, was sterilized (121°C for 20 min) separately and added into each test tube containing MSM before cultivation. The culture was carried out in triplicate and the negative control cultures without *P. aeruginosa* cells were included at the same time.

All experiments were performed at 25°C in a horizontal gyratory shaking incubator at 200 rpm (Fisher Model G25, New Brunswick Scientific Edison, NJ USA) or in static conditions at room temperature.

3.2 Determination of bacterial growth by protein quantification

Bacterial cells from the whole content of culture tubes, including both cells that remained in the culture solution and those attached to tube wall, were harvested. Firstly, all the cell biomass attached to the tube wall was gathered into the aqueous culture solution using a sterile loop stick. Then, two hundred µl of EAC solution [EAC = Ethanol/Acetone/Chloroform (100:100:8) (IY Jimenez & Bartha, 1996)] was added into the aqueous medium phase and vortexed quickly for 20 sec. The whole cell content of the culture tubes was transferred into 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tubes. The cells were recovered by centrifugation at 7,000 x g for 10 min. The supernatant was removed and stored at -20°C for further experimental purposes. The cell pellets were dispersed in 0.1N NaOH, vortexed and then heated at 70°C for 60 min. These crude protein solutions were then serially diluted by sterilized water before being assayed with the Bradford reagent (Bio-Rad Kit). Each dilution was measured in triplicate wells. In each well, one hundred and sixty µl of each dilution was mixed with 40 µl of reagent in a well of a 96-well dish (Sarstedt Inc). The measurement at A₅₉₅ was taken after 10-15 min of incubation by KC4 (BIO-TEK) or Infinite M1000 PRO (Tecan) spectrophotometers.

Bovine serum albumin (BSA) was used as standard protein for quantification. Five dilutions (0-50 µg/ml) of the BSA standard protein were prepared to build a standard curve and a linear regression. The assays were also performed in triplicate. The R² value was close to 1 (~ 0.98-0.99) and the equation was used to calculate unknown protein concentrations.

3.3 Motility assays

Motility assays, detailed below, were performed to test the ability of bacterial movement on semi-solid or solid surface. All motility assays were performed in triplicate plates to compare the motile activities of the SCVs and wild type strains.

3.3.1 Swimming

Five μl of bacterial cell suspension cultured in TSB overnight were inoculated on the center of the surface of the 0.3% agar in a Petri dishes containing 1% tryptone and 0.5% NaCl medium. Incubation was performed at 30°C in plastic bags. The turbid zone formed by bacterial motile cells was measured after 16h. Swimming motility was assessed by measurement of the circular turbid zone formed by the bacterial cells migrating away from the inoculation point (Déziel *et al.*, 2001, Murray & Kazmierczak, 2008).

3.3.2 Swarming

The swarming plates were composed of M9 modified medium (containing 20 mM NH_4Cl , 12 mM Na_2HPO_4 , 22 mM KH_2PO_4 , 8.6 mM NaCl, 1 mM MgSO_4 , 1 mM $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 11 mM dextrose, 0.5% Casamino acids [Difco, BD Biosciences] at pH 7.0) with 0.5% Bacto-agar (BD Biosciences) (Tremblay & Deziel, 2008, Tremblay *et al.*, 2007). The agar plates were freshly prepared and dried for 1 h in a laminar hood before use (Tremblay & Deziel, 2008). The inoculation was performed by spotting five μl of bacterial suspension in the center of the plate (as described in section 3.3.1), and the plates were incubated at 30°C for 24-38h.

3.3.3 Twitching

Five μl of the bacterial cell suspension were stabbed through a 3 mm thin layer of 1% agar to the bottom of the Petri dish. The spreading growth of bacteria between agar and polystyrene surface was observed after 24h of incubation at 30°C. The adherence of bacteria to the polystyrene surface was determined after removing the agar layer and staining the attached cells with 1% (w/v) of crystal violet in water (Déziel *et al.*, 2001, Haussler *et al.*, 2003).

3.4 Hydrophobicity assays

3.4.1 Microbial adhesion to hydrocarbon (MATH) test

The evaluation of microbial cell surface hydrophobicity was performed to compare the cell-surface hydrophobicity of the SCVs and the wild type cells by using microbial adhesive abilities to the hydrocarbon (MATH test). The original method was developed by Rosenberg *et al.* (1980) and improved by Déziel (2001). Fifteen to twenty ml of the bacterial cell suspension were harvested by centrifugation from overnight cultures in TBS medium at 30°C. After washing twice in phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) 25 mM, pH 7.4, the cells were dispersed in PBS and measured at OD_{600} (OD_b). A mixture of different volumes (0-700 μl) of hexadecane (Sigma Aldrich) and 1.5 ml of the bacterial cell suspensions were vortexed for 30-45 sec. OD_{600} (OD_a) of the aqueous phase was measured after equilibrating and separating the mixture into two phases in 30-45 min at room temperature (RT) (Déziel *et al.*, 2001, Haussler *et al.*, 2003). The percentage of adherence (A%) was calculated by formula (3.1) as described by Déziel *et al.* (2001).

$$A\% = \left(1 - \left(\frac{\text{OD}_a}{\text{OD}_b}\right)\right) \times 100 \quad (3.1)$$

3.4.2 Microbial adhesion to silica (MATS) test

The procedure was performed according to established MATH test procedures but fine granular silica sand (0-900 mg) (Fisher) was used instead of hexadecane, as described in Déziel (2001).

3.5 Biofilm quantification

A modified method of O'Toole and Kolter (1998) and Chavant *et al.* (2007) was used to determine the bacterial biofilm formation capacity of the SCVs and revertants in comparison with that of the wild type strain. Bacteria were cultured in polystyrene tubes (12 x 75 mm, Becton Dickinson Labware, Lincoln Park, NJ USA) in Bushnell-Haas medium (BD Biosciences) [Mg_2SO_4 0.2 g L⁻¹, CaCl_2 0.02 g L⁻¹, KH_2PO_4 1 g L⁻¹, $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{HPO}_4$ 1 g L⁻¹, KNO_3 1 g L⁻¹ and FeCl_3 0.05 g L⁻¹ supplemented with 0.2% dextrose and 0.5% tryptone]. Every 2 hrs of culture, the whole cell contents were removed from a set of triplicate tubes, which were then washed 3-4 times under tap water. The attached cells to the tube wall were quantified by measurement at OD₆₀₀ after staining the bacterial cells with crystal violet (1%) for 30-45 min and destaining in 2 ml of 95% ethanol. Two hundred μl of the destaining solution were put into 96 well microplate and measured by microplate reader Bio-Rad 680 at 595 nm or KC4 (BIO-TEK) or Infinite M1000 PRO (Tecan) spectrophotometers at 600 nm. The assays were repeated in triplicate measurements.

3.6 Transmission electron microscopy analysis

The transmission electron microscopy (TEM) technique was used to observe pili surrounding the bacterial cells. To perform this experiment, *P. aeruginosa* bacteria were cultured overnight on 1.5% agar plates. Ten μl of 3 M glucose solution was dropped directly onto one discrete colony and cells of this colony were dispersed for 1-2 min. A formvar-coated copper grid was deposited on the top of this cell suspension to allow the

cells to gently attach to the grid. The grid was rinsed in demineralized water for 1 min, and then these attached cells were stained with 1% aqueous phosphotungstic acid solution for 1 min. Samples were observed under a Hitachi H-7100 transmission electron microscope at the INRS-Institut Armand-Frappier.

3.7 Rhamnolipid analysis

To evaluate rhamnolipid production, *P. aeruginosa* cells were cultured in 3 ml of MSM medium supplemented with 1% hexadecane as sole carbon source in test tubes (16 x 150 mm, Pyrex) at 25°C on horizontal shaking incubators. After the initial 3-5 days and then each second day, a set of triplicate tubes was collected. The experimental period was performed for 15-19 days. The cell suspensions were centrifuged, the cell biomass in the pellets was measured by the total protein quantification method, and the supernatants were used for rhamnolipid quantification.

To analyze the rhamnolipid production levels, the collected supernatants were centrifuged 2 times at 16,000 x *g* for 30 min at 4°C to eliminate the residual cell debris and alkenes. These supernatants were then filtered through 0.2 µm PTFE filters (Chromatographic Specialties INC) and used directly for the HPLC analysis. All of the rhamnolipids produced were analyzed by the Quattro II (Waters, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada) triple quadruple mass spectrometer in negative electrospray ionization mode coupled to an HP 1100 (Agilent Technologies) high-performance liquid chromatograph (HPLC) equipped with a 10 cm (100 x 4.6 mm) C8 reverse-phase column (Kinetex). The mass range was scanned from the range of 130 to 800 Da. A 5.6 ppm of deuterium-labeled 4-hydroxy-2-heptylquinoline (HHQ-D4) was used as an internal standard (Lépine *et al.*, 2002). Twenty µl of the sample were injected to the HPLC. Total time for analysis was set up at 18 min with flow rates at 400 µl min⁻¹. Two mM of ammonium acetate buffer was used to make the decreasing gradients from 60% to 10% at the first min to the tenth min and the following 6 min for the washing column in the inlet method. Rhamnolipids were detected at *m/z* 503 (mono-rhamnolipid Rha-C₁₀-C₁₀) and 649 (di-rhamnolipid Rha-Rha-

C₁₀-C₁₀). Concentrations of rhamnolipids were calculated based on the integration of HHQ-D4 and the proper fragment ions and signal response of the standard rhamnolipids by using calibration curves.

3.8 Determination of c-di-GMP concentration

The investigated *P. aeruginosa* cells were cultured in the same conditions as described in the section 3.7. After the first 3-5 days and afterwards every second day, a set of triplicate tubes was collected and divided in two: one part was used for the total protein quantification and the other for the c-di-GMP extraction.

The intracellular c-di-GMP contents were extracted as described by Spangler (Spangler *et al.*, 2010) with some modifications. Cell samples were centrifuged at 16,000 x g for 30 min at 4°C. The cell pellets were dispersed in 300 µl of the extraction solvent (ExSol: Acetonitrile/methanol/water [40:40:20 v/v/v]). After keeping on ice for 15 min, the extracts were heated at 95°C for 10 min and then were centrifuged at 16,000 x g for 15 min. This step was repeated two times. The combination of these two extracts was evaporated under nitrogen gas at 40°C, then dissolved in demineralized H₂O and kept at -20°C until analysis.

To analyze the produced c-di-GMP, xanthosine 3',5'-cyclic monophosphate (cXMP) (Sigma Aldrich) was used as an internal standard. Liquid chromatography with a 10 cm (50 x 1.00 mm) mini C18 reverse-phase column (Gemini) was used along with the Quattro II triple quadruple mass spectrometer for analysis in the positive electrospray ionization mode, which was coupled to an HP1100 HPLC by injecting 20 µl of sample. The Inlet method was performed for 34 min with the first 14 min maintenance at 100% of the solvent A (10 mM ammonium acetate buffer and 0.1% acetic acid), followed by using solvent B (10 mM ammonium acetate buffer and 0.1% acetic acid in acetonitrile) for column washing for 6 min at a flow rate of 100 µl min⁻¹. Quantifications were calculated by the integration of cXMP and the proper fragment ions, based on the signal responses of

the c-di-GMP standard (BioLog, Life Science Institute, Bremen, Germany) by using the calibration curves. The c-di-GMP was detected at 691 m/z.

3.9 Integration of inducible genes in strain 57RP

3.9.1 Chromosomal integration of the two inducible *pvrR* and PA14-72420 into the *P. aeruginosa* 57RP genome by conjugation

E. coli S17-1 strains containing plasmids pGGN05 and pGGN06 (Nicastro *et al.*, 2014) (see Table 3.2), respectively, provided by Dr. Gianluca Nicastro (Instituto de Química, Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil) were used for the integrant creation (Figure 3.1). Briefly, studying gene (*pvrR* or PA14-72420) was cloned into mini-CTX2 vector between *KpnI-EcoRI* sites inside the two Ω transcriptional terminators and then to be integrated at the *attB* specific site downstream of the tRNA^{ser} sequence of *P. aeruginosa* chromosome (Hoang *et al.*, 2000). These two strains were cultured on LB agar medium, supplemented with 12 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ tetracycline (LB + Tet12) at 37°C, until reaching the necessary biomass production levels (18-20 hrs). These *E. coli* cultured cells were collected from the agar plates and mixed well with cells of strain 57RP wild type on the same LB+Tet12 agar plate medium. After overnight incubation at 37°C, the mixed cells were transferred onto LB agar plates supplemented with 125 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ tetracycline and Triclosan 20 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$. The growing colonies were collected and cultured on the TSB medium. To confirm that the *pvrR* and PA14-72420 genes were already integrated into the chromosome of the 57RP WT cells, several putatively integrated colonies were propagated and their biomass was collected for DNA extraction (section 3.9.2). This was followed by PCR amplification (section 3.9.3) using the *pvrR* and PA14-72420 specific primers (Table 3.2). Only the positive tested colonies, which contained the introduced c-di-GMP-metabolizing genes integrated in their chromosomes, were selected for further investigations.

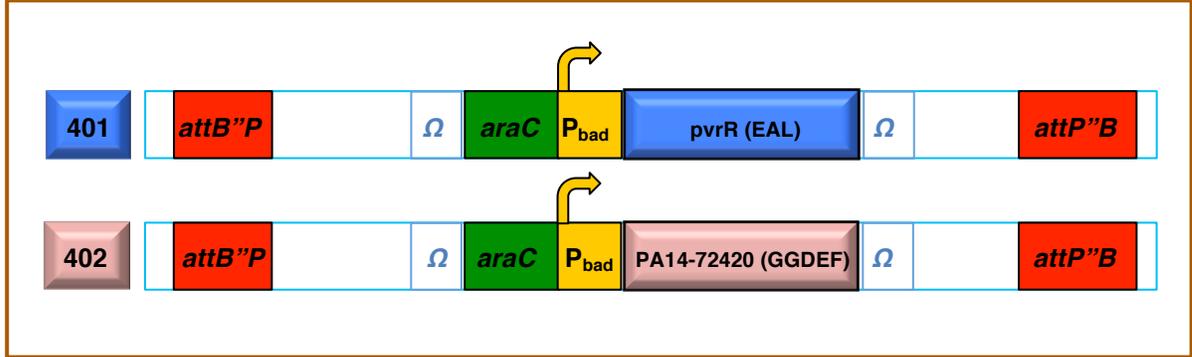


Figure 3.1 Construct of arabinose-inducible (*araC*-P_{bad}) *pvrR* and PA14-72420 genes (Nicastro *et al.*, 2014) were cloned between KpnI-EcoRI sites inside the two Ω transcriptional terminators in mini-CTX2 vector to be integrated at the *attB* specific site downstream of the tRNA^{Ser} sequence of *P. aeruginosa* chromosome (Hoang *et al.*, 2000). The *pvrR* gene encodes the EAL domain protein and the PA-14-72420 gene encodes the GGDEF domain protein (Winsor *et al.*, 2011). The empty boxes represent the plasmid backbone. *araC*: gene encodes the AraC protein, which regulates activity of the P_{bad}; P_{bad}: promoter regulates transcription of: *araB*, *araA*, and *araD* of the arabinose operon; *attB*: the bacterial attachment site; *attP*: the plasmid attachment site.

Table 3.2 Strains, plasmids and primers used for the construction of the integrants

Name	Characterization	Reference
<u>Strain</u>		
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> 57RP	Wild type degrading hydrocarbon strain, isolated from contaminated soil	Déziel <i>et al.</i> (2001)
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> 57RP-401	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> strain 57RP carrying the <i>pvrR</i> gene under control of arabinose-inducible pBAD promoter in mini-CTX plasmid integrated at the <i>attB</i> cite of <i>P. aeruginosa</i> chromosome (3' noncoding region of tRNA ^{ser}).	This study
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> 57RP-402	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> strain 57RP carrying the PA14-72420 gene under control of arabinose-inducible pBAD promoter in mini-CTX plasmid integrated at the <i>attB</i> cite of <i>P. aeruginosa</i> chromosome (3' noncoding region of tRNA ^{ser}).	This study
<u>PCR primer</u>		
Pser-up*	5'-CGA GTG GTT TAA GGC AAC GGT CTT GA-3'	Hoang <i>et al.</i> (2000)
PvrR-R	5'-ATC AGG TCG AAC CTG TCC TG-3'	This study
PA72420-R	AGC GTC TCG CTA AAG CTC AG	This study
<u>Plasmid</u>		
pGGN05	2.5 kb <i>KpnI-SpeI</i> fragment of <i>araC</i> -pBAD and <i>pvrR</i> coding region into <i>EcoRI-KpnI</i> of Mini-CTX2 ^{**} ; Tc ^{R***}	(Nicastro <i>et al.</i> , 2014)
pGGN06	3.6 kb <i>KpnI-SpeI</i> fragment of <i>araC</i> -pBAD and PA14_72420 coding region into <i>EcoRI-KpnI</i> of Mini-CTX2; Tc ^R	(Nicastro <i>et al.</i> , 2014)

* Pser-up is a mini-CTX-specific primer. This Pser-up was used as forward primer to verify both *pvrR* and PA14-72420 genes. The length of PCR product should be 1637 bp and 2565 bp respectively.

** Mini-CTX2 site contains *attP* site for integration at chromosomal *attB* site; Tc^R

*** Resistance markers: Tc^R, tetracycline.

3.9.2 DNA extraction

Two ml of bacterial cultures were collected and centrifuged at 3,000 x g for 10 min. The cell pellets were washed with 500 µl of TEN (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 100 mM ethylene-diamine-tetraacetic acid (EDTA), 150 mM NaCl) (Sambrook & Russell, 2001) and then dispersed in 500 µl TEN. The cell suspensions were transferred into 2 ml microtubes containing autoclaved glass beads (diameter 0.5 mm) and then homogenized for 30 sec at speed 6.0 in a FastPrep-24 Homogenizer (Biomedical, Solon, OH, USA). These homogenates were centrifuged at 16 000 x g at room temperature for 15 min. The aqueous phases were then extracted twice with Phenol/Chloroform/Isoamyl alcohol (25:24:1) solution and once with Chloroform/Isoamyl alcohol (24:1) solution. DNAs were precipitated overnight by 0.6-0.8 volume of isopropanol 100%. After centrifugation and washing with 70% ethanol, the DNAs were dissolved in deionized water for PCR amplification.

3.9.3 PCR amplification

To perform PCR amplification, DNA concentrations were measured by NanoDrop ND-1000 spectrophotometer (NanoDrop Products, Wilmington, DE, USA). Fifty ng DNA were used as template for the PCR with 1X ThermoPol buffer of Taq DNA polymerase (M0267X BioLabs). PCR components were adjusted to reach the final concentrations of 1 mM MgCl₂, 200 µM of each dNTP, 0.4 µM of each primer, BSA 0.5 µg µl⁻¹, 5% DMSO and 1 unit of Taq polymerase. The PCR conditions were performed by the initial denaturation at 94°C for 5 min then followed by 30 cycles of the denaturation at 94°C for 1 min, annealing at 62°C for 45 sec and elongation at 72°C for 2-3 min, depending on the length of the PCR-synthesizing DNA fragments (1637 bp for the fragment containing a part of *pvrR* gene and 2565 bp for PA14-72420 gene), and the final extension at 72°C for 10 min. PCR products were verified by electrophoresis on 1% agarose and visualized by ultraviolet (UV) light using a Gel Imager System after staining with ethidium bromide.

3.9.4 Integrant cultivation

The integrants (RP401 and RP402) were cultured in 6 ml of MSM medium supplemented with 1% hexadecane, as a sole carbon source, as described above, and in the absence or presence of 0.2% (w/v) final concentrations of L-arabinose. The 57RP wild type strain and its derived SCVs were also cultured in the MSM medium supplemented with 1% hexadecane in the absence or in the presence of arabinose. The cell biomass was harvested for further analysis of the total protein concentrations and the c-di-GMP production levels from day 5 to day 15 of the cultivation, as described in sections 3.2 and 3.8.

3.9.5 Viable cell counting on agar plates

The viable cell count was performed by 10-fold serial dilutions of the cultures in MSM and subsequent plating onto TSA agar plates and incubation at 30°C. The colony formation counting was performed after 24 hrs.

3.10 Proteome profile analysis by two dimensional gel electrophoresis

3.10.1 Protein extraction

The *P. aeruginosa* 57RP wild type strain cells were inoculated in MSM plus 1% glucose for 10 hrs at 25°C; the *P. aeruginosa* strain 57RP SCV cells were cultured in MSM medium supplemented with 1% hexadecane for 9 days at 25°C. The resulting cell biomass was used as the materials for the 2D gel analysis experiments. Few modifications of the protein extraction methods (Quan *et al.*, 2013, Wei *et al.*, 2011) applied in the present study were described below.

(i) *Outer membrane and periplasmic proteins.* The bacterial cells in mid-log growth phase were harvested from 4-8 L cultures by centrifugation at 3,000 x g for 10 min. These cell pellets were gently dispersed in 0.1 volume of Tris-Sucrose-EDTA (TSE) buffer (200

mM Tris-Cl, pH 8.0, 500 mM Sucrose, 1 mM EDTA and 1 mM PMSF (phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride)). After being kept for 1.5 hrs at 4°C, these cell suspensions were centrifuged at 16,000 x g for 1 h at 4°C. The cell pellets were kept for cytosolic protein extractions (see below). The supernatants were collected and ultra-centrifuged at 100,000 x g for 2 hrs at 4°C, using the Ultracentrifuge (Optima L-100K Ultracentrifuge, COL 06K48, Beckman Coulter Inc., USA). (1) Parts of these pellets containing the outer membrane proteins were dried and dissolved in 0.1% SDS buffer for measurement of the protein concentrations by the Bradford assay method. The rest of the pellets were used for the Isoelectric focusing (IEF) analysis, using common buffer conditions (8M Urea, 2 M Thiourea, CHAPS 40 mM, 40mM DTT, 2% IPG 4-7), and for further analysis. (2) The expected periplasmic proteins in the ultra-centrifuged supernatant were precipitated with TCA (Trichloroacetic acid) to reach 25% final concentration at -20°C. After washing twice with 80% acetone, the precipitated periplasmic proteins were dissolved in 0.1% SDS buffer and their concentrations were measured as above for outer membrane proteins.

(ii) *Cytosolic proteins.* The bacterial cell pellets obtained from previous separating steps, approximate of 200 ml of the cultured cell suspension, were washed twice with 100 mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 8.0) and 10 mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 8.0), respectively. Since the quality of the 2-D gel electrophoresis of cytosolic proteins relies on the purity of protein samples, the contamination of the macromolecular DNAs and the other non protein components should be removed from the protein samples of interest as much as possible (Do, 1995). The pellets were then dispersed in 4 ml of lysis buffer (8M Urea, 2M Thiourea, CHAPS 40 mM, 40mM DTT, 1 mM PMSF and DNase 50 µg ml⁻¹) and sonicated by Sonifier 150 (Branson Ultrasonics Corporation, USA) three times for 30 sec. The unbroken cells and the cell debris were removed by centrifugation twice at 9,000 x g at 4°C for 30 min. The supernatants then were mixed with TrisEDTA/Sucrose buffer (final concentration: 50 mM Tris-Cl pH 8.8, 5 mM EDTA pH 8.0, 450 mM sucrose and 0.2% β-mercaptoethanol) for 45 min at 4°C. The homogenate was extracted twice with equal volume of phenol (water saturated with Tris-HCl pH 7.4). The phenol phases were collected by centrifugation (16,000 x g, 30 min at 4°C) and pooled. The cytosolic proteins were precipitated by adding 5-10X volume of 100% methanol in the presence of 100 mM

NH₄OAc at -20°C for at least 2 hrs. After washing twice with 80% acetone and centrifuging at 3,000 x g for 15 min, the pellets were dissolved in 0.1% SDS buffer and measured concentration as previously described and dissolved in IEF buffer for the two dimensional gel electrophoretic analysis (2DE).

3.10.2 Two-dimensional gel electrophoresis

Approximately 100-130 µg of the extracted proteins in a total volume of 250 µl were applied on immobilized pH gradient IPG pH 4-7 gel strips (13 cm, GE HealthCare) for an in-gel hydration under silicone oil for 16 hrs. The proteins were migrated on the IPGphor Isoelectric Focusing System (Pharmacia Biotech) at 20°C for a total of 5.5 hrs, including a gradient range 1000-8000 V for 3.5 hrs as recommended by the manufacturer's instructions. After migration, proteins in the strips were equilibrated with equilibration solution (6M Urea, 150 mM Tris-Cl pH 8.8, 2% SDS and 30% glycerol) containing 1% (w/v) dithiothreitol for 15 min for reduction, and then again with the same component solution mentioned above containing 260 mM iodoacetamide for 15 min for alkylation. These strips were then transferred onto 12% acrylamide/bisacrylamide gels for the second dimension analysis. The electrophoresis was performed at 70V for 16 hrs by using the DCode Universal Mutation Detection System (BioRad) with 1X Tris-glycine buffer (25 mM Tris, 192 mM glycine, 0.1% SDS). The separated proteins on gels were visualized by silver nitrate staining. The proteins were fixed in gels with fixing solution (5% acetic acid, 50% ethanol) for 45 min. After washing 3 times with deionized water, the gels were stained with 0.1% silver nitrate for 30 min, and then developed in developing solution (2% sodium carbonate, 0.04% formaldehyde). The selected protein spots were cut out with a sterilized knife. The chosen protein spots were identified by recording all mass spectra on a hybrid linear ion trap-triple quadrupole mass spectrometer (Q-Trap, AB Applied Biosystems, MDS Sciex Instruments, California, USA). MASCOT (Matrix Science, London, UK) was used to create peak lists from MS and MS/MS raw data with *P. aeruginosa* protein banks by the proteomic service at the INRS-Institut Armand-Frappier. The NCBI database was used to identify proteins from peptide identifications.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Formation of small colony variants

4.1.1 Growth of *P. aeruginosa* on hexadecane and octadecane

Three *P. aeruginosa* strains were tested for their ability to grow on hexadecane (liquid alkane) or octadecane (solid alkane) as the sole carbon source. Two culture conditions were tested with agitation and without agitation (static cultures). Two of these strains were isolated from a hydrocarbon-contaminated soil (strains 57RP and 57RV), and the third one, strain PA14, from a burn patient. *P. aeruginosa* PA14 grew poorly on these alkanes (Figure 4.1A). No further experiments were performed with this strain because of its poor growth on these alkanes. When cultured on hexadecane with agitation at 30°C, strain 57RP had a lag phase of 2-3 days before exponential growth occurred. This lag phase was shorter or absent with octadecane (Figure 4.1B, C). The growth on solid octadecane of this strain in shaking conditions was faster than that in static conditions (Figure 4.1C).

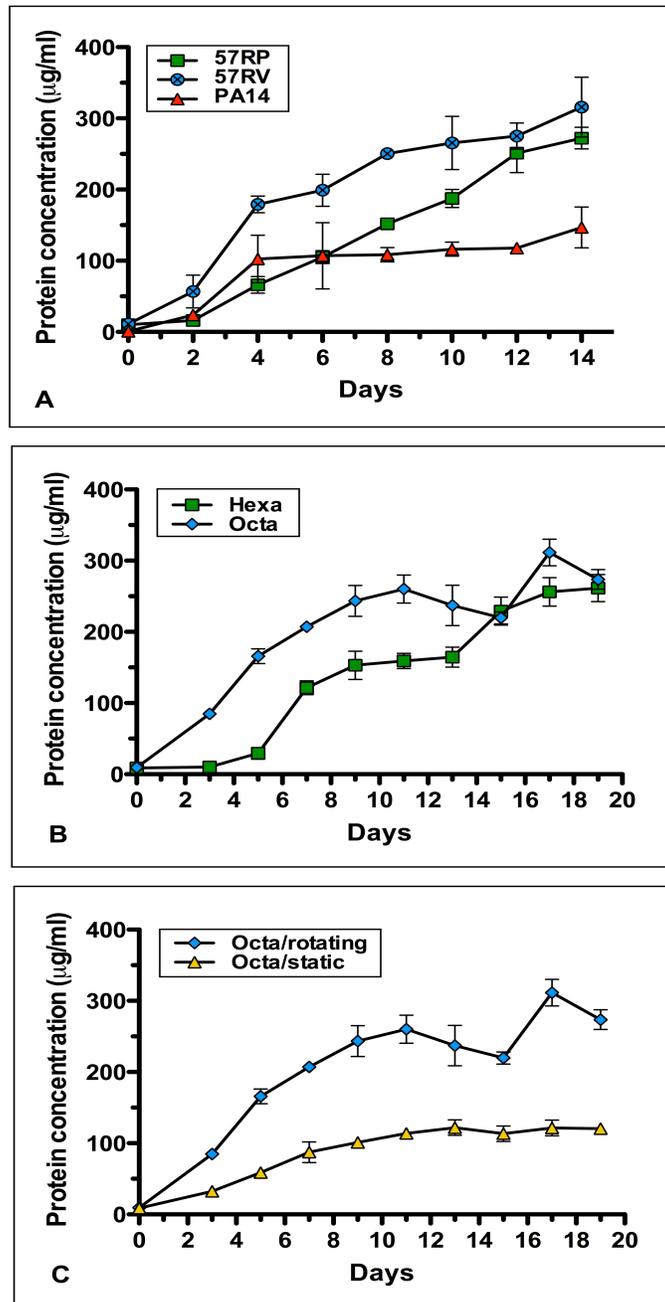


Figure 4.1 Growth of different *P. aeruginosa* strains on MSM supplemented with 1% hexadecane (v/v) or octadecane in a rotator at 30°C for 14-19 days. (A) Growth of 57RP, 57RV and PA14 strains on hexadecane, (B) Growth of strain 57RP on liquid and solid alkanes, (C) growth of strain 57RP on octadecane in static and rotating conditions. Error bars represent the standard deviation from triplicate samples.

4.1.2 SCVs generated on liquid and solid alkanes

A 5-7 day old culture of strain 57RP (Figure 4.2A) cultured on liquid hexadecane or solid octadecane was spread on TSA plates and incubated at 30°C. Several SCV-type colonies were observed (Figure 4.2B and D). These colonies were 1.5-2 mm in diameter after 48 hrs. They were small, rough and had a dry surface (Figure 4.2B, D). Some colonies were picked and cultured in a liquid rich medium (TSB) and then the cultures were spread again on TSA plates. Among the SCV colonies, several revertants (Rev) were observed (Figure 4.2C, E).

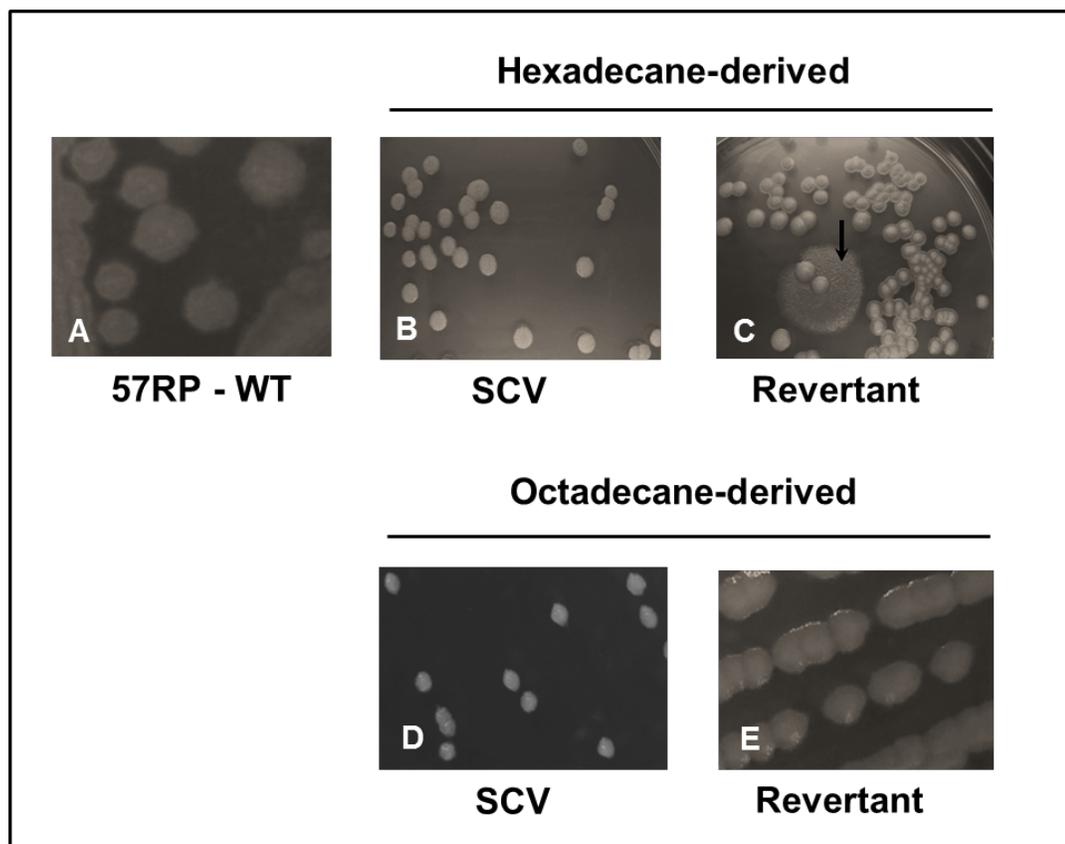


Figure 4.2 Morphological phenotypes of strain 57RP on solid agar medium. A. Wild type; B, C. Small colony variants and revertant (arrow) derived from hexadecane and D, E. Small colony variants and revertants derived from octadecane.

4.2 *Physiological characteristics of strain 57RP SCVs*

4.2.1 **Motilities**

The wild type strain 57RV (57RV WT), wild type strain 57RP (57RP WT), the representative 57RP SCVs and 57RP revertant strains were pre-cultured overnight in TSB medium then stab inoculated on swim plates (0.3% agar) or swarm plates (0.5% agar) or thin layer twitch plates (1% agar). Both 57RV and 57RP WT strains showed similar characteristics for the three motilities, including swimming, swarming and twitching. However, the two wild type strains also had individual traits such as the diameters of turbid zone on swimming plates for strain 57RV WT (around 24 mm) were smaller than 57RP WT (around 30 mm) (Figure 4.3).

As previously mentioned in the literature review (section 2.5.1), *P. aeruginosa* SCVs have reduced motilities, which include swimming, swarming and twitching (Déziel *et al.*, 2001, Haussler *et al.*, 2003). SCVs derived from strain 57RP in this study still maintained their motility defect as observed in Déziel (2001). This confirmed that the strains we used still have stable characters and will be good candidates for further studies. Three 57RP SCVs generated from liquid hexadecane (here named SCV1h, SCV2h and SCV3h) and three others generated from solid octadecane (here named SCV1o, SCV2o and SCV3o) were selected and examined for motility assays and biofilm assays. Two revertants (Rev), one from a SCV culture derived from hexadecane culture (Rev21h) and the other one from octadecane culture (Rev11o) were also tested.

The results showed that the diameters of turbid zones on swimming plates of 57RP WT and of both revertants were equivalent. These diameters were three times larger than that of SCVs derived from hexadecane (Figure 4.4A, B) and twice as large as that of SCV derived from octadecane. The swarming motility of the SCVs derived from both liquid and solid alkanes decreased compared to the WT and the Rev, while their adherence to the polystyrene surface in twitching motility increased (Figure 4.4A & 4.5A). All these results show that the three motilities were reduced in the 57RP SCVs derived from the two alkanes.

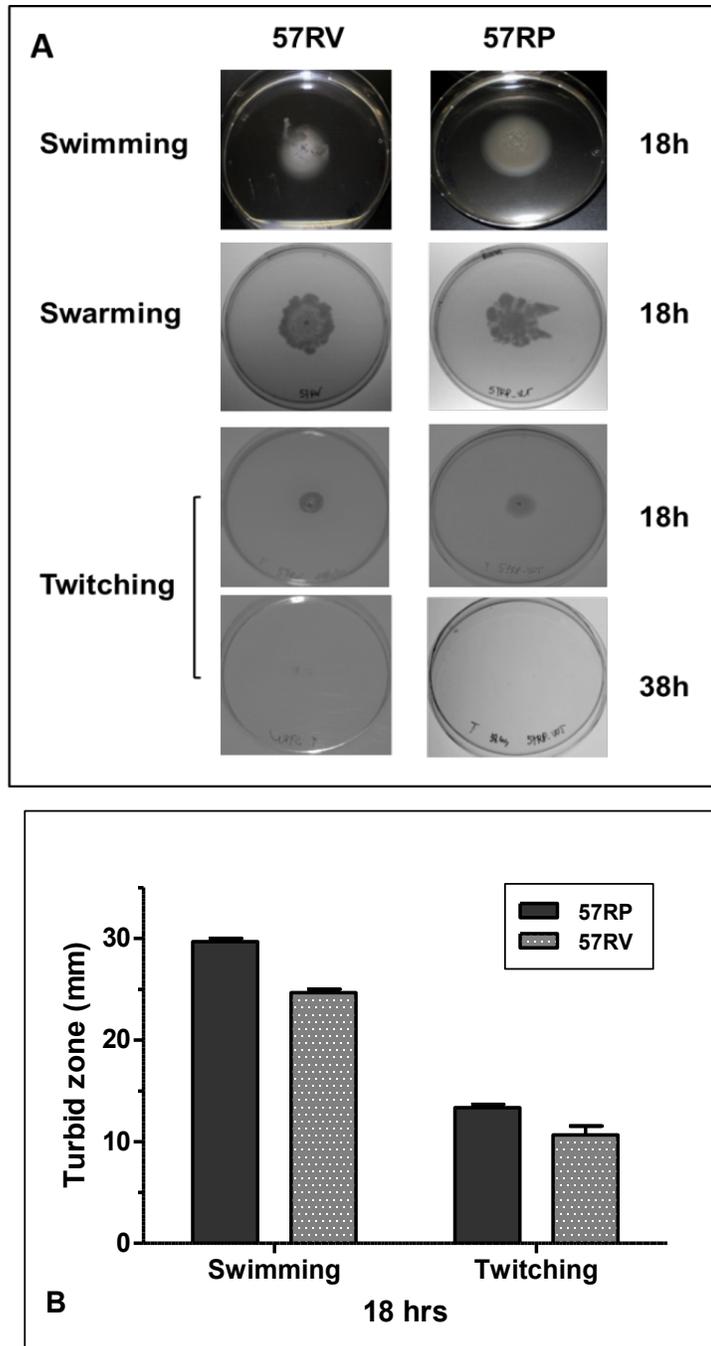


Figure 4.3 A. Motilities of *P. aeruginosa* 57RV and 57RP strains on swimming plates (0.3% agar) for 18 hrs; swarming plates (0.5% agar) for 18 hrs; and twitching plates (1% agar) for 18h without removing agar and staining with crystal violet, and attachment of cells to the polystyrene Petri dish after staining with crystal violet in twitching motility for 38 hrs. B. Turbid zone of swimming and twitching motility after 18 hrs. Error bars represent the standard deviation from triplicate samples.

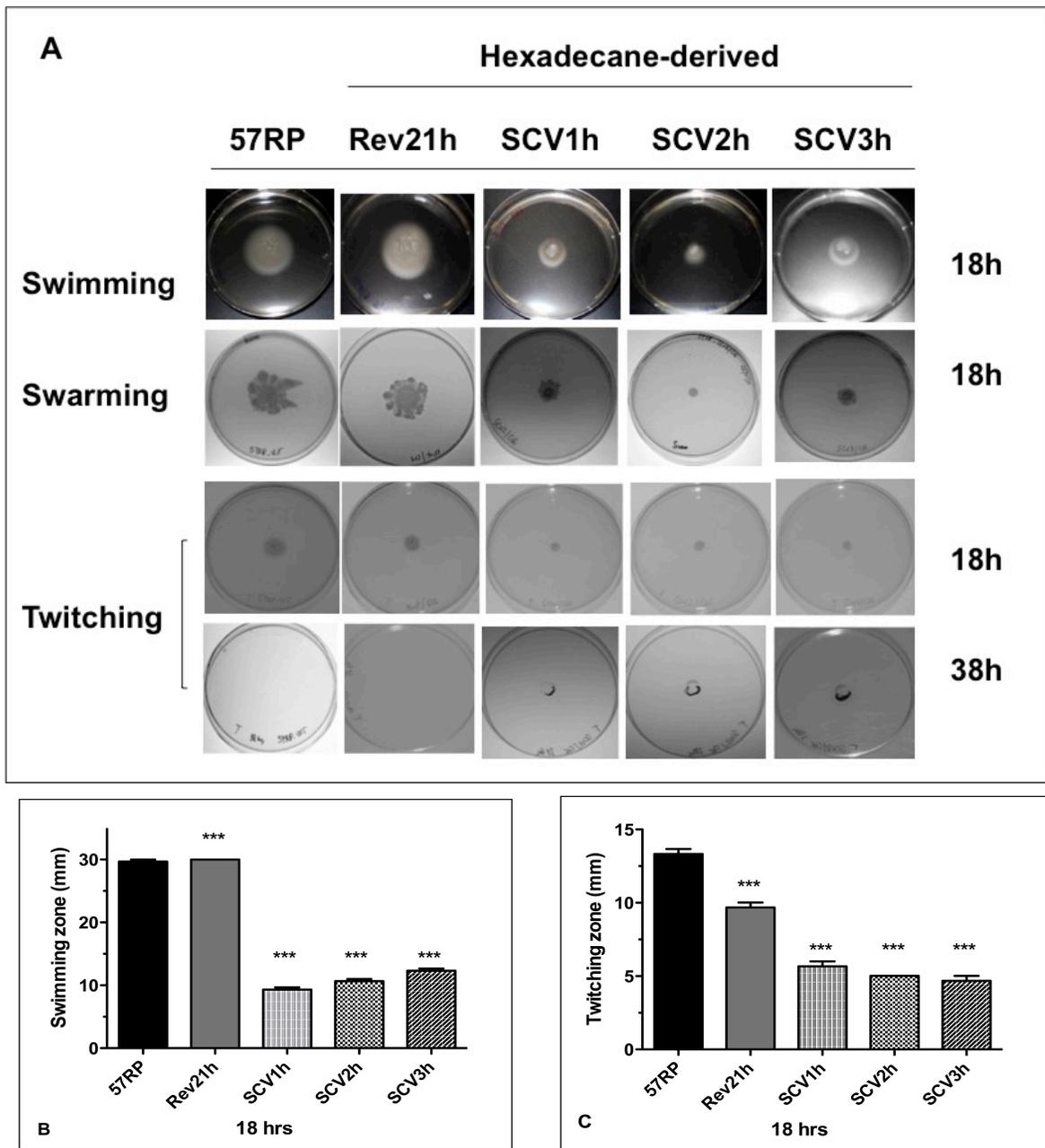


Figure 4.4 A. Motilities of different strains derived from hexadecane: swimming plates (0.3% agar) for 18 hrs; swarming plates (0.5% agar) for 18 hrs; twitching plates (1% agar) for 18h without removing agar and staining with crystal violet, and attachment of cells to polystyrene Petri dish after staining with crystal violet in twitching motility for 38 hrs; B. Diameter of turbid zone in swimming motility after 18 hrs. C. Diameters of turbid zone in twitching motility after 18 hrs. Error bars represent the standard deviation from triplicate samples. Significance was determined by one-way analysis of variance followed by a Dunnett's Multiple Comparison Test for the difference between WT and individual SCVs, *** $P < 0.0001$.

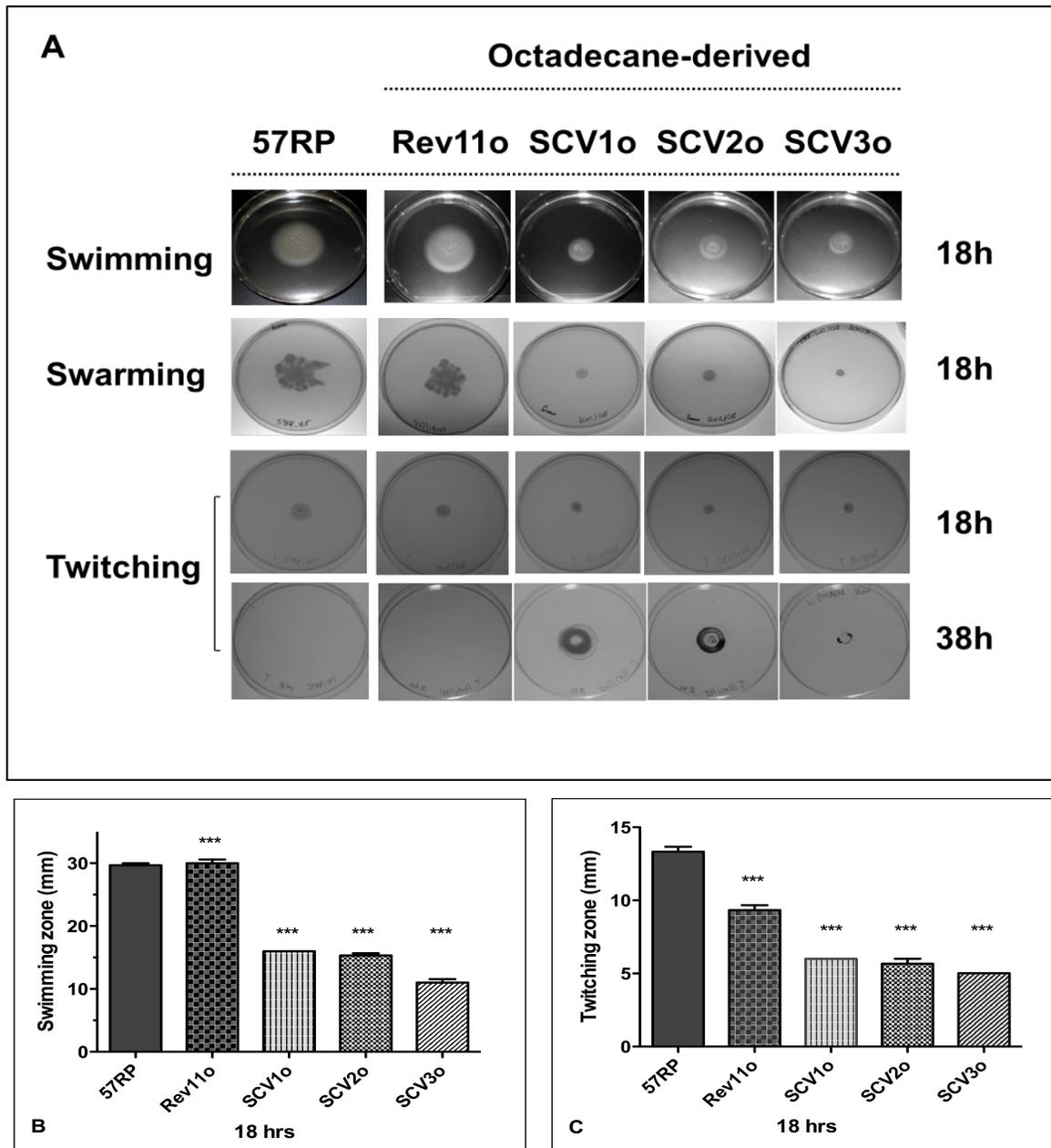


Figure 4.5 **A.** Motilities of different strains derived from octadecane: swim plates (0.3% agar) for 18 hrs; swarm plates (0.5% agar) for 18 hrs; twitch plates (1% agar) for 18h without removing agar and staining with crystal violet, and attachment of cells to polystyrene Petri dish after staining with crystal violet in twitching motility for 38 hrs; **B.** Diameter of turbid zone in swimming motility after 18 hrs of SCVs and revertant derived from octadecane culture. **C.** Diameters of turbid zone in twitching motility after 18 hrs of SCVs and revertant derived from octadecane culture. Error bars represent the standard deviation from triplicate samples. Significance was determined by one-way analysis of variance followed by a Dunnett's Multiple Comparison Test for the difference between WT and individual SCVs, *** $P < 0.0001$.

4.2.2 Biofilm formation

The next step was to verify the biofilm formation ability of the strains. The biomass of attached cells (biofilm) in the polystyrene tube assays was quantified for the 57RP WT, its derived SCV and Rev, and strain 57RV. Strain 57RV formed more biofilm (2-3 times) than 57RP WT (Figure 4.6). Biofilms derived from the 57RP SCVs, generated either from hexadecane or octadecane, were approximately 10 times thicker after 10 hrs than the ones derived from 57RP WT and the Rev (Figure 4.7 & 4.8). The 57RP WT and Rev strains showed similar results. As all the chosen SCVs generated from both liquid and solid alkanes showed similar behaviors in motilities and biofilm formation. One representative SCV, SCV2h generated from hexadecane cultures, SCV1o generated from octadecane cultures, and one revertant from these representative SCVs (Rev21h and Rev11o) were chosen for the further study of my project.

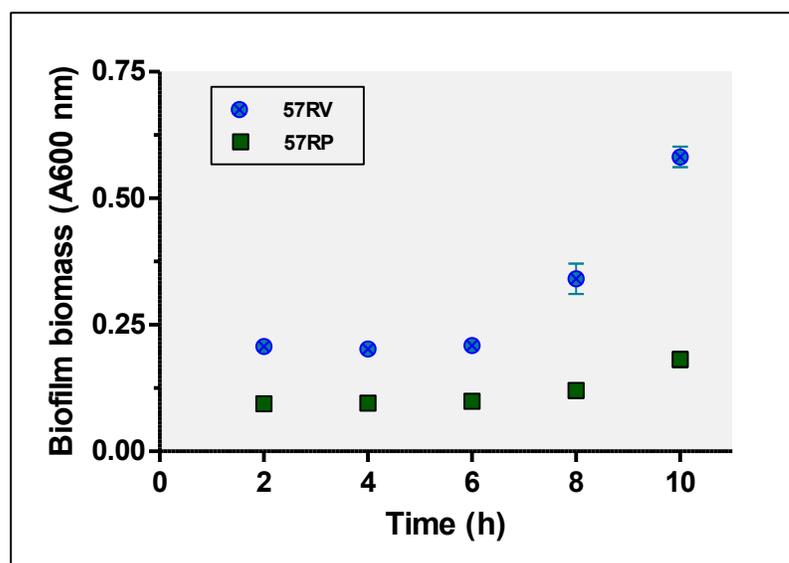


Figure 4.6 Kinetics of biofilm formation of *P. aeruginosa* 57RP and 57RV in static conditions on Bushnell-Haass medium supplemented with 0.2% dextrose and 0.5% tryptone at 25°C during 10 hrs. Error bars represent the standard deviation of triplicate samples.

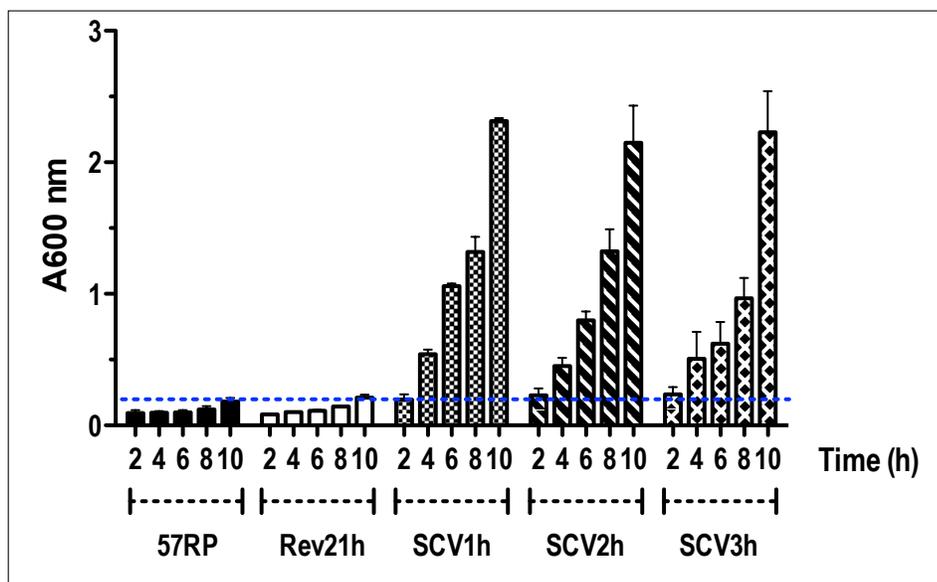
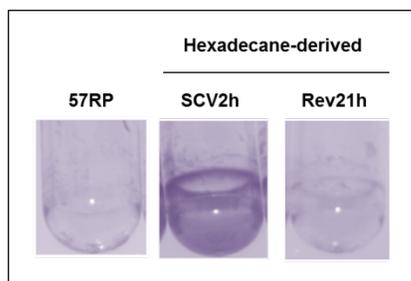


Figure 4.7 Kinetics of biofilm formation of different hexadecane-derived phenotypes in static condition on Bushnell-Haass medium supplemented with 0.2% dextrose and 0.5% tryptone at 25°C during 10 hrs. SCVs were generated from cultures performed on hexadecane. Error bars represent the standard deviation of triplicate samples.

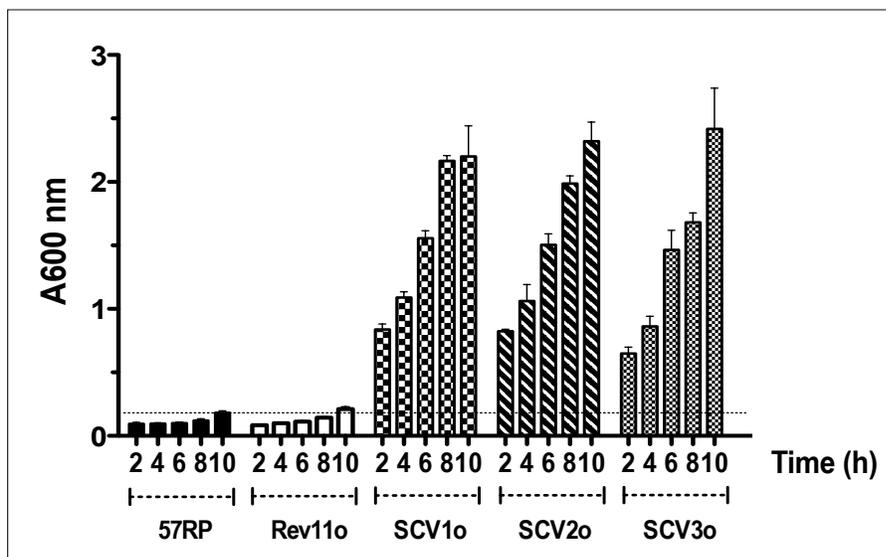
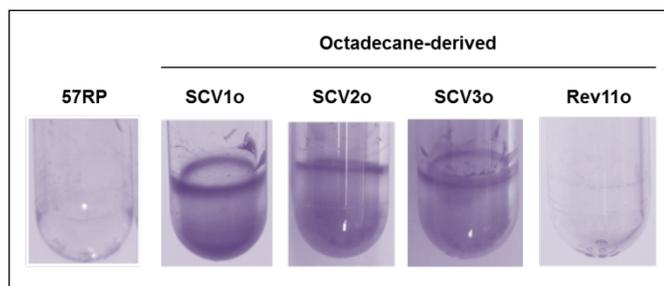


Figure 4.8 Kinetics of biofilm formation of different phenotypes in static conditions on Bushnell-Haass medium supplemented with 0.2% dextrose and 0.5% tryptone at 25°C during 10 hrs. SCVs were generated from cultures performed on octadecane. Error bars represent the standard deviation of triplicate samples.

4.2.3 Surface hydrophobicity and cell adherence assays

The MATH assay was used to quantitatively assess the cell surface hydrophobicity of the 57RP WT, SCV2h, SCV1o, Rev21h and Rev11o strains. Sixty percent of the SCV2h and SCV1o cells were adherent to hexadecane, 20% more than that of the 57RP WT and the two revertants adherence (Figure 4.9A & C). These results suggested that cell surface of SCVs was more hydrophobic than the 57RP WT and the revertants. Similarly, when performing adherence experiments by the MATS assays, 80% of the SCV2h and SCV1o cells adhered to silica, while the percentage for the 57RP WT and the two revertants were less than 60% (Figure 4.9B & D). These results indicated that the high levels of adherence were distinctive characteristics of 57RP SCVs in comparison to the 57RP WT and the revertants. In addition, *P. aeruginosa* 57RV showed similar levels of cell surface hydrophobicity as well as adherence ability compared to the 57RP SCVs (Figure 4.9A & C), indicating that 57RV is a naturally highly adherent isolate. While 57RP WT is not.

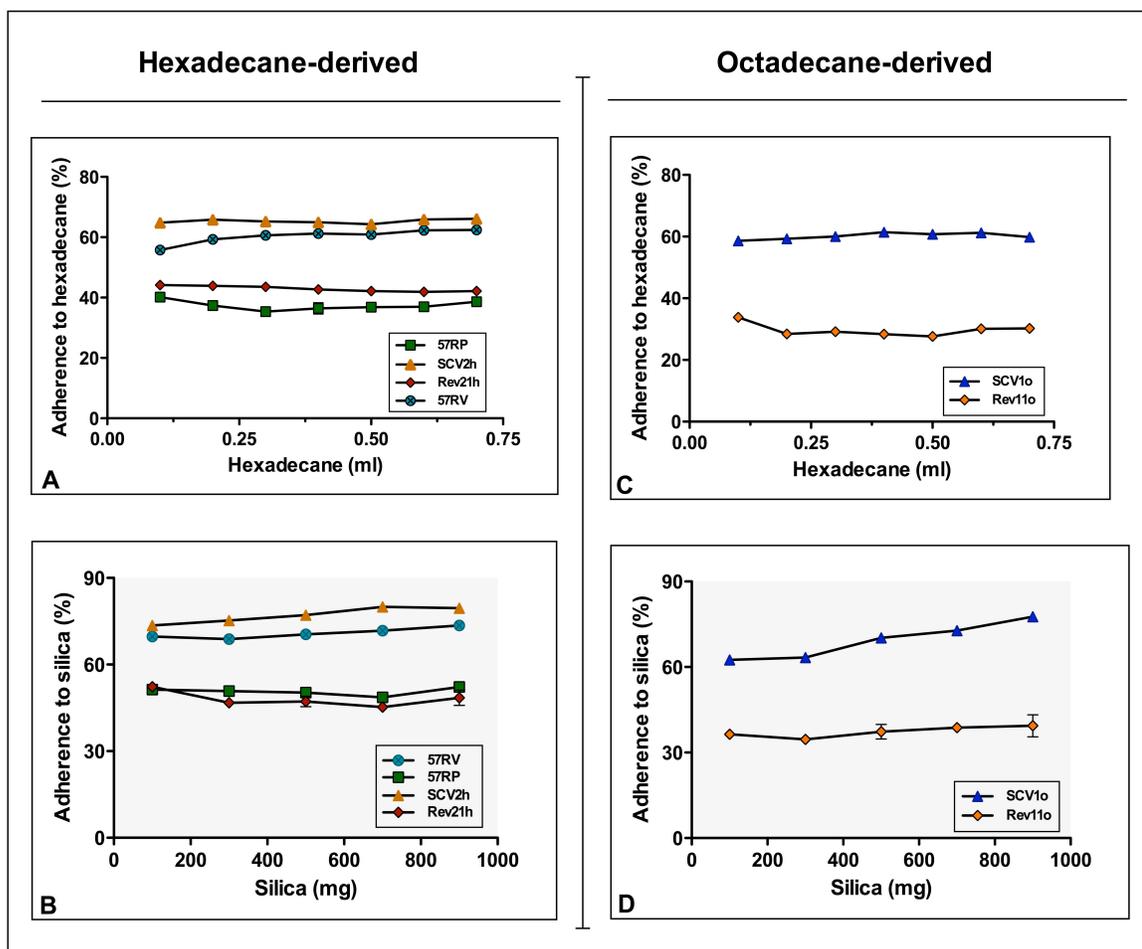


Figure 4.9 MATH (panels A & C) and MATS (panels B & D) assays on the 57RP WT, SCV and Rev strains, and strain 57RV. A & B: The SCV and its revertant were derived from hexadecane cultures. C & D: The SCV and its revertant were derived from octadecane cultures. Experiments were repeated two times in triplicate tubes. Error bars represent the standard deviation of triplicate samples.

4.2.4 High density of pili on cell surface of SCV

The fact that SCVs showed higher biofilm formation and reduced motilities than the 57RP WT strain suggested some changes in the production of pili. To confirm the isolates still had stable traits as previously observed (Déziel *et al.*, 2001) in our laboratory, the cells from the 57RP WT, SCV2h generated from hexadecane cultures and its Rev21h were cultivated on TSA plates and observed under transmission electron microscopy (Figure 4.10). Pili associated with SCV2h (Figure 4.10B) were more abundant than those observed on 57RP WT (Figure 4.10A) and Rev21h (Figure 4.10C). The pili formed on 57RP WT and Rev21h cells were observed only in the polar site and the pilus density was less abundant in comparison to SCV2h.

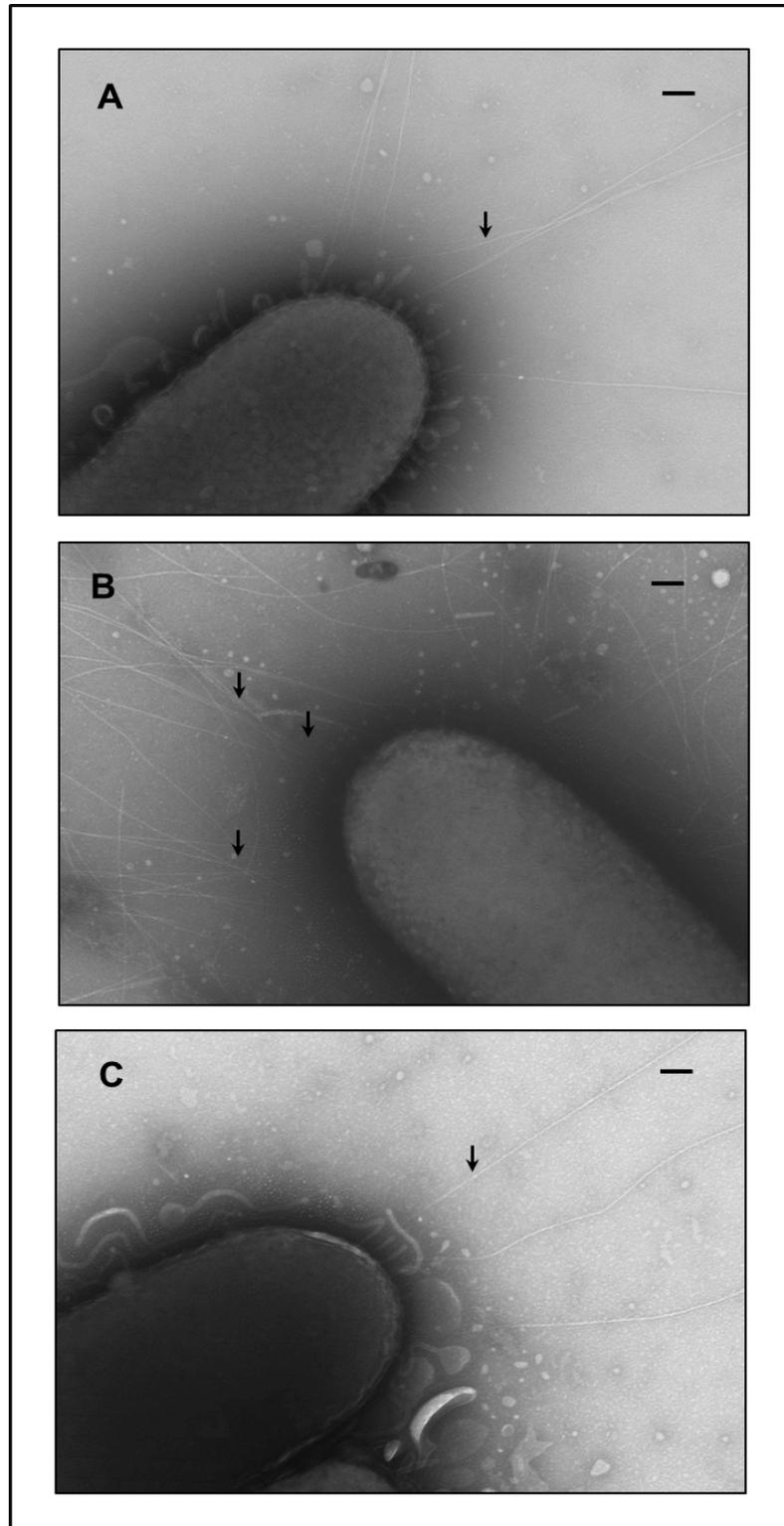


Figure 4.10 Transmission electron microscopy images of a typical cell of 57RP-WT (A), SCV2h (B) and Rev21h (C) (print magnification 124 000x, bar \sim 100 nm). Arrows indicate pili. Bacteria were grown on TSA medium.

4.2.5 Rhamnolipid production in SCV

Cultures of the 57RV, the 57RP WT, SCV2h and Rev21h strains with hexadecane were analyzed for rhamnolipid production. The long lag phase of about 9 days was observed with both 57RP WT and Rev21 whereas SCV2h grew almost without the initial lag phase (Figure 4.11A). However, the three cultures reached the similar high biomass levels after 14 days of culture. These results support the model that the active growth of SCVs occurred after the lag phase and contributed mainly to the increase in the biomass production of the initial 57RP WT and Rev21h cultures (Figure 4.11A & B).

Rhamnolipids produced by 57RP WT, SCV2h and Rev1h were similar in concentrations during 13 days (2-4 mg/L). Strain 57RV showed a similar level of rhamnolipids for the first 11 days. The rhamnolipid concentration of this 57RV strain increased to 5–7 mg/L at day 13-15 (Figure 4.11B), the start and progress of the exponential growth phase during which the appearance of 57RV SCVs was observed (data not shown).

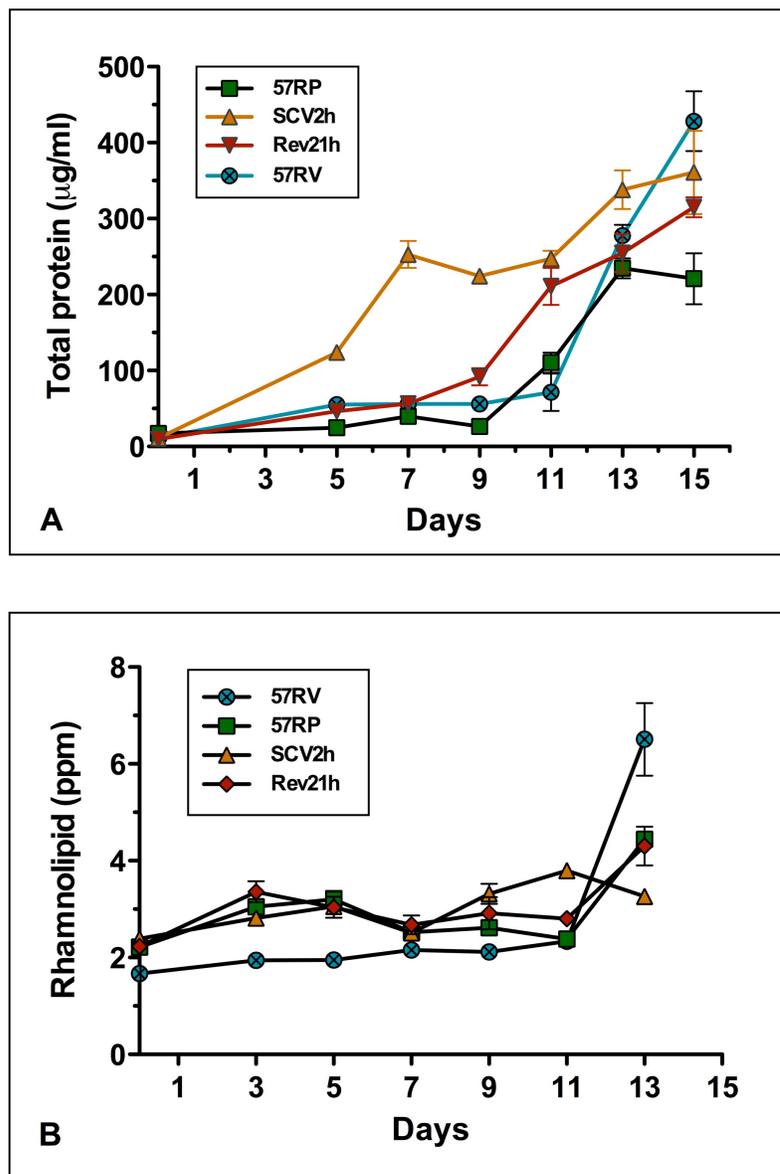


Figure 4.11 The growth of different *P. aeruginosa* strains: 57RV, 57RP, SCV2h and Rev21h (A), and rhamnolipid production (B) on MSM supplemented with 1% hexadecane (v/v) at 25 °C under shaking conditions. Experiments were repeated two times in triplicate tubes. Error bars represent the standard deviation of triplicate samples.

4.2.6 Analysis of c-di-GMP production

The c-di-GMP production levels were determined in the 57RP WT, SCV2h and Rev21h strains, and in strain 57RV, when they were cultured in the TSB rich liquid medium for 48 hours. Although all strains grew very well in this medium, c-di-GMP was not detected, suggesting that very low levels of c-di-GMP were produced in these cells (limit of detection of the method around 0.027 ppm as shown in figure 4.12). This was not unexpected since c-di-GMP production is associated with the sessile mode of growth.

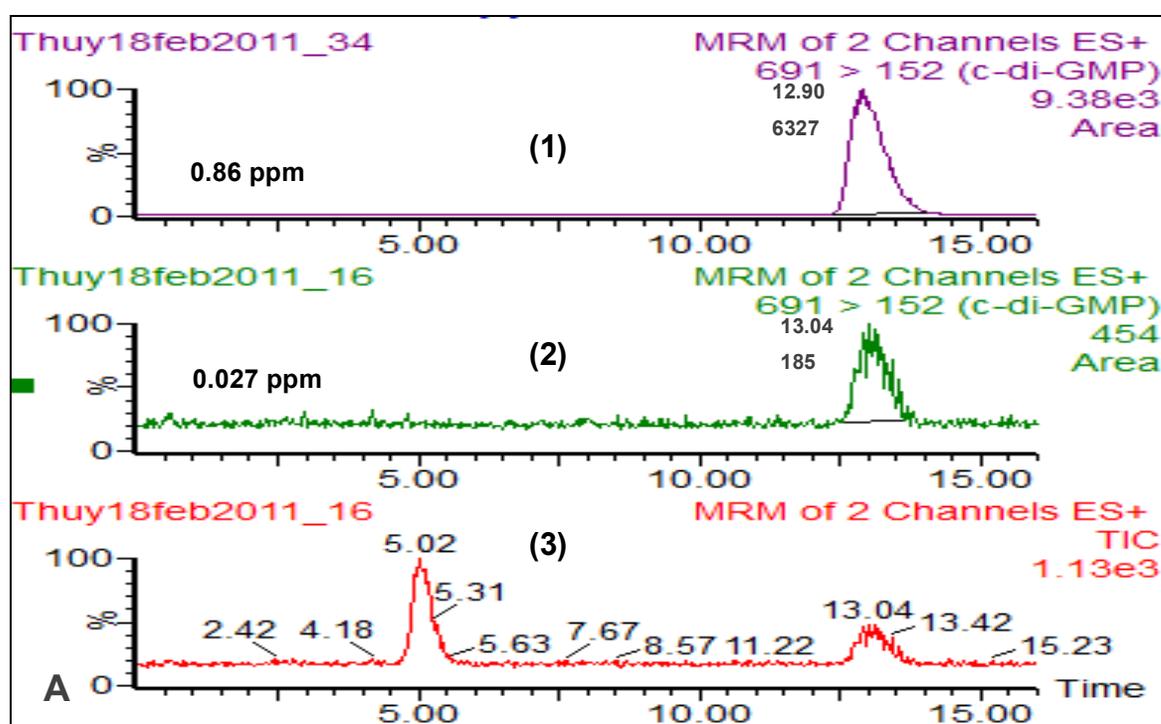


Figure 4.12 Chromatograph from HPLC-MS analysis. (1) peak area of c-di-GMP standard of 0.86 ppm, (2) peak area of c-di-GMP standard of 0.027 ppm and (3) scanning peaks in multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) mode of internal standard cXMP and c-di-GMP standard.

The c-di-GMP production levels were then measured every 2 days with the 4 strains cultivated in mineral salt medium supplemented with 1% hexadecane shaking at 25°C. Since we knew that 57RP WT required the emergence of SCVs for growth on hexadecane and that SCVs seemed to represent the main biofilm forming phenotype, it was hypothesized that *P. aeruginosa* needs to form biofilm to effectively use hexadecane as a source of carbon and energy (Déziel, 2001). The c-di-GMP levels produced in the SCV2h cells were higher than the levels produced in the 57RP WT and Rev21h cells. The basic level of c-di-GMP in SCV2h was around 0.04 µg/mg protein for the first 7 days and increased afterwards to reach around 0.24 µg/mg protein after 13 days of growth. The c-di-GMP levels for the 57RP and Rev21h reached around 0.8 µg/mg proteins after 13 days. The c-di-GMP level in strain 57RV remained low during the whole culture time (Figure 4.13B).

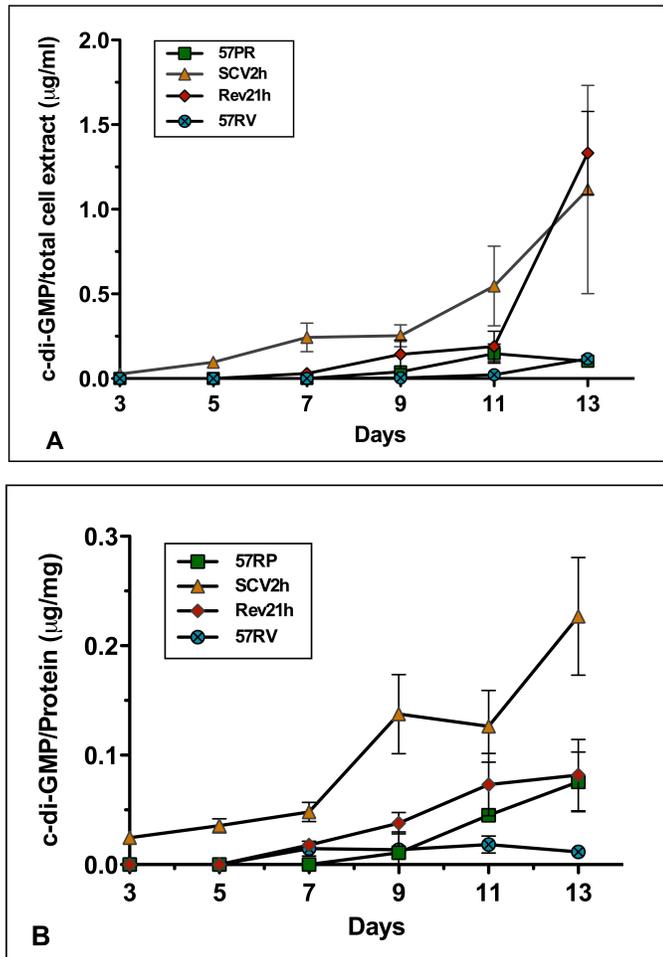


Figure 4.13 (A) c-di-GMP production by different *P. aeruginosa* strains: 57RP WT, SCV2h, revertant Rev21h and 57RV and (B) correlation between c-di-GMP level and total protein of these strains, which were grown on MSM supplemented with 1% hexadecane at 25°C in shaking conditions. Experiments were repeated twice in triplicate tubes. Error bars represent the standard deviation of triplicate samples.

4.3 Involvement of c-di-GMP in SCVs

4.3.1 Analysis of c-di-GMP in the RP401 and RP402 integrants

To assess the involvement of c-di-GMP in the formation of our SCVs, two genetic elements controlling either its synthesis or its degradation were integrated into the 57RP WT chromosome. The first genetic element was the *pvrR* (PA14-59790) gene, which encodes an EAL domain-containing protein, phosphodiesterase, involved in the degradation of c-di-GMP. The second genetic element was a gene that encodes a GGDEF domain-containing protein (PA14-72420) involved the synthesis of c-di-GMP. Both genes were under the control of the P_{BAD} promoter, which is inducible with arabinose. Two integrants, RP401 (EAL domain) and RP402 (GGDEF domain), were obtained and the presence of each of these genes in the chromosome was confirmed by PCR (Figure 4.14).

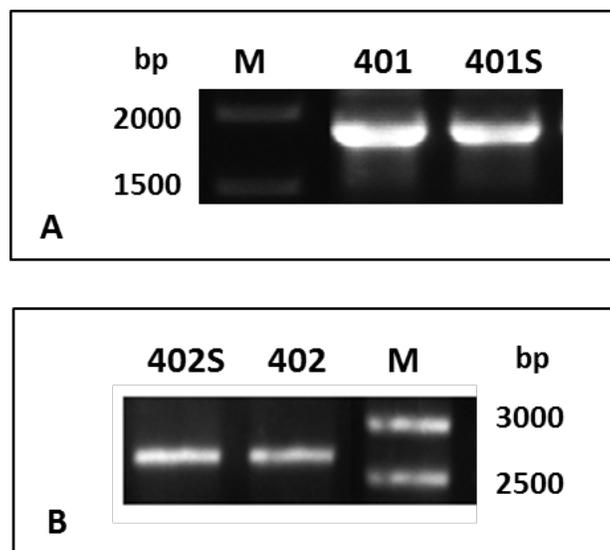


Figure 4.14 Positive strains for the integration of the *pvrR* and PA14-72420 genes into the 57RP WT chromosome. One representative colony from each integrant was screened with specific PCR primers for the *pvrR* and the PA14-72420 genes. (A) PCR products of RP401 (~1637 bp) and its SCV (RP401S). (B) PCR product of RP402 (~2565 bp) and its SCV (RP402S). Marker (M) 5 kb (Fisher Bioreagent) was used as ladder a molecular weight ladder.

Then, the impact of controlling the intracellular levels of c-di-GMP during growth on hexadecane of these two integrants was investigated. In the case of the RP401 integrant, the most noticeable result was the absence of observable growth throughout the culture period of the RP401 integrant cultured in the presence of arabinose. Arabinose stimulates the expression of the *pvrR* (EAL) gene and promotes the degradation of c-di-GMP (Figure 4.16A). However, the uninduced cultures of this RP401 integrant showed a similar growth level of the 57RP WT cultures. The RP402 integrant cultured in presence of arabinose, which stimulates the expression of the PA14-72420 (GGDEF) gene and promotes the synthesis of c-di-GMP, showed a higher level of the growth in MSM + hexadecane compared to the uninduced cultures (Figure 4.16A). The lag phase of this integrant was approximately two days shorter. Under the same conditions, the 57RP WT cultured in presence or absence of arabinose showed similar growth for the first 11 days with similar lag phase (Figure 4.16A). However, from day 13 to day 15, the 57RP WT cultured in the presence of arabinose reached higher levels (50%) than the culture without arabinose.

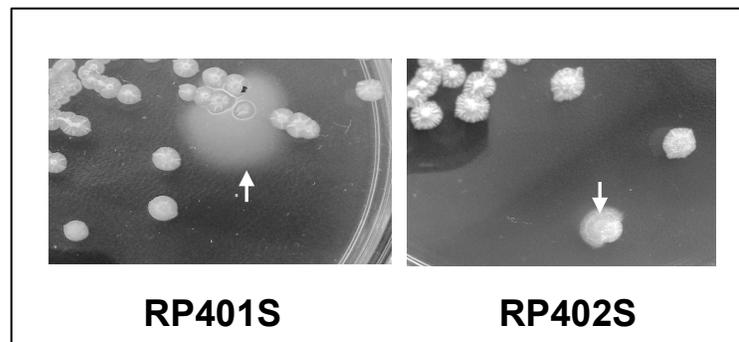


Figure 4.15 Morphological phenotype of RP401S and RP402S on solid agar medium (TSA), arrows indicate revertants of these strains.

No c-di-GMP could be detected in the RP401 integrant cultivated with arabinose (Figure 4.16B), which reflected the expression of *pvrR* and the consequent degradation of c-di-GMP. The c-di-GMP level in RP402 cultivated with arabinose was higher than that of RP402 grown in the absence of arabinose (Figure 4.16B) due to the expected expression of

the inducible extra c-di-GMP-synthesizing gene. The c-di-GMP levels in the RP401 and RP402 integrants cultivated in absence of arabinose were similar to those of the 57RP WT cultures (either in the presence or absence of arabinose) (Figure 4.16B).

SCVs were found in the RP401 and RP402 cultures cultivated on hexadecane either in presence or absence of arabinose. However, significant differences in the time of SCV occurrence have been observed after plating on TSA plates for RP402 (7-9 days) and RP401 (15 days) strains. The SCVs of both RP401 and RP402 integrants grown on hexadecane were similar in the morphological appearance, exhibiting small size with a wrinkled and dry surface, like the common SCVs derived from the 57RP WT grown on hexadecane (Figure 4.15). One representative SCV from each integrant was chosen: RP402S and RP401S. The formation of SCVs in the cultures of different strains is presented in table 4.1.

Table 4.1 The formation of SCVs during the culture period on hexadecane with and without arabinose observed after plating on TSA medium

Day	57RP WT		RP401		RP402	
	-A	+A	-A	+A	-A	+A
5	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	+	+++	-	-	+	±
9	+++	+++	++	-	++	+++
11	+++	+++	+++	-	+++	++++
13	+++	+++	+++	-	+++	+++
15	+++	+++	++	+	+++	++

(-) not detected, (±) appearance on only one of triplicate petri dishes, (+) appearance on all triplicate petri dishes. (+) 2-3 SCVs, (++) 6-7 SCVs, (+++) >10 and (++++) > 20 SCVs based on an average number of colonies counted on triplicate dishes.

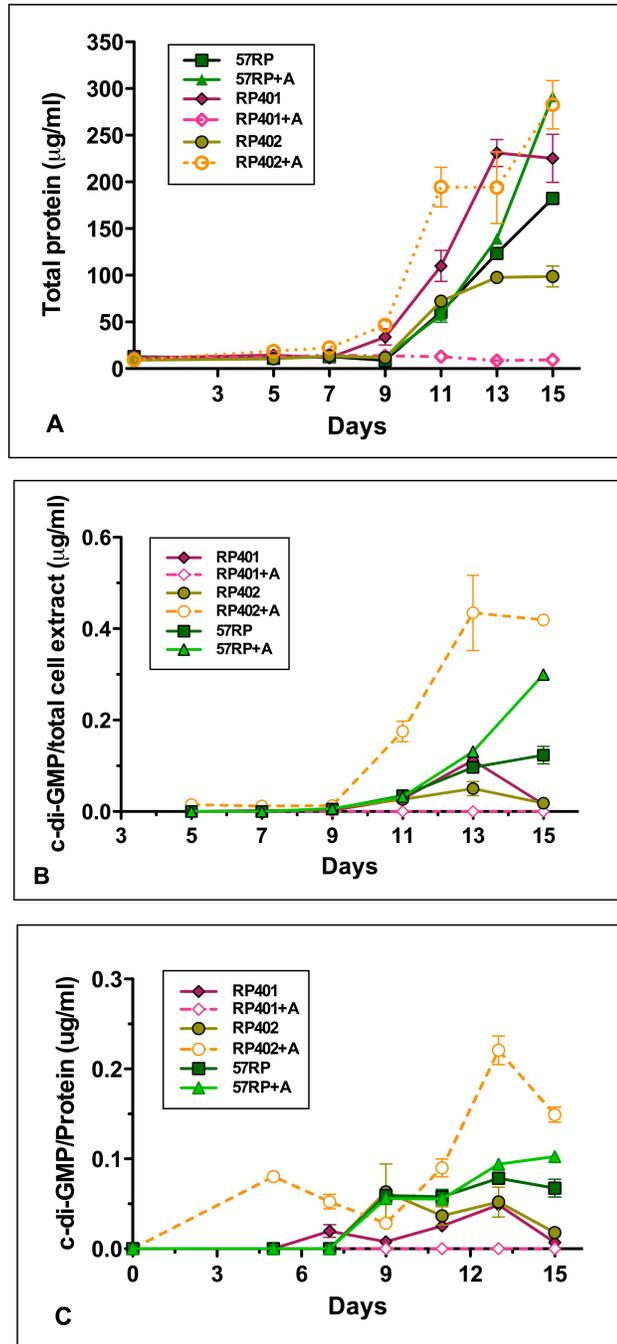


Figure 4.16 57RP WT, RP401 and RP402 grown in MSM supplemented with 1% hexadecane in the absence or presence of 0.2% arabinose at 25°C in shaking conditions. (A). Growth expressed as total protein concentrations, (B). The c-di-GMP production levels in the presence and absence of arabinose. (C). Correlation between c-di-GMP levels and total proteins in the RP401 and RP402 integrants compared to 57RP WT. Error bars represent the standard deviation of triplicate samples.

When cultivated with arabinose, the RP402 integrant formed more biofilm (by assays with the polystyrene tubes) than the 57RP WT and the RP401 integrant. In contrast, the 57RP WT and the RP401 and RP402 integrants had no significant difference in biofilm formation when cultivated for 10h in the absence of arabinose (Figure 4.17).

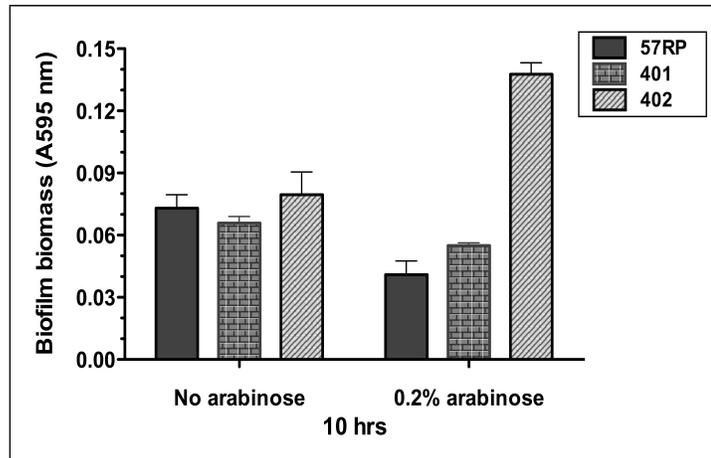


Figure 4.17 Biofilm formation by RP401 and RP402 integrants. RP401 and RP402, 57RP WT were cultured on Bushnell-Hass medium supplemented with 0.2% dextrose and 0.5% tryptone at 25°C for 10 hrs in polystyrene tubes in the absence or presence of 0.2% arabinose. The error bars represent the standard deviation of triplicate samples.

4.3.2 Small colony variants derived from the RP401 integrant

The c-di-GMP levels were measured for the SCVs-derived from RP401 (RP401S). RP401S was cultivated in MSM plus 1% hexadecane in the presence or absence of arabinose. The same conditions were performed with the 57RP SCV2h. Both strains showed similar growth behavior (Figure 4.18A). The presence of arabinose stimulated the growth of RP401S and SCV2h strains.

Similar to SCV2h, 401S had no lag phase under tested conditions. Unexpectedly, with the presence of arabinose for the expression of the EAL domain protein (c-di-GMP degradation), RP401S grew better than without arabinose supplement (Figure 4.18A).

High c-di-GMP production in integrant SCVs. When cultured on hexadecane without arabinose, the c-di-GMP production levels of RP401S were low and similar to levels produced by SCV2h during the first 11 days of the culture. However, RP401S obviously increased its c-di-GMP production during the next days and stabilized during the last two days of the culture. SCV2h almost did not change its c-di-GMP production from day 11 to day 15 of culture. In contrast, when arabinose was added to the culture medium, RP401S sharply increased its c-di-GMP production levels from day 5 to day 13 then stabilized on day 15 of the culture. Arabinose also stimulated the c-di-GMP production of SCV2h compared to those levels produced in the culture conditions without arabinose. However, the c-di-GMP levels produced by SCV2h were lower than those produced by RP401S cultured in the same conditions from day 9 to day 15 of the culture. The highest levels of c-di-GMP production were observed on day 13 of the cultures and it was almost the beginning of stationary phase of growth for these strains (Figure 4.18C).

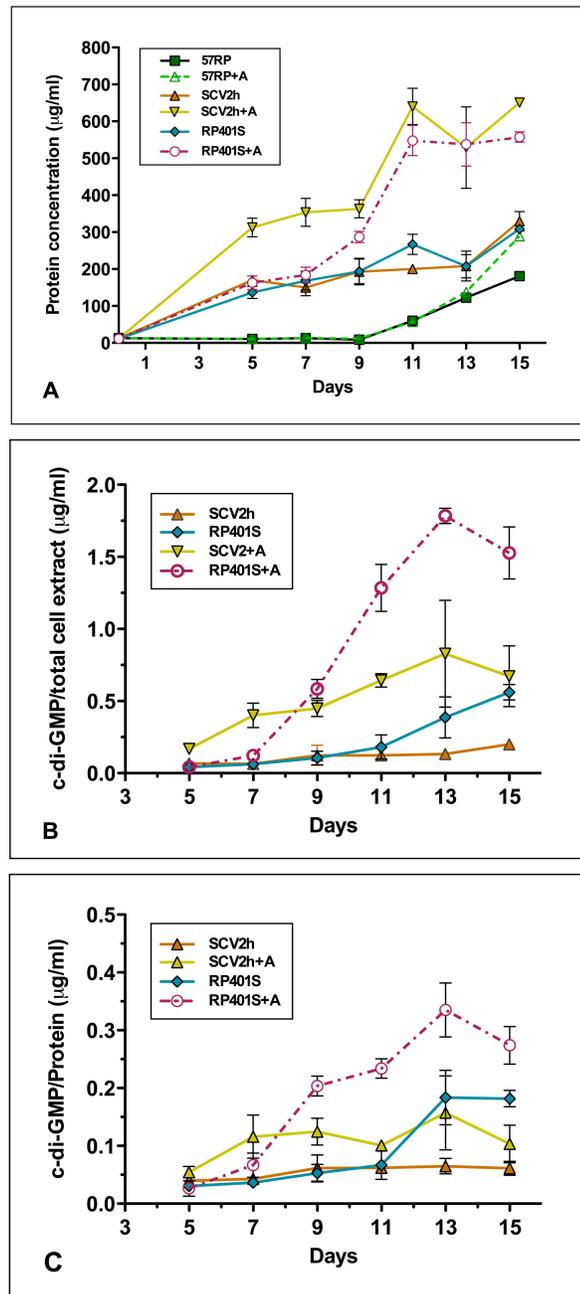


Figure 4.18 Growth and c-di-GMP production of SCV2h and RP401S, which were cultivated in MSM supplemented with 1% hexadecane in the absence or presence of 0.2% arabinose. (A) The growth of SCV derived from WT strain 57RP (SCV2h) and the SCV derived from the integrant overexpressing the c-di-GMP degradation gene (RP401S). (B) c-di-GMP production. (C). Correlation of c-di-GMP production and biomass production. The error bars represent the standard deviation of triplicate cultured samples.

High biofilm formation of integrant SCVs. In addition, RP401S showed meaningful differences in comparison to the 57RP WT strain in both conditions with or without arabinose. This high ability to form biofilm of RP401S displayed one of the main characteristics of small colonies like SCV2h generated from 57RP WT cells grown on hexadecane (Figure 4.19).

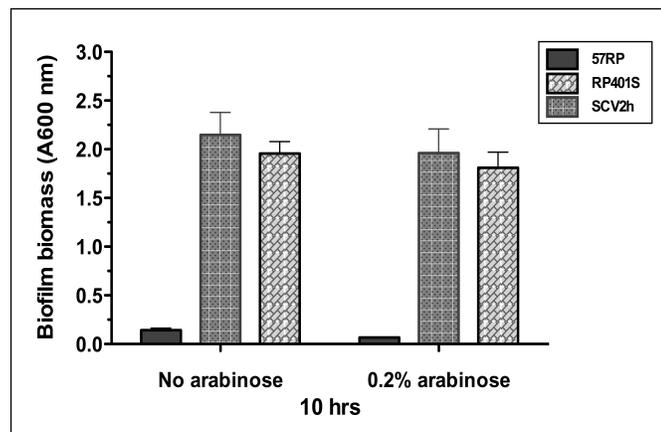


Figure 4.19 Biofilm formation by RP401S, a small colony variant generated from its integrant containing the gene encoding for EAL domain protein in comparison with 57RP wild type and SCV generated from 57RP WT, which were cultured in Bushnell-Hass medium supplemented with 0.2% dextrose and 0.5% tryptone at 25°C for 10 hrs in polystyrene tubes in the absence or presence of 0.2% arabinose. The error bars represent the standard deviation of triplicate cultured samples.

4.4 Proteome analysis of SCV2h by 2-D gel electrophoresis

4.4.1 Total proteins

57RP WT and SCV2h were cultured in MSM supplemented with 1% glucose as a sole carbon source and their total protein extraction was performed at the beginning of the stationary phase. The DNase-treated and phenol-extracted proteins were separated by 2-D gel electrophoresis (Figure 4.20). There were several proteins that showed an increase or decrease in production in SCV2h cells when compared to samples from 57RP WT. Some of these proteins were identified by mass spectrometry. Among the representative proteins with different functions there were the electron transfer flavoprotein (EtfA), the arginyl synthase (ArgS), the glutamine synthase (GlnA), the alginate oligosaccharide synthase (PA1787) and the pyruvate dehydrogenase (AceE) (Table 4.2).

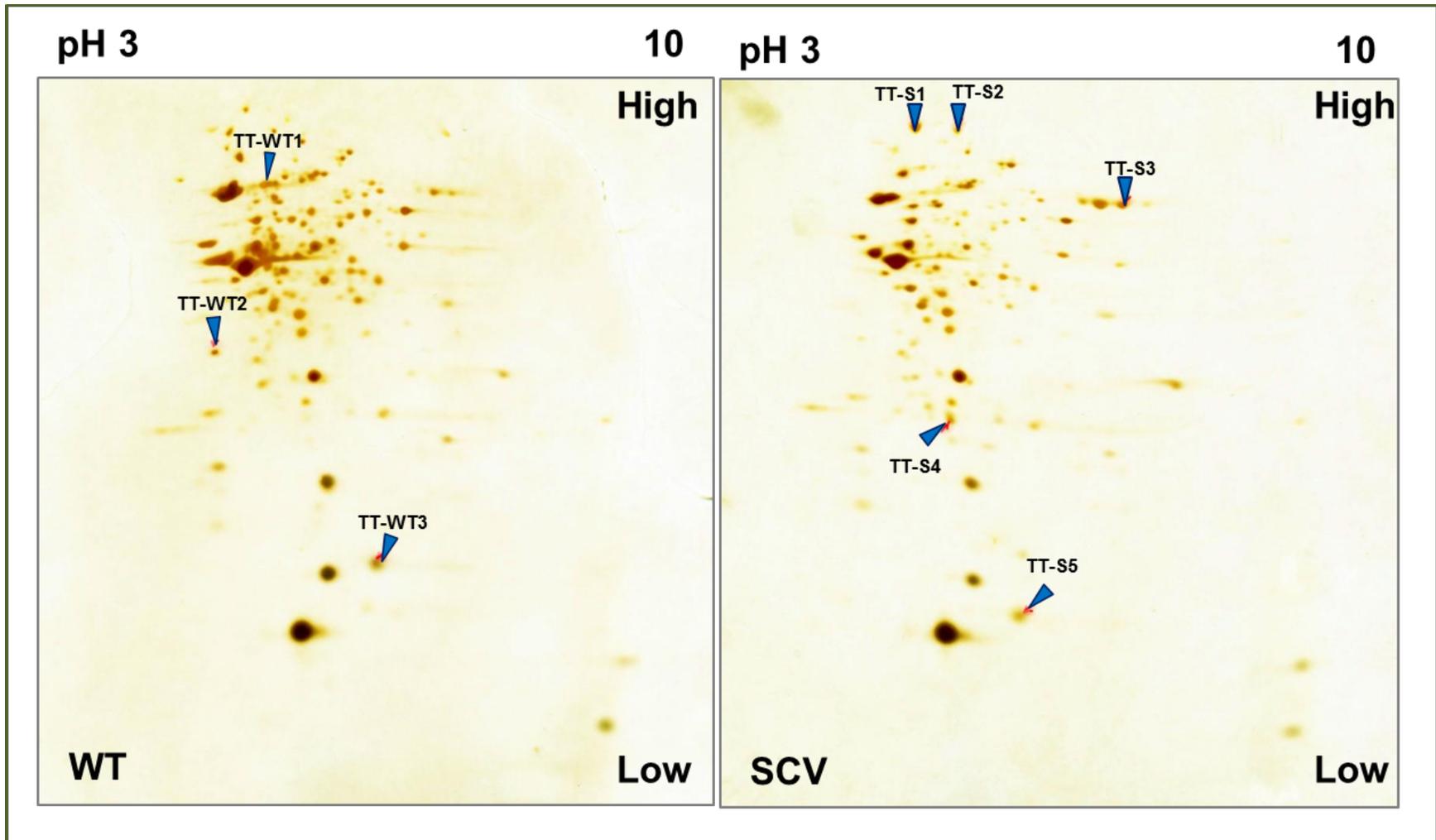


Figure 4.20 2-D gel electrophoresis of total soluble proteins of 57RP-WT and SCV2h. The bacterial strains were grown on MSM supplemented with 1% glucose at 25°C for 18 hrs.

Table 4.2 Identification of differentially expressed proteins between 57RP WT and SCV2h. The chosen protein spots are illustrated in figure 4.20 and identification was performed by Q-Trap mass spectra on a hybrid linear ion trap-triple quadruple mass spectrometer, peptide mass mapping with *P. aeruginosa* protein banks.

Spot	Locus*	Mascot score	Gene	Compartment**	Predicted		Product/Annotation
					pI	Molecular weight (kDa)	
Up in 57RP wild type							
TT-WT1***	PA3637	498	<i>pyrG</i>	PP/CP ^{‡3}	5.38	59.6	CTP synthase
	PA5051	492	<i>argS</i>	PP ^{‡2}	5.24	65.2	Arginyl-tRNA synthetase
	PA4385	466	<i>groEL</i>	OM ^{‡1,2}	4.76	57.1	Heat-shock, chaperonin GroEL
	PA3471	424	<i>sfcA</i>	CP ^{‡3}	5.18	62.4	Malate dehydrogenase
	PA2935	366		Unknown	9.36	18.2	Electron transfer flavoprotein-ubiquinone oxidoreductase
	PA5119	307	<i>glnA</i>	OM ^{‡1} /CP ^{‡2}	4.95	51.9	Glutamine synthetase
	PA4123	182	<i>hpaE</i>	CP ^{‡3}	6.38	53	5-carboxy-2-hydroxymuconate semialdehyde dehydrogenase
TT-WT2	PA2951	636	<i>etfA</i>	PP ^{‡1}	4.75	31.4	Electron transfer flavoprotein α -subunit; Induction β -oxidation

TT-WT3	PA3785	216		Unknown			Conserved hypothetical protein
	PA2951	212	<i>etfA</i>	PP ^{‡1}	4.75	31.4	Electron transfer flavoprotein α -subunit; Induction β -oxidation
Up in SCV2h							
TT-S1	PA1787	1736	<i>acnB</i>	OM ^{‡1}	5.01	93.6	Bifunctional aconitate hydratase 2/2-methylisocitrate dehydratase
TT-S2	PA5015	1203	<i>aceE</i>	OM ^{‡1}	5.59	99.6	Pyruvate dehydrogenase subunit E1
TT-S3	PA0519	1020	<i>nirS</i>	PP ^{‡1}	8.21	62.7	Nitrite reductase precursor, cytochrome cd1 oxidase
TT-S4	PA5521	621		CP ^{‡2}	5.77	26.9	3-dihydroxy-2,3-dihydrophenylpropionate dehydrogenase
	PA1584	354	<i>sdhB</i>	IM ^{‡1}	6.92	26.2	Succinate dehydrogenase iron-sulfur subunit
TT-S5	PA1746	130		CP ^{‡3} /OM Vesicle ^{‡1}	6.63	18.2	Hypothetical protein, possible RNase III
	PA2807	73		Unknown	7.90	22.5	Hypothetical protein, putative copper-binding protein

*PAO1 strain number. Annotation on www.pseudomonas.com, see Winsor *et al.* (2011).

**Compartment determined base on www.pseudomonas.com, (CP = Cytoplasm, PP = Periplasm, IM = Inner membrane, OM = Outer membrane; ‡1: Protein localization demonstrated in *P. aeruginosa*, ‡2: Protein localization demonstrated in other organisms, ‡3: Protein localization by computational prediction.)

***TT = Total protein

4.4.2 Outer membrane and periplasmic proteins

In order to further characterize the specific proteins, which are localized in the outer membrane (OM) and periplasm (PP) of the SCV cells growing on 1% hexadecane, the OM and PP proteins of the cultured SCVs were extracted separately. To facilitate the selection of protein spots representative of cell membrane and periplasmic proteins characteristic of 57RP SCV grown on hexadecane, the two similar protein fractions were also isolated from 57RP WT cells grown on glucose and resolved by 2-D gel electrophoresis. By comparing two 2-D gels with similar protein fractions, the coincident presence of various housekeeping proteins, which were expressed by the corresponding genes essential for cellular life (reviewed in Gil *et al.* (2004)) in both cell types though grown in different conditions, were recognized and avoided from the selection of representative protein spots for further analysis of SCV grown on hexadecane.

The mid-log phase time was chosen as the time to collect the biomass for protein extraction from the two WT and SCV samples. This occurred after 10-11 hrs with 57RP WT cells cultured on glucose in MSM at 25°C (Figure 4.21) and after 9 days with SCV2h grown on hexadecane in MSM at 25°C as observed previously (Figure 4.11A). Different protein spots of interest were isolated from the 2-D gels of SCV2h (Figure 4.22-4.24). The identification of several initially representative proteins by mass spectrometry is presented in Table 4.3. The identified proteins were from different categories and cell compartments (outer or inner membranes, periplasm as well as cytoplasm), including proteins involved in the transportation, anti-oxidation, regulation of nitrogen utilization, unknown proteins and, especially, the LipA isoforms.

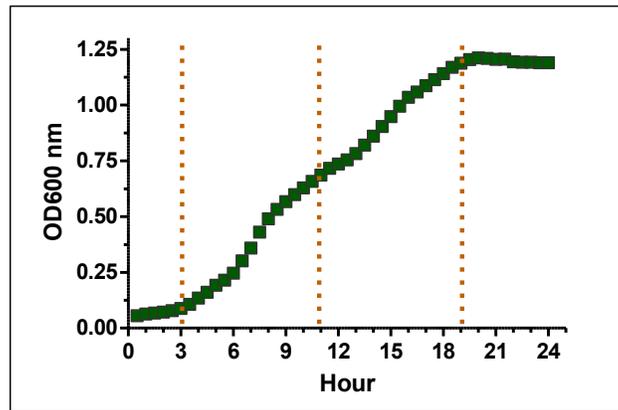


Figure 4.21 Growth of 57RP WT on MSM supplemented with 1% glucose at 25°C.

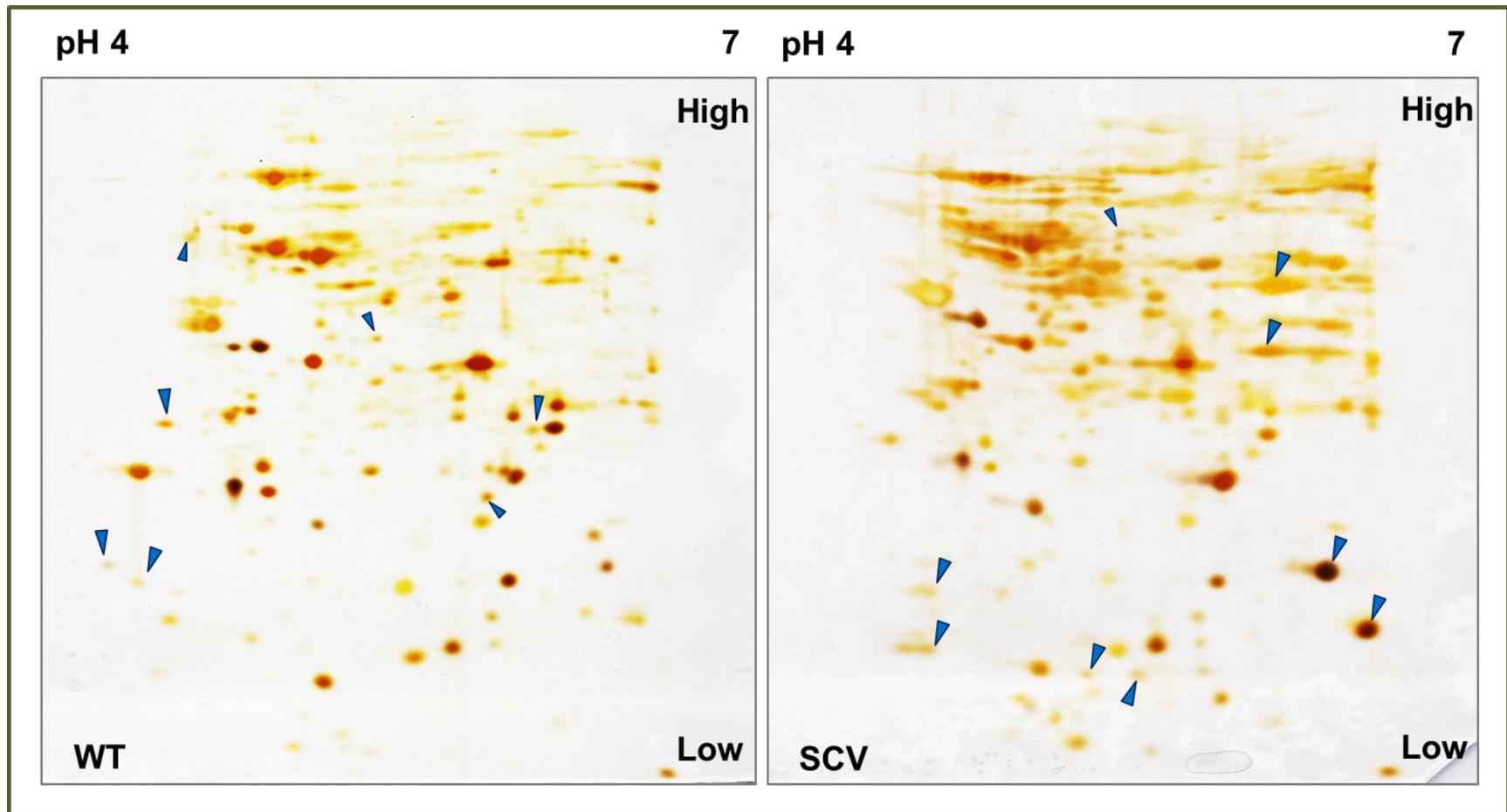


Figure 4.22 2-D gel electrophoresis of the cytosolic proteins of 57RP-WT and SCV2h. The 57RP-WT was grown in MSM supplemented with 1% glucose for 11 hrs, and SCV2h in MSM + 1% hexadecane for 9 days at 25°C. Arrows indicate protein spots of interest that were isolated for identification.

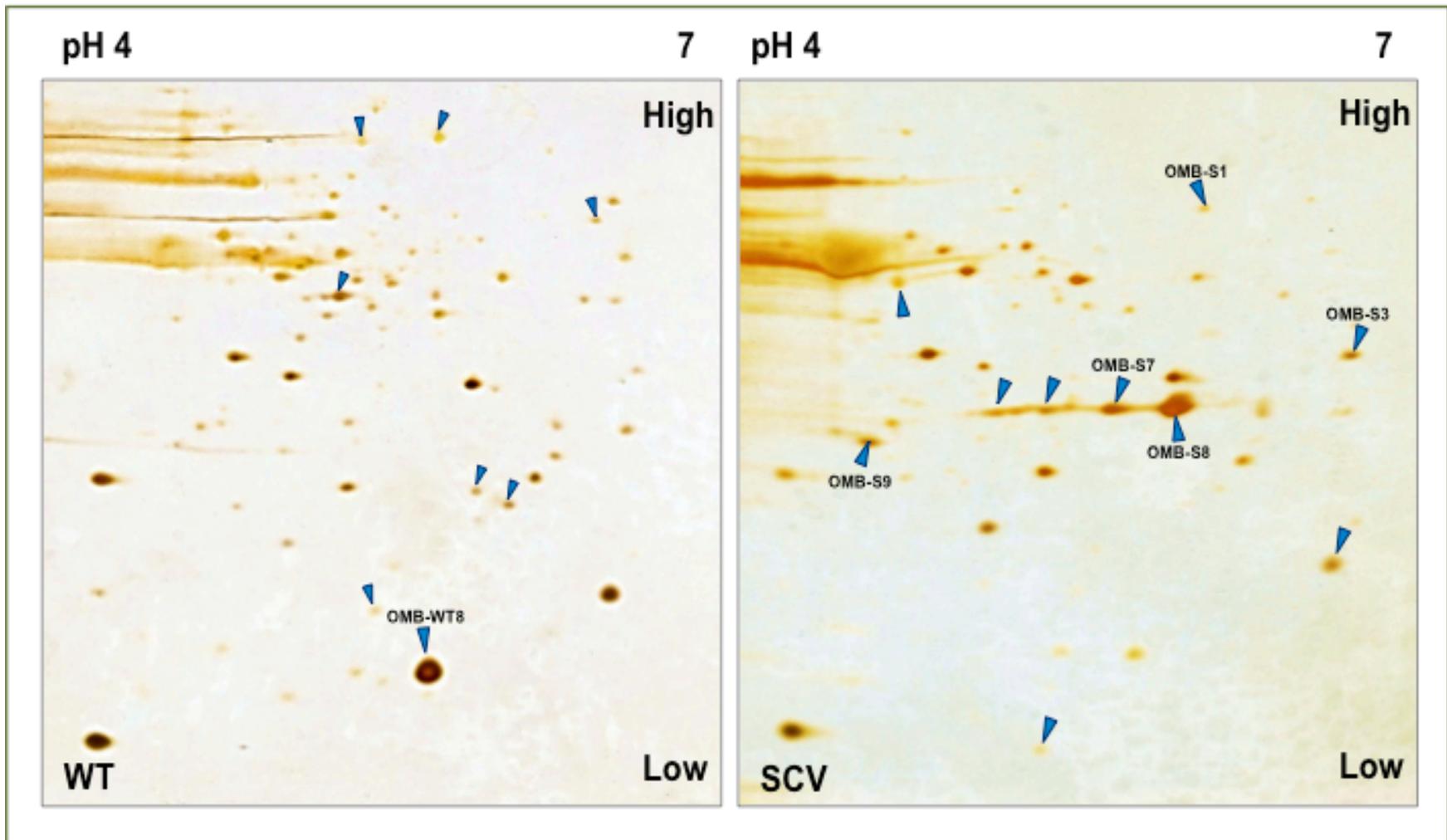


Figure 4.23 2-D gel electrophoresis of the outer membrane proteins of 57RP-WT and SCV2h. The 57RP-WT was grown in MSM supplemented with 1% glucose for 11 hrs, and SCV2h in MSM + 1% hexadecane for 9 days at 25°C. Arrows indicating protein spots of interest were isolated for identification.

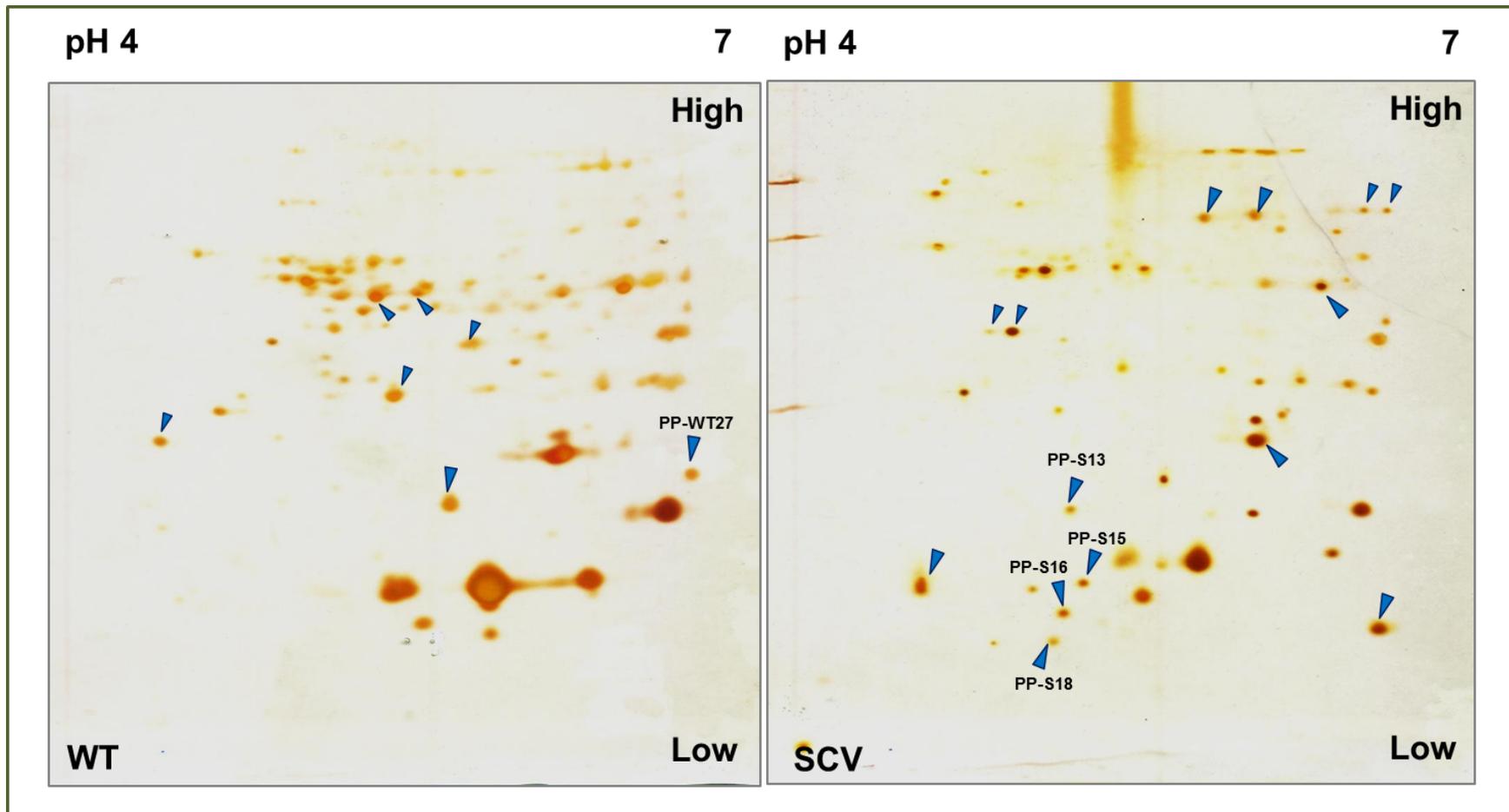


Figure 4.24 2-D gel electrophoresis of the periplasmic proteins of 57RP-WT and SCV2h. The 57RP-WT was grown in MSM supplemented with 1% glucose for 11 hrs, and SCV2h in MSM + 1% hexadecane for 9 days at 25°C. Arrows indicating protein spots of interest were isolated for identification.

Table 4.3 Identification of representative proteins isolated from 2D-gels of SCV2h grown on hexadecane. The chosen protein spots are illustrated in figures 4.22-4.24 and identification was performed by Q-Trap mass spectra on a hybrid linear ion trap-triple quadruple mass spectrometer, peptide mass mapping with *P. aeruginosa* protein banks.

Spot	Locus*	Mascot score	Gene	Compartment**	Predicted		Product/Annotation
					pI	Molecular weight (kDa)	
OMB-S1***	PA4589	341	<i>fadL</i>	OM ^{‡2}	6.26	49.7	Long-chain fatty acid transport protein; Homologous to <i>E. coli</i> FadL transporter; Probable outer membrane protein precursor in <i>P. aeruginosa</i> .
OMB-S3	PA3836	380		PP ^{‡1}	8.68	34.2	Putative ABC-type transport protein
OMB-S7	PA2862	60	<i>lipA</i>	OM ^{‡1}	6.88	32.7	Lactonizing lipase precursor (triacylglycerol lipase)
OMB-S8	PA2862	379	<i>lipA</i>	OM ^{‡1}	6.88	32.7	Lactonizing lipase precursor (3 amino acid different with OMB-S7)
OMB-S9	PA5153	84		PP	4.9	27.6	Amino acid (lysine/arginine/ornithine/histidine/octopine) ABC transporter periplasmic binding protein
OMB-S12	PA2862	82	<i>lipA</i>	OM ^{‡1}	6.88	32.7	Lactonizing lipase precursor (6 amino acid different with OMB-S7)

PP-S13****	PA2532	170	<i>tpx</i>	PP ^{‡3}	4.91	17.2	Thiol peroxidase,
PP-S15		< 60					No significant homology in Mascot database
PP-S16	PA5339	172		CP ^{‡3}	4.81	13.6	Putative endoribonuclease
	PA0388	109		Unknown	7.37	15.3	Hypothetical protein: putative homoserine O-acetyltransferase
PP-S18	PA5288	89	<i>glnK</i>	IM ^{‡3}	5.22	12.3	Nitrogen regulatory protein

*PAO1 strain number. Annotation on www.pseudomonas.com, see Winsor *et al.* (2011).

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***OMB: From outer membrane fraction

****PP: From periplasmic fraction

5 DISCUSSION

5.1 *P. aeruginosa* 57RP: the selected research model strain

5.1.1 Growth modes on different alkanes

As it was mentioned previously (section 2.9), several *P. aeruginosa* strains have been isolated in the laboratory of Prof. R. Villemur for their capacity of degrading hydrocarbons and for their ability to produce biosurfactants (Déziel, 2001, Déziel *et al.*, 2001). Due to the long-term storage (more than 10 years) of these strains as frozen stocks under laboratory conditions, the first assays performed were necessary to confirm the physiological characteristics of the strains cultivated on alkanes that were previously observed (Déziel, 2001). Attention was drawn on the capacity of generating SCVs by these strains in response to the change in carbon sources to grow better in a specific cultivation environment. Firstly, to test the growth ability of these strains on long chain hydrocarbons, two *P. aeruginosa* strains, 57RP, a representative strain of slow growth with low cell hydrophobicities, and 57RV, a representative strain of fast growth with high cell hydrophobicities, were chosen for the present project. These “rapid” and “slow” phenotypes were noticed by Déziel in his thesis (2001). Strain PA14, a model *P. aeruginosa* strain was also used occasionally. However, *P. aeruginosa* PA14 grew poorly on alkanes, and this strain was not used further in subsequent experiments. The initial growth cultures on hexadecane and octadecane to differentiate the two investigated strains 57RP and 57RV were carried out in rotating conditions at 30°C. After the initial confirmation of growth capacity on these hydrocarbons, growth cultures of all investigated strains and related cell types were carried out in gyratory shaking conditions (200 rpm) at 25°C.

Slow growth strain 57RP. The preliminary results carried out on strain 57RP showed a lag phase during the first 3 days of cultivation on hexadecane and the growth was slightly increased on day 5 (Figure 4.1A). In addition, this strain could grow also on the solid alkane octadecane (Fig 4.1A & B), but no lag phase was observed under this condition. These different growth modes, depending on the state of carbon sources (liquid

vs. solid), were in accordance with previous results obtained in our laboratory (Déziel, 2001). Strain 57RP grew faster on octadecane in comparison with hexadecane in shaking conditions. This strain showed slower growth on octadecane in static conditions compared to the shaking cultures (Figure 4.1B). This is likely due to the fact that the contact surface between the cell surface and the solid substrate was higher in the shaking conditions than that in the static culture. As alkane metabolism is an oxygen-driven process (Rojo, 2009) and *P. aeruginosa* is an aerobic alkane-degrading species (reviewed in Wang and Shao (2013)) the shaking conditions would have increase the oxygen availability to the cultured cells compared to the static conditions.

Rapid growth strain 57RV. In the case of 57RV cultivated with 1% hexadecane in rotating culture conditions at 30°C, no obvious lag phase was observed (Figure 4.1A) as compared to that of shaking culture conditions at 25°C (Figure 4.11). Therefore, strain 57RV was used only in comparison to strain 57RP in certain cases in this study.

5.1.2 Common physiological characteristics

Based on a series of phenotypes previously investigated (Déziel 2001), several common physiological traits, including motilities (swimming, swarming and twitching), biofilm formation, cell hydrophobicity, adherence to surface, pili formation, and rhamnolipid production, were tested.

Motility. Strains 57RP and 57RV were tested for swimming, swarming and twitching motilities. In swimming, the turbid zone of strain 57RP was slightly larger than that observed for strain 57RV. For swarming, the tendrils of strains 57RP and 57RV did not reach to the edge of the Petri dish, in contrast with *P. aeruginosa* PA14 (data not shown). The twitching motility expansion zones of strains 57RP and 57RV were about equal. There was no significant cell attachment to polystyrene Petri dishes with either strains. These results also were in agreement with previous results (Déziel, 2001).

Biofilm formation. The level of biofilm generated by strain 57RP was much less abundant than that of strain 57RV. The results were in agreement with previously obtained results (Déziel *et al.*, 2001).

Adherence. Strain 57RV showed a stronger ability to attach to hydrocarbons than strain 57RP in the MATH assays. Furthermore, strain 57RV also showed stronger adherence to silica than strain 57RP in the MATS assays. These data were in agreement with the previous assessment (Déziel, 2001) that the cell surface of strain 57RV has a higher level of adherence by having a higher hydrophobicity membrane (adherence to hexadecane) and higher adherence to a substratum. The reason for this better adherence of fast strains vs. slow strains is not known.

Rhamnolipids. Rhamnolipids produced and released into the culture medium containing hexadecane by *P. aeruginosa* were also examined for both, the slow 57RP and the fast 57RV strains. The initially low and similar concentrations of extracellular rhamnolipids through the culture period of the 57RP WT, the 57RP SCV and the 57RP Rev cells indicate that 57RP cells did not require a new production of the biosurfactant for growth on hexadecane. As the 57RP strains were previously shown to be good rhamnolipid producers under the other conditions, such as SW1/10F mineral salts medium with 2% mannitol agitating at 30°C (Déziel, 2001, Déziel *et al.*, 2001), the present culture conditions (MSM with 1% hexadecane shaking at 25°C) were obviously not appropriate for a significant level of rhamnolipid production. For example, limiting iron, 30-37°C incubation, strongly aerated conditions, are the promoting factors for a maximal production of rhamnolipids (Abdel-Mawgoud *et al.*, 2011), and these growth factors were absent in the present study. The 57RV cells differentiated from the three 57RP cell types by a slight increase in the production of extracellular rhamnolipids (~4 ppm) that was observed only on the 13th day, about the middle of the exponential growth phase, after 11 days of their lag growth phase with no new production of the surfactant. Our results indicate that *P. aeruginosa* cells may or may not need to produce new extracellular rhamnolipids to be able to grow on hexadecane, depending on their genotypes, the selected phenotypic variants, the growth conditions used, etc.

5.1.3 *P. aeruginosa* 57RP generating SCVs

SCV formation on hexadecane. As expected (Déziel *et al.*, 2001), SCVs were observed with strain 57RP generally after 5-7 days of cultivation on hexadecane. Culturing these SCVs on rich medium (TSB) resulted in the occurrence of revertants.

SCV formation on octadecane. SCVs were also observed after 7-9 days of cultivation of strain 57RP on solid octadecane. The appearance of these SCVs on octadecane was not observed in previous studies (Déziel, 2001). There were a few investigations on the cultivation of *P. aeruginosa* on octadecane and no information on SCV formation had been provided (Hua *et al.*, 2013, Y Zhang & Miller, 1992, Y Zhang & Miller, 1994). The 57RP SCVs derived from hexadecane and octadecane cultures were small, rough and dry surface colonies. They could revert to wild type phenotype.

In the case of strain 57RV (strain used as an occasionally comparative strain to 57RP), at least 3 independent triplicate experiments were performed on hexadecane and the same results were obtained, which showed that strain 57RV also generated SCVs on this alkane (data not shown). This was a new observation with strain 57RV.

The above mentioned results suggested that capacity of forming SCVs under specific environmental conditions are a common characteristic of *P. aeruginosa* and, in our case, strain 57RP possesses the typical capacity of forming SCVs on both hexadecane and octadecane. In a more recent study, relating the growth and biodegradation of octadecane by *P. aeruginosa*, Hua and coworkers (2013) also investigated the uptake and transport of octadecane through the cell membranes into the cytoplasm. These authors did not provide any clear information on the formation and growth ability of the adaptive cell type(s), which might reflect the real interactions between the bacterial adapted cells and the actual environmental conditions. Zhang and Miller studied the effects of rhamnolipids on octadecane dispersion, cell hydrophobicity and biodegradation of several slow and rapid growth *P. aeruginosa* strain with low and high cell hydrophobicities, respectively, but these authors also did not report SCV formation during growth of the investigated strains (Y Zhang & Miller, 1992, Y Zhang & Miller, 1994).

Our observation of the SCV formation on solid and liquid alkanes of both strains, the fast strain with high hydrophobic cell surface (57RV) and the slow strain with low hydrophobic cell surface (57RP), contributes, in part, to explain a previously posed question: Do all *P. aeruginosa* strains form S (small) variants or only those that are naturally weakly adherent (Déziel, 2001)? The answer now is yes: both of the representative strains: the highly adhesive (57RV) and the less adhesive (57RP) *P. aeruginosa* strains could form highly adaptive SCVs and their observable occurrence was dependent on concrete growth condition(s) (for example: MSM culture medium with 1% hexadecane shaken at 25°C used in the present study) that contribute to increase the phase variation rate, select and support the maintenance of the physiological state of the appearing SCVs to be observable. The observation that strain 57RV forms SCVs in the present study was in accordance with the current knowledge of the effects of different environmental stimuli, including the composition of culture medium, the growth temperature, etc. on the rate of appearance of phenotypic variants reported previously (Drenkard & Ausubel, 2002).

Results obtained from the above-mentioned tests with strain 57RP, confirm that strain 57RP still retained its common physiological characteristics even after more than 10 years of frozen preservation under laboratory conditions. Thus, *P. aeruginosa* strain 57RP was chosen as the research model strain for the main part of the study. Three SCVs colonies generated from each cultivation condition on either hexadecane or octadecane were collected and used for further experiments.

5.2 Common characteristics of SCVs

To investigate the common characters of SCVs, which were generated from strain 57RP in an established condition, several physiological characters of SCVs as mentioned above (section 5.1) were examined in comparison with their parent WT cells.

5.2.1 Motility

The three chosen 57RP SCVs generated from cultivation on hexadecane had a reduced level of swimming, swarming and twitching motilities. In swimming, the turbid zones of the SCVs were less than 3-fold of those zones of WT and revertants (Figure 4.3B), as expected (Déziel *et al.*, 2001). The swarming zones of the WT and the Rev21h were larger than these zones with the SCVs, which were small and concentrated on the center of Petri dishes (Figure 4.3A). No tendrils were observed in the swarming SCVs. Though twitching motility was reduced in all SCVs but the ability of cell attachment to polystyrene Petri dishes increased in comparison to WT and Rev (Fig 4.3A). Thus, all three selected SCVs have similar reduced motility phenotypes.

The same experimental procedures were performed with SCVs derived from octadecane cultivation. In swimming, turbid zones were less than twice in comparison with WT and Rev11o. Thus, the swimming ability of SCVs derived from octadecane was higher than SCVs derived from hexadecane. Similar to SCVs derived from hexadecane, all SCVs had a reduced swarming activity in comparison with the WT and its revertants. Interestingly, though all of the three selected SCVs also had a reduced twitching activity, the attachment of the cells to polystyrene Petri dishes was much stronger than that of SCVs derived from hexadecane cultures (Figure 4.4A). To summarize, all three SCVs derived from the cultivation with octadecane were less active in motilities than WT and revertants.

Swimming activities. Bacterial swimming relies on the activity of flagella, a motility organelle of flagellated bacteria, which enables movement and chemotaxis. *P. aeruginosa* has a single polar flagellum. In *P. aeruginosa*, motile activities of flagella and pili are important for bacterial movement, colonization of the surface and development of biofilm (Anderson *et al.*, 2007, Kazmierczak *et al.*, 2006). The bacterial flagellum is a complex apparatus composed of more than 20 different proteins. The flagellar basal body traverses the cell wall, whereas the curved hook connects the basal body to the whip-like flagella filament that protrudes several micrometers from the bacterial cell (Haiko & Westerlund-Wikström, 2013). Flagellar motile activities increase or decrease, depending on the planktonic and sessile lifestyle of the cell. Several factors contribute to the activity

of flagella. One of the proteins that participates in the regulation of flagellar gene transcription is FlhF. FlhF is one of three members of the signal recognition particle (SRP)-GTPase subfamily of SIMIBI-class nucleotide binding proteins (Murray & Kazmierczak, 2006, Schniederberend *et al.*, 2013). In *P. aeruginosa*, the loss of FlhF results in defective swimming and swarming motility of bacteria in comparison with their parent WT cells (Murray & Kazmierczak, 2006). In addition, swimming activities of bacteria are also regulated by other factors. For example, tyrosine phosphate TpbA (PA3885) displays its regulatory effects on biofilm formation (Ueda & Wood, 2009). Loss of TpbA decreased swimming, abolished swarming and attachment, although this does not affect production of rhamnolipids. The *tpbA* mutant had a wrinkly colony phenotype (SCV), formed a pronounced pellicle, had substantially more aggregation and had 28-fold more exopolysaccharide production (Ueda & Wood, 2009). In another study, investigating the GacS/GacA two-component regulatory system in *P. aeruginosa* (PA14), which regulates genes involved in virulence, secondary metabolism and biofilm formation, Davies and coworkers (2007) found that the loss-of-function mutation in GacS (*gacS*⁻) was associated with hypermotility, reduced production of acylhomoserine lactones, impairing the biofilm maturation, and decreased antimicrobial resistance. However, like the other colony morphology variants described in the literature, SCVs that occurred in the biofilm of a GacS⁻ mutant strain were less motile than the wild-type strain and exhibited autoaggregating behaviors in broth culture (JA. Davies *et al.*, 2007). SCVs of *P. aeruginosa*, which developed in cystic fibrosis lung infection (Haussler *et al.*, 2003, Kirisits *et al.*, 2005), and the SCVs derived from the present study all exhibited reduced swimming activity in comparison with their WT and revertant cells.

Swarming activities. The swarming motile activity in *P. aeruginosa* requires flagella, and the self-production of biosurfactants to occur (Déziel *et al.*, 2003). *P. aeruginosa* cells require the production and release of RLs, including mono-RL and di-RLs, and HAAs which are synthesized with RhlA, RhlB and RhlC. Expression of *rhlA*, *rhlB* and *rhlC* is regulated by the QS system. HAAs act as wetting agents and provide chemotactic-like stimuli (Déziel *et al.*, 2003, Tremblay *et al.*, 2007). However, results gained from recent studies indicated that, *rhlAB* was more expressed in the swarm center

than at the tendril tips. The results implied that RLs were primarily produced by swarming cells in the center of a swarming colony (Tremblay & Deziel, 2010). The role of TFP in swarming is likely strain-dependent and still debatable while swarming motility was positively associated with the secretion of both proteases and type 3 exoenzymes (Murray *et al.*, 2010). In the present study, as well as in previous studies carried out on the same *P. aeruginosa* strains in our laboratory (Déziel, 2001), SCV cells swarmed at a lower velocity than the WT and revertant cells. It is possibly due to the presence of fimbrial adhesin of hyperpiliated SCV cells that made autoaggregation.

Twitching activities. Twitching movement is involved in the initiation of biofilm formation by *P. aeruginosa* (O'Toole & Kolter, 1998). In *P. aeruginosa*, approximately 40 genes are required for normal twitching motility such as *pilA* (Mattick, 2002). However, under certain conditions, for example in citrate minimal medium, Klausen and his coworkers suggested that flagella and TFP do not play a role in biofilm formation (Klausen *et al.*, 2003). Up to now, there are several models, which have been proposed to explain the process of biofilm formation. One of them supports the hypothesis that biofilm development depends on carbon source and is not necessary dependent on the participation of TFP (Klausen *et al.*, 2003). Indeed, the mutants, $\Delta pilA$ (*pilA* codes the TFP precursor), \DeltafliM (*fliM* codes for the flagellar motor switch protein) and $\Delta pilA\DeltafliM$ of *P. aeruginosa* PAO1, were still able to form biofilms with citrate minimal medium similar to that of wild type PAO1. Another model shows that bacteria use flagella to move in the surface fluid then form microcolonies and later form mushroom structures (Costerton *et al.*, 1999, Sauer *et al.*, 2002). Biofilm microcolonies will maintain their mushroom-shaped structure until the deficiency of nutrients occurs and will return to the planktonic form (free-floating, swimming state) (Barken *et al.*, 2008). In our study, the twitching zone of SCV cells, seen on the agar plate surface, was obviously smaller than the twitching zone of both WT and revertant cells, however, on the (upside-down) bottom surface it was larger than those of the other strains (Fig. 4.4 & 4.5). This phenomenon may be connected to a certain elevated level of attachment of SCV cells to both abiotic and biotic surfaces. TFP are not only used for twitching motility but also for the attachment of the bacterial cells to both abiotic and

biotic surfaces (Mattick, 2002). An assessment showed that TFP may contribute up to 90% of attachment of *P. aeruginosa* to human lung pneumocyte A549 cells (Hahn, 1997).

Besides, the expression of several genes involved in pili formation, the expression of other genes, such as *cupA* (Meissner *et al.*, 2007), was also reported to be associated with the formation of mutational SCVs. In PA14, expression of the *cupD* fimbrial genes are antagonistically controlled by the RocR, RcsB or the EAL-containing PvrR response regulators (Mikkelsen *et al.*, 2009). The active expression of the *cupD* genes was obviously associated with the small colony morphotype, increased biofilm formation and decreased motility. The presence of cup fimbriae, in addition to the TFP, on the cell surface of SCV supported the electronic observation that SCVs were hyperpiliated cell types compared to the WT Rev cells of the 57RP strain.

In the present study (Figure 4.10), as well as in a previous study (Déziel *et al.*, 2001), the SCVs derived from strain 57RP are hyperpiliated with a reduced twitching zone but with high levels of adherence to the Petri dish surface, compared to the wild-type and revertants. Both TFP and cup fimbriae of the SCV cells could attach not only to the abiotic surface but also to the surface of other cells in the population. The self-aggregation could have resulted in the reduction of twitching zone of SCV2h in comparison with the twitching zones of WT and revertant cells that showed no obvious adherence to the surface of Petri dishes. Though this observed phenomenon may explain in part the smaller swimming and swarming zone of SCVs in comparison with that of WT and Rev cells beside the reduction of flagellar gene expression observed in the *P. aeruginosa* SCVs (Kirisits *et al.*, 2005), it requires further investigations to define the contribution of the cup fimbriae and the TFP to the reduction of certain motile activities of SCV cells.

5.2.2 Biofilm formation of SCVs

The biofilm formation assays performed showed that the 57RP SCVs derived from hexadecane cultures produced higher levels of biofilm than the WT and the Rev21h

revertants. After 6 hrs of incubation, the SCVs biofilm was approximately 3 to 5-fold more abundant than the biofilm of WT and Rev21h, and 10 times more abundant after 10 hrs (Figure 4.7). The Rev21h showed a similar level of biofilm formation to that of the WT strain. The results are in agreement with other publications (Déziel *et al.*, 2001, Haussler *et al.*, 2003).

The same experiments were set up for all SCVs derived from cultivation on octadecane. After 10 hrs of incubation, the biofilm of SCVs increased 10 to 12-fold in comparison with those of WT and Rev11o. These results confirm the high capacity of SCVs to form biofilms, which derived from the cultivation on octadecane, as well as SCVs derived from cultivation on hexadecane.

SCVs having a higher capacity of forming biofilms in comparison to their WT are a common phenomenon in *P. aeruginosa* (Haussler *et al.*, 2003, Ikeno *et al.*, 2007, Kirisits *et al.*, 2005). In our case, the 57RP SCVs developed on hexadecane and octadecane formed biofilms much better than their WT and revertants strains.

The model is that a certain proportion of the 57RP cell population differentiates into SCV cells from the parental WT cells. Hyperpiliation, in addition to the other cell surface attached components like secreted proteins, etc., contribute to increase the capacity of attaching SCVs to the hydrophobic substrate to uptake nutrients for growth and biofilm development.

5.2.3 High hydrophobicity and adherence of cell surface in SCV

Two assays, MATH and MATS, were used to evaluate the cell surface hydrophobicity and its substrate surface adherence. Approximately sixty percent of SCV2h cells adhered to hexadecane, 20% more than that of WT or Rev21h in the MATH test. This result indicates that the cell surface of SCV2h was more hydrophobic than WT or Rev21h. On the other hand, the ability to adhere to silica in the MATS test of SCV cells reached 80%, approximately 30% higher than WT and Rev21h. These results were in accordance

with previous observations carried out on the same strain and suggest that, besides the contribution of TFP and putatively cup fimbriae, the cell hydrophobicities would play a substantial role in the increase in adherence of SCVs to various surfaces, both hydrophobic (e.g. hexadecane) and hydrophilic (e.g. silica) surfaces, that are present in the surrounding environment (Déziel *et al.*, 2001).

Similar results were obtained from the evaluation of cell surface hydrophobicity and cell adherence to silica with SCV1o derived from cultivations on octadecane. However, the capacity to adhere to silica of the SCV1o and its revertant was lower than that of SCV2h, which developed on hexadecane and its derived revertant.

There are very few reports on growth of *P. aeruginosa* on octadecane. Zhang and Miller (Y Zhang & Miller, 1992, 1994) studied the effect of *Pseudomonas*-produced rhamnolipids on octadecane dispersion, cell hydrophobicity and biodegradation. However, these authors gave no information on the SCV formation of the bacteria on octadecane. *P. aeruginosa* SCV cells were found to have elevated their cell surface hydrophobicity in comparison to their parent WT cells (Haussler *et al.*, 2003, Kirisits *et al.*, 2005). Our results are in accordance with these observations and indicate that 57RP SCV cells had a higher capacity of attaching to the hydrophobic substrate surface than their parental WT and Rev cells. Interestingly, the level of adherence of cell surface to silica (provided by the MATS assays) of SCV2h and its revertant Rev21h was also higher than that of SCV1o and its revertant Rev11o. It is possible they were isolated from two different culture conditions. SCV2h isolated from hexadecane culture condition and SCV1o isolated from octadecane culture condition.

In the case of the 57RV WT cells, the levels of both cell surface hydrophobicity and adherence to silica were very high and almost similar to those of 57RP SCV2h (Figure 4.9A, B). This observation indicates first that 57RV WT cells have a naturally high capacity of attaching to the hydrophobic substrates. This strain had a tendency of delaying the cell differentiation into SCV cells from the parent WT cells as the first SCVs were observed only from day 9-11 of cultivation on hexadecane. The occurrence of SCVs coincided also with the start of the exponential growth in 57RV culture with the tested

alkane (Figure 4.11A) like the case of strain 57RP cultured under the same conditions. Due to the fact that 57RV was not the main strain and was only occasionally used to compare with 57RP, the main investigated strain, the other specific traits, including c-di-GMP production, cell surface-associated proteins, extracellular rhamnolipid production, pili and motilities of 57RV WT and SCV were not analyzed in detail as was done with strain 57RP and its variants in the present study.

5.2.4 Pili are formed at high density on the cell surface of SCV

Type IV pili (Tfp) are involved in the initiation of biofilm formation (Costerton *et al.*, 1999, Kohler *et al.*, 2000). Beside the increase in expression of various TFP genes observed in SCV cells isolated from *P. aeruginosa* biofilms (Kirisits *et al.*, 2005), the SCV cells are commonly hyperpiliated and expressed both Tfp and *cupA* fimbriae genes (Haussler *et al.*, 2003, Meissner *et al.*, 2007) or *cupD* genes in PA14 SCVs (Mikkelsen *et al.*, 2009). Our results are in favor of the hypothesis that the SCV cells are able to form pili at much higher density than the WT and Rev cells. Indeed, SCV2h showed more abundant pili than WT and Rev21h in our case. Results obtained from our present study correspond to previous observations, which were taken place in our laboratory with strain 57RP (Déziel *et al.*, 2001).

The hyperpiliated SCVs have also been observed among isolates derived from the sputum of patients with cystic fibrosis (Hausler *et al.*, 2003). This phenotypic variant is highly adhesive and has an increased ability to form biofilms (reviewed in Evans (2015a)). In the airway epithelium, the type IV pili (Tfp) of *P. aeruginosa* are necessary and sufficient for maximal binding to host N-glycans at the apical surface of polarized lung epithelial cells, whereas the distinct host receptors of flagella are heparan sulfate (HS) chains of heparan sulfate proteoglycans (HSPGs) at the basolateral surface of the same polarized lung epithelium (Bucior *et al.*, 2012). In the present study, besides the obvious involvement of pili in the biofilm mode of growth whether the dense pili would play any

role in the adherence to hydrophobic alkanes of 57RP SCV remains unknown and requires further investigations.

5.2.5 Rhamnolipid production by SCVs

The 57RP SCV strain can grow well on hexadecane, which was used as a sole carbon source, with almost no new production of extracellular rhamnolipids. The very low rhamnolipid production in culture with hexadecane of both 57RP WT, 57RP SCV and 57RP Rev reflects the genotype-dependent character of 57RP strain in response to the environment-specific stimuli that were generated by culture conditions used in the present study.

On the basis of the current knowledge of the effect of extracellular rhamnolipids, either positive or negative, and the cell surface properties, either low or high cell hydrophobicities, on the ability of hexadecane uptake of various biosurfactant-producing or biosurfactant-non-producing strains (e.g. mutants) of *P. aeruginosa* (reviewed in Section 2.4.3 *Roles of rhamnolipids*), various strains of the species could be divided into several groups. One of the groups of biosurfactant-producing strains consists of strains having relatively high cell hydrophobicities and producing a certain amount of extracellular rhamnolipids during their growth on hexadecane. The hexadecane growth-adaptive cells (likely the SCV cells) of the 57RV strain (present study) could be a candidate for membership in this first group. The second group of the biosurfactant-producing strains consists of strains that do not produce extracellular rhamnolipids in their growth on hexadecane. These strains have low cell hydrophobicities and require an appropriate addition of the biosurfactant to the growth medium for better growth on hexadecane (Zhang & Miller, 1992, 1994). The third group consists of biosurfactant-producing strains, which do not produce rhamnolipids in the culture with hexadecane but have high cell hydrophobicities, and the addition of the exogenous rhamnolipids would impair their normally fast growth on hexadecane (Zhang & Miller, 1994). The 57RP SCV strain (present study) would likely belong to this third group. In the case of biosurfactant-non-

producing strains, there are two groups that consist of different types of mutants, including laboratory mutants. The first group consists of mutants that can grow slowly on various alkanes, including hexadecane, octadecane and eicosane, without production of rhamnolipids, such as the strain 57RP-98, a mutant derived from strain 57RP (Déziel, 2001). The second group consists of mutants that can grow on hexadecane only with an appropriate addition of exogenous rhamnolipids, such as the mutant 65E12, which is unable to grow in media containing individual alkanes from C₁₂ to C₁₉ (Koch *et al.*, 1997). However, this initial suggestion requires further investigations to be verified in the future.

Our results indicate that the growth of 57RP SCV cells on hexadecane relied primarily on the effective attachment to the hydrophobic hexadecane for carbon uptake by their high cell hydrophobicities that resulted from the natural phase variation-induced expression of specific genes and the environmental selection for the growth-adaptive variants. Rhamnolipids certainly help disperse hexadecane in the growth medium but do not appear to be an important factor for the growth ability of 57RP SCV with this hydrophobic carbon source. This is in agreement with the previous observation that the growth of fast degraders, which possess high cell hydrophobicities and do not produce rhamnolipids on octadecane, was impaired by the addition of isolated rhamnolipids to the culture medium supplemented with this alkane (Y Zhang & Miller, 1994). In addition, 57RP-98, a rhamnolipid-non-producing mutant derived from the strain 57RP, could grow on various alkanes (C₁₆-C₂₀) without any production of biosurfactant (Déziel, 2001).

5.2.6 c-di-GMP production

The levels of intracellular c-di-GMP in cells cultured with 1% hexadecane were significantly higher in the SCV2h cells than that of both WT and revertant cells. As the SCV2h cells, which grew without a lag phase on hexadecane, the c-di-GMP production in these cells was about 0.02 µg/mg protein during the first 3-5 days of cultivation on hexadecane, and reached 0.04-0.12 µg/mg protein on days 9-13 of cultivation. In contrast, a 7-9 day lag phase occurred for 57RP WT and Rev21h cultured on hexadecane in which

c-di-GMP was barely detected. After these lag days, c-di-GMP began to be produced at a significantly higher level in these two cell types and reached to about 0.08 µg/mg protein. This level of c-di-GMP was just slightly below the level that SCV2h cells produced during the first 3-5 days of cultivation and was detected just shortly after the first SCV cells occurred in these two cell populations. At the late exponential phase, the whole WT and Rev21h cells and their derived SCV cells accumulated c-di-GMP at low levels, only about 0.08 µg/mg protein on day 13 (Figure 4.13), which were very similar to levels produced by SCV2h on day 3-5 and much lower than the level that was observed in SCV2h cells at the day 13. Very low levels of c-di-GMP (under the limit of detection of 0.027 ppm) occurred in 57RP WT, SCV2h and Rev21h cultured in rich medium.

c-di-GMP has emerged to be one of the most important and universal bacterial second messengers since its discovery in 1987 as an allosteric activator of a bacterial cellulose synthase (Ross *et al.*, 1986). The signaling role of c-di-GMP has been found in many physiological aspects of bacteria. The role of c-di-GMP is very largely, from a key activator of the motility-to-sessile transition to the regulation of biofilm formation, regulation of cell cycle and differentiation regulation of gene expression via riboswitch “on/off” and binding to various downstream effector molecules, affecting RNA turnover, and virulence, and involving other regulatory systems (reviewed in Römling *et al.* (2013)). The cellular c-di-GMP-metabolizing (synthesizing and hydrolyzing) system senses and translates internal and external signals into c-di-GMP levels. The binding of diffusible intracellular c-di-GMP to diverse target molecules affects transcriptional, translational and post-translational functions resulting in regulation of multiple cellular processes (Mills *et al.*, 2011).

An obvious association of the expression of c-di-GMP-metabolizing genes, the increase in c-di-GMP production, the morphological surface dry and the rough (RSCV) formed colonies has been observed in *P. aeruginosa* (D'Argenio *et al.*, 2002, Hickman *et al.*, 2005, Starkey *et al.*, 2009). Meissner and coworkers reported that at 37°C mutant SCV 20265 produced c-di-GMP almost 2.5-fold higher than the levels of c-di-GMP produced by the corresponding WT 20265 strain and 3-fold higher than c-di-GMP levels produced by

SCV 20265 carrying pUCP20-encoding PvrR (Meissner *et al.*, 2007). In another, the report of Malone and coworkers showed that clinical SCV strain Clin110 produced c-di-GMP ~30-fold higher than in PAO1 WT at 37°C and ~13-fold higher than the levels of c-di-GMP produced by Clin163, a smooth colony mutant derivative of Clin110 (Malone *et al.*, 2012).

In our study, the observed differences in several common physiological aspects between the 57RP WT and SCV2h cells were in accordance with the previous observations described above. But since these SCVs were isolated under conditions very distinct from *in vivo* conditions where most SCVs have been isolated and reported, it was unclear whether hexadecane-derived SCVs would also overproduce c-di-GMP. Indeed, the SCV2h cells produced a significantly higher level of c-di-GMP compared to those of their parent 57RP WT and revertant cells. There was also a report on the SCV generation from WT cells cultivated on crude oil of different microbial species, which have been isolated from a crude oil-degrading microbial community, but no information on the c-di-GMP production by these cells has been described (Noordman & Janssen, 2002). To our knowledge until now, this is the first report on the c-di-GMP production activities in *P. aeruginosa* cells cultivated on hexadecane, especially in the culture-representative, highly adaptive SCV cells which were differentiated from their parent WT cells.

The first few SCVs in the 57RP WT cultured on hexadecane were generally observed after approximately 7 days. The frequency of SCV occurrence substantially increased in the following days of culture and was positively correlated with the increase in the c-di-GMP production after the lag growth period. These SCV cells, initially at very low density levels, obviously required a growth time long enough to increase their subpopulation to significantly contribute to the observable increase in the cell mass and c-di-GMP levels of the whole cultured cell population. At the same time, most of the initial cultured the 57RP cell population were normally not able to grow on hydrophobic hexadecane used as a sole carbon source in the mineral salts medium. The growth arrest of WT cells obviously caused the long lag growth phase observed during the first 7-9 days in the culture of the 57RP strain on hexadecane. Roles, if any, of c-di-GMP in switching of

phase variation of 57RP strain to form the hexadecane-growth-adaptive SCVs will be addressed in the following sections.

5.3 Physiological characters of DGC and PDE integrants

5.3.1 Controlling the intracellular concentration of c-di-GMP

In order to address step-by-step the question of the influence of the intracellular concentration of c-di-GMP for switching on the phase variation for SCV formation of strain 57RP on hexadecane, two integrant types have been generated (Figure 3.1, 4.14). The first integrant was RP401 that carried an inducible gene encoding for a phosphodiesterase (PDE) protein (PA14-PvrR, a homologue of PA3947 protein [an EAL domain-containing response regulator]) that catalyzes the degradation of c-di-GMP to linear diguanylate (l-di-GMP). The second integrant was RP402 that carried an inducible gene encoding a cytoplasmic diguanylate cyclase (DGC) protein containing GGDEF domain (PA14-72420, a homologue of PA5487 protein), which catalyzes the synthesis of c-di-GMP from two GTP molecules. Both of these extra genes were regulated by the P_{BAD} promoter putting the transcription of these genes under the control of arabinose in the culture medium.

5.3.2 Growth of integrants

The RP402 integrant cultivated on hexadecane and in the presence of arabinose grew with lag phase observed in the first 5 days, then its growth slightly increased on day 7 to 9, and reached to an exponential phase at day 9 to 15. In growth conditions without arabinose, RP402 grew slower with a long lag phase that was similar to that of WT cells.

In the case of RP401, a very contrasting difference in growth abilities of the integrant cells was observed in the cultivation conditions with and without arabinose

supplementation. In the absence of arabinose, growth of RP401 occurred after an initial 7 day long lag phase, while in the presence of arabinose, RP401 cells barely grew or just maintained the lag phase during the cultivation period.

The 57RP WT cells maintained a similar long lag phase until day 9 of cultivation before the start of exponential phase. In the later phase of growth, WT cells grew faster from day 13-15 in the presence of arabinose than they grew without arabinose supplementation (Figure 4.15A).

These data support a model where c-di-GMP levels explain the occurrence of SCVs and thus the length of the lag phase before exponential growth of strain 57RP can occur on hexadecane. Arabinose induced expression of the two extra but opposite c-di-GMP-metabolizing integrated genes resulted in the contrasting growth abilities between RP402 and RP401 integrants.

Arabinose is not a nutritive substrate for *P. aeruginosa* (Lequette & Greenberg, 2005) because this microbial species lacks genes (Winsor *et al.*, 2011) required for arabinose metabolism like *E. coli* (TA. Desai & Rao, 2010) so it can not use arabinose as a hydrocarbon source for growth and it can serve only as an inducer in these experiments. However, arabinose can serve as an intracellular compatible solute that at certain concentrations may more or less favor the growth of microbial cells in a given osmotic stress condition. Although hexadecane is a nutritive substance for *P. aeruginosa* cells, but it is hydrophobic in nature. Hydrophobic substances are known to induce water stress in microbial cells (Bhaganna *et al.*, 2010). However, bacteria could use certain sugar carbons as compatible solutes such as mannitol and other solutes to cope with osmotic stress. For example, *Pseudomonas putida* S12 grown in an osmotic stress medium containing minimal salts, glucose and NaCl (0.5 M) accumulated mannitol, N α -acetylglutanylglutamine amide (NAGGN) and glutamate (Kets *et al.*, 1996). These authors also found that *P. aeruginosa* strain ATCC 17933, grown in the same osmotic stress medium as *P. putida* S12 did not accumulate mannitol but the other two compatible solutes: NAGGN and glutamate. Furthermore, Drenkard and Ausubel (2002) reported that environmental stimuli also have effects on the appearance of phenotypic variants demonstrating the *Pseudomonas* biofilm

formation and antibiotic resistance. These authors observed a 40-fold increase in the frequency of appearance of kanamycin-resistant variants (not just RSCV) obtained in LB media containing NaCl (85 mM) compared with the same medium without NaCl. The frequency of variants increased further, up to 200-fold, when the plates were incubated at 25°C compared with 37°C (Drenkard & Ausubel, 2002).

In our case, the growing cells of the 57RP strain, the SCV cells, in the exponential phase grew better on hexadecane in the presence of 0.2% arabinose than without its supplement (Figure 4.16A). Arabinose may serve as a compatible solute for 57RP-SCV to cope better with the osmotic stress generated by hexadecane on which they grew. It may also have some positive effects on the increasing the frequency of appearance of SCV cells that are capable of growing on hexadecane.

The growing cell type(s) of the two 57RP402 and 57RP401 integrants need to be identified and characterized further.

5.3.3 SCV formation of integrants

The RP401 and RP402 integrants also formed SCVs when cultured on hexadecane in both conditions with and without arabinose supplementation. In the presence of arabinose, RP402 cultures generated SCVs after 9 days, and after 11 days in RP401 cultures (Table 4.1). SCVs of these two integrants had a wrinkled and dry surface, small size and uneven shape similar to SCVs derived from 57RP WT cells grown on hexadecane. One of the verified integrants was chosen, named as 401S and 402S and used for further studies.

Data presented in Table 4.1 shows that though SCVs of the 57RP WT strain were detected on the 7th day of culture, addition of arabinose displayed a relatively positive effect on increasing the frequency of the occurrence of SCVs. In the culture of RP402, SCVs were also observed on day 7 in the absence of arabinose and at a more or less similar frequency relative to 57RP WT under the same culture conditions. Arabinose appeared to

have positive effects on the SCV formation of RP402 as the frequency of detected SCVs on the agar TSA medium was considerably higher compared with other cultures on day 11. The fluctuation in the appearance of the SCVs might be in part, due to the fact that SCV cells with abundant fimbrial structures on the cell surface are highly adhesive and they can stick together (Meissner *et al.*, 2007), leading to the reduction of the average number of observable SCVs developed on the TSA medium. The almost unclear differences in the number of observable SCVs developed on a rich medium with and without additional arabinose were likely due to the over production of putative fimbrial adhesin induced by an higher level of c-di-GMP (reviewed in Haussler, 2004) leading to an substantial increase in autoaggregation level of 402SCV cells on the arabinose-supplemented medium. The SCV formation of RP401 did not appear to be affected very much in the absence of arabinose. However, the formation and growth of SCVs in this integrant was dramatically affected by the presence of arabinose. Only a few SCVs were observed on day 15 in RP401 cultures, the last day of the comparative cultures. This was most likely due to the activity of the extra PDE protein whose expression was induced by arabinose and resulted in the dramatic reduction of c-di-GMP levels. Consequently, the formation of the c-di-GMP-dependent SCVs in these cultures was seriously affected.

In *P. aeruginosa*, the RSCV formation is commonly associated with an increase in intracellular c-di-GMP levels the reduction of which leads to reversion to wild-type morphology. However, the expression of a gene or a group of c-di-GMP-metabolizing genes, especially those already known to encode DGC proteins, in various reported mutant or transformants forming RSCV strains were not the same. For example, the expression of genes encoding GGDEF and/or GGDEF/EAL domain proteins, which were found in the transcriptional profiles of different mutation- and transformation-derived RSCV-forming strains, included WspR (PA3702) (D'Argenio *et al.*, 2002), YfiN (PA1120) (Malone *et al.*, 2012), MucR (PA1727) (Hay *et al.*, 2009), WspR (PA3702) and PA0169 (Hickman *et al.*, 2005), MorA (PA4601) and TpbB (PA1120) (Meissner *et al.*, 2007), and PA0285, PA0861, PA2567, PA4843 (Starkey *et al.*, 2009). In our case, the inducible PA5487 gene was integrated into the genome of strain 57RP402 for DGC protein synthesis in the presence of arabinose. In PA14, Drenkard and Ausubel (2002) found that antibiotic-

resistant phenotypic variants of *P. aeruginosa* with enhanced ability to form biofilms arise at high frequency both *in vitro* and in the lungs of CF patients. These authors also showed that overexpression of PvrR, an EAL domain-containing response regulator from plasmids (pED202) transferred to RSCVs, induced RSCV reversion to the wild type phenotype. Overexpression of this regulatory protein in wild type PA14 resulted in a 6-fold reduction in the frequency of resistant variants obtained after plating overnight cultures on kanamycin plates compared to the wild type. Drenkard and Ausubel proposed that PvrR is implicated primarily in inducing reversion from variant to wild-type phenotypes (Drenkard & Ausubel, 2002). Gene encoding PvrR protein was integrated into the genome of our 57RP401 strain. Kulasakara and coworkers (2006) found very high levels of enzymatic activities of several overexpressing proteins with DGC and PDE domains, including PA5487 (PA5487 gene in *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 is the same PA14-72420 gene in *P. aeruginosa* PA14) and PvrR, respectively.

In the present study, 57RP402 grew on hexadecane in the presence of arabinose with a shorter lag phase than the other strains. This observation reflects primarily that there were more SCV cells present in the cultured population due to the expression of the arabinose-inducible c-di-GMP-synthesizing gene that was integrated into the genome of 57RP402 cells. In the case of 57RP401 grown on hexadecane with arabinose, the long lag phase observed in the growth curve means that there were less SCV cells present in the cultured populations and that this is likely due to the expression of the integrated arabinose-inducible c-di-GMP-hydrolyzing gene in the 57RP401 cells. It also means that all of the non-growing cells, which dominated the initial populations cultured on hexadecane, suffered from carbon starvation during the culture period. Our results are in accordance with the observations previously reported in the literature in that the expression of c-di-GMP-synthesizing gene(s) play an important role in the SCV formation in *P. aeruginosa*. However, the c-di-GMP production levels of the 57RP401 and 57RP402 integrants still need to be verified. Both 57RP401S and 57RP402S reverted to the wild-type morphology upon plating on TSA medium.

5.3.4 c-di-GMP production of integrants

Plasmids encoding arabinose-inducible PvrR (pGGN05) and PA14-72420 (pGGN06) were developed by Nicastro and coworkers (Nicastro *et al.*, 2014). The enzymatic activities of PDE and DGC of the two inducible proteins PvrR and PA14-72420, respectively, in the presence of arabinose were confirmed in the cultures of different PA14 integrants. The authors reported that, for example, when cultured in M63 2% glucose medium at 37°C with shaking the levels of c-di-GMP of the PvrR-integrated strain were reduced ~70% in the presence of 0.2% arabinose compared to the cultures without arabinose. In contrast, the PA14-72420-integrated strain cultured with 0.2% arabinose produced c-di-GMP levels almost 2-fold higher compared to the cultures without arabinose and ~6-fold higher c-di-GMP levels produced by the PvrR-integrated strain cultured with arabinose (Nicastro *et al.*, 2014). In our case, plasmids pGGN05 and pGGN06 were transferred by conjugation into the 57RP genome's *ctx* site to generate 57RP401 and 57RP402 strains, respectively, without removal of the plasmid backbone from the chromosome. The enzymatic activities of inducible proteins with the PDE and DGC domains were compared mainly in relation to the intracellular c-di-GMP levels and SCV formation of the two integral strains growing on hexadecane without and with arabinose supplementation.

In the cultures for both integrants on hexadecane without arabinose, the increase in c-di-GMP concentration, from undetectable to detectable amounts, was always associated with the observable increase of the total cell mass of the cultures. It was obviously based on the increasing contribution of the growing SCVs from an initially very small subpopulation of phenotypic variants, which occurred in the previous culture conditions, to the total cell mass of the present cultures on hexadecane (Table 4.1). This trend was more or less similar to that observed in the same cultures of 57RP WT cell populations. In the cultures on hexadecane with arabinose there were two opposite trends clearly observable relating the c-di-GMP production, growth of SCVs and expression of the two arabinose-inducible PDE and DGC proteins, respectively, in the 57RP401 and 57RP402 strains.

a. In the case of 57RP401: Expressions of the extra PDE proteins induced by arabinose resulted in a substantial prolongation of the lag phase of growth of the whole cultures on hexadecane. Almost all cells of the cultures, especially those phenotypic SCVs, which were normally formed in the previous cultures as seen in the cultures without arabinose, arrested their growth during the 15-day long period of culture on hexadecane. The first few SCVs were detected in the last day of culture upon plating on TSA medium (Table 4.1), however, no significant increase in the total cell mass was observed at that time (Figure 4.16). The c-di-GMP levels, if any, of these cultured cells were too low and below the technical sensitivity limit of the currently used measurement method. The significant contributions of SCV growing cells to the total cell mass and c-di-GMP levels were usually observed in the following days of the cultures as it was seen in the culture with hexadecane of 57RP WT. These observations indicated that the phase variation state of most, if not all, of the initially-to-be-formed SCVs was switched off due to the c-di-GMP-hydrolytic activities of the extra PDE induced by arabinose. The intracellular c-di-GMP levels in these cells might fall to zero or far below a minimal effective level, initially called “minimal effective concentration threshold” (MECT), which may happen in certain specific local pools, due to the membrane binding sites or clustering of activated c-di-GMP-synthesizing proteins, and the global concentration due to the nature of freely and fast dispersed of small c-di-GMP molecules in the cytoplasm (reviewed in Valentini and Filloux, 2016). This needs to be defined in the future studies, as at which level of c-di-GMP which SCVs were still be able to keep phenotypic variation state and grow on hexadecane. The appearance of 57RP401-SCVs in cultures with hexadecane and supplemented with arabinose may indicate that these cells have successfully exploited some yet unknown mechanism(s) to regain first the MECT of c-di-GMP to switch on and maintain their phase variation state.

b. In the case of 57RP402: Expression of the extra DGC induced by arabinose resulted in an obvious reduction (from 7-9 to 5 days) of the lag phase of growth of whole cultures on hexadecane. The observed shorter lag phase of growth reflected an involvement of the extra DGC in the induction of more 57RP402 cells becoming capable of growing on hexadecane with arabinose supplement, the rough SCVs (RSCVs), that occurred early in

the cultures compared to the cultures without arabinose. Activities of the inducible extra DGC led to the increase in the intracellular c-di-GMP levels in the integrant. The additional c-di-GMP contributed to the global concentration of this second messenger and helped certain cell subpopulation(s) other than the initial RSCVs to reach the MECT and to initiate the phenotypic switch to form new RSCVs on hexadecane in the presence of arabinose. Consequently, both growth and c-di-GMP levels of the 57RP402 cells cultured on hexadecane with arabinose were faster and higher compared with the culture conditions without arabinose. The high levels of c-di-GMP observed on day 5 of the cultures of 57RP402 may reflect the activities of the inducible extra-DGC proteins in the presence of arabinose in most of the cultured 57RP402 cells. The increasing c-di-GMP levels observed from day 7 until day 15 were produced mainly by RSCVs with the arabinose-inducing extra-DGC proteins, whose densities were low at the beginning but continuously increased until taking over the major cell mass of the cultures.

In the culture of *Alcanivorax borkumensis* SK2, a gram-negative marine oil-degrading bacterial strain, hexadecane, used as a sole carbon source, induced both up- and down-regulation of a number of genes when compared to growth with pyruvate (Sabirova *et al.*, 2011). A double-domain GGDEF-EAL protein gene (ABO-2433) responsible for the biosynthesis and hydrolysis of c-di-GMP, respectively, was found to be downregulated. At the same time, a HD-GYP domain protein gene (ABO-2132) responsible for the hydrolysis of c-di-GMP, was upregulated (Sabirova *et al.*, 2011). In our study, we do not know yet whether hexadecane has also induced similar up- and/or down-regulation of any c-di-GMP-metabolizing genes in the hexadecane-grown cultures of 57RP and integrants. The early fall of c-di-GMP/Protein in RP402, observed on day 7-9 of the hexadecane-grown culture with arabinose (Figure 4.16), might be linked to the upregulation and degrading activity of some EAL- and/or HD-GYP-domain proteins in the non-growing (WT) cells before the rise of c-di-GMP content produced by the growing RP402-SCVs. Further works should identify which among the 39-40 c-di-GMP-metabolizing genes already found in *P. aeruginosa* genome, whose proteins have various predicted functional and partner domains (reviewed in Ha *et al.*, 2014), are induced to be up- or down-regulated in response to hexadecane during the culture of 57RP and integrants.

Non-growing WT cells. Results obtained from the present experiments were in accordance with a number of previous observations relating the effect of the expressed c-di-GMP-synthesizing and the c-di-GMP-hydrolyzing proteins on the RSCV formation and reversion to wild-type phenotypes in *P. aeruginosa*. The induction of RSCV formation and variant reversion to the wild-type phenotype was closely associated with the activities of the highly expressed DGC and PDE proteins, respectively (Drenkard & Ausubel, 2002, Hay *et al.*, 2009, Hickman *et al.*, 2005, Malone *et al.*, 2010, Meissner *et al.*, 2007, Starkey *et al.*, 2009). The expected roles of c-di-GMP in the phenotypic switching ON or OFF appeared to be dependent on its intracellular concentrations as its levels increased or decreased compared to the MECT that may vary depending on both genotype of bacterial strains, cellular states and the environmental conditions used in the experiments, respectively. For example, Meissner and coworkers (2007) reported that the amount of c-di-GMP produced by revertants was only about one third compared to those levels produced by their relative SCVs due to the *in trans*-expression of PvrR proteins and more-or-less similar levels were produced by the WT cells in the same culture conditions (Meissner *et al.*, 2007).

Beside the good growth of c-di-GMP-dependent SCVs, observed in the cultures of 57RP and integrants on hexadecane without and with arabinose, there were many WT cells of the initial cultured population that were not able to grow in these culture conditions. On the one hand, the presence of non-growing or growth-arrested WT on hexadecane was manifested by a longer lag phase of growth of the whole initial cultured WT cell population. The growth-arrested cells could regain their normal growth abilities in a suitable growth condition. For example, beside the presence of SCVs, well-developed WT colonies were commonly seen at high densities upon plating the hexadecane WT- culture-derived cells on the TSA agar medium. On the other hand, it reflected the natural phenotypic variability, which often occurred at a high degree in the clonal populations of microbial cells under homogeneous conditions, the bistability caused by stochastic fluctuations in the cellular components, the epigenetic inheritance, etc. (Veening *et al.*, 2008). In the case of *Alcanivorax borkunensis* grown on n-alkanes, besides the upregulation of various predicted genes involved in the uptake, transport, and oxidation of

alkanes, biofilm formation, signal transduction and regulation, there was also an observable upregulation of several stress-related genes (Sabirova *et al.*, 2011). Presently, we do not know whether the activities of such or similar stress-related genes are also expressed in the alkane-cultures of *P. aeruginosa* strain 57RP or if the expression of these genes is just linked to a certain phenotypical cell state, such as SCVs observed in our study. Our opinion is that during the culture period, the non-growing WT cells suffered from a temporal starvation, arrested their growth and reacted to the carbon starvation by stringent response to promote survival (a hypothesis, proposed for further investigations in the future, is presented in Section 6.3 *Research scheme and perspective*).

The **stringent response** is signaled by (p)ppGpp, the nucleotide alarmone, that modulates gene expression by redirecting the RNA polymerase (RNAP) to certain genes leading to a substantial reallocation of cellular resources away from growth, replication, synthesis of ribosomal proteins, and stable RNAs, towards the expression of genes for synthesis of crucial amino acids and factors for stress resistance, and survival (Brown *et al.*, 2014, Potrykus & Cashel, 2008). During stress, the synthesis, stability or activity of proteins or regulatory RNAs of stressed bacteria are regulated by the alarmone ppGpp (Dalebroux & Swanson, 2012). To synthesize (p)ppGpp for stringent response signaling the starving cells should assure the availability of GTP inside the cell. It was reported that the activities of the promoter of *msdgc-1*, the signal gene encoding a bifunctional GGDEF/EAL domain protein involving c-di-GMP turnover in *Mycobacterium smegmatis*, is activated by carbon starvation (Bharati *et al.*, 2013). The carbon starvation-induced expression of genes involving the c-di-GMP turnover, which certainly contributes to assure the availability of GTP required for (p)ppGpp synthesis, might also function in starving *P. aeruginosa* cells. In fact, *P. aeruginosa* cell aggregates disperse upon carbon, nitrogen or oxygen limitation (Schleheck *et al.*, 2009). Though the glucose starvation-induced dispersal of *P. aeruginosa* was considered as a cAMP and energy dependent process, several c-di-GMP phosphodiesterases of the GGDEF-EAL-double domain proteins, such as BifA (PA4367) (Kuchma *et al.*, 2007), and DipA (PA5071) (Ha *et al.*, 2014) were found to inversely regulate biofilm formation. The increased PDE activity of DipA (PA5071) and reduction of c-di-GMP levels were essential for the dispersion of *P. aeruginosa* biofilm in

response to sudden changes in nutrient concentrations (Roy *et al.*, 2012). The considerable reduction of c-di-GMP levels during the 5-9th day observed in the cultures of 57RP402 on hexadecane with arabinose (Figure 4.16C) could be possibly, in part, due to the stringent response, leading to reprogramming of the expression of c-di-GMP-metabolizing genes with increased PDE activities and reduction of c-di-GMP levels and reduction of c-di-GMP levels of some major subpopulation(s) of the so called generally WT cells. Only some smaller cell subpopulation(s) may profit the contribution of inducible 57RP402 extra-c-di-GMP-synthesizing gene to the global c-di-GMP concentration to initiate the phenotypic switch to form new adaptive SCVs as demonstrated by a slight early increase in the biomass production of strain 57RP402 growing on hexadecane in the presence of arabinose (Figure 4.16A).

Major stress response. Stringent response is a major stress response of bacteria in reaction to various growth-restricting environments, including carbon starvation. However, bacteria also exploit potentials of different mutation-based mechanisms developed during evolution, as mechanisms based on the stationary phase mutagenesis, to accelerate adaptation to the nutrient-limiting conditions (Kivisaar, 2010). Some mutation-based mechanisms were established by transposition activities of the insertion sequence (IS) elements. IS elements are mobile genetic elements that are found in the genome of many bacteria, including *Pseudomonas* (Mahillon & Chandler, 1998). The IS transposition and excision rates, including the copy-and-paste, cut-and-paste and excision, may vary depending on the genotype of bacterial strains and the environmental conditions in which bacteria evolve (Sousa *et al.*, 2013). The activity of IS elements increases during stressful conditions, especially starvation including carbon source exhausted (reviewed in Vandecraen *et al.*, 2017), generating different types of mutations, including insertions, rearrangements such as deletions, inversions, duplications and translocations via recombination between homologous elements (Schneider & Lenski, 2004, Vandecraen *et al.*, 2017). Bacterial cells employ IS elements as the tools for genetic variation, phenotypic switching, promoting adaptation and survival. Some activities of IS elements leading to a phenotypic switch, due to the activation or inhibition of gene expression generated by the inversion of a particular DNA sequence or the insertion-excision of IS element into or from

specific chromosomal regions, have been reported (Gally *et al.*, 1993, Higgins *et al.*, 2007, van der Woude & Bäumlér, 2004, Wisniewski-Dyé & Vial, 2008). In the cultures on hexadecane with arabinose of 57RP401, due to activities of the extra-PDE almost all cells remained in a growth-arrested state throughout the culture period. Just a few SCVs were detected on day 15 and the selected 57RP401 SCV reverted also to WT form upon being plated on TSA agar medium (Fig. 4.15). At the present time, we do not know yet the relations, if any, between the RSCVs of 57RP401 occurred in the cultures without and with arabinose and whether the appearance of the later SCVs resulted from the activities of IS elements during starvation or not. These questions require further investigations in the future.

As cited in the previous sections, several genes encoding GGDGEF and/or GGDEF/EAL domain proteins expressed in different mutation- and transformation-derived RSCV-forming strains of *P. aeruginosa* have been identified [WspR (PA3702) (D'Argenio *et al.*, 2002), YfiN (PA1120) (Malone *et al.*, 2012), MucR (PA1727) (Hay *et al.*, 2009), WspR (PA3702) and PA0169 (Hickman *et al.*, 2005), MorA (PA4601) and TpbB (PA1120) (Meissner *et al.*, 2007), and PA0285, PA0861, PA2567, and PA4843 (Starkey *et al.*, 2009)]. The identification of c-di-GMP-metabolizing genes expressed in our SCVs (e.g. by molecular techniques relating the mRNA detection, cloning and sequencing or DNA site-directed mutation) which appeared in the cultures on hexadecane without and with arabinose of three strains 57RP, 57RP401 and 57RP402, is necessary to estimate the role of the expressed genes in the phenotypic switch because both bacterial genotypes and culture conditions used in the present study are different from those previously reported in the literature.

5.3.5 High capacity for biofilm formation of integrant SCVs

In the culture without arabinose supplementation, the biofilm biomass of the three tested strains 57RP WT, 57RP401 WT and 57RP402 WT were almost similar (Figure 4.17). However, the presence of arabinose generated almost negative effects on the biofilm

formation of 57RP WT and 57RP401 WT cells but positive effects on 57RP402 WT cells. In the case of 57RP WT, the presence of arabinose in the testing Bushnell-Hass medium appeared to be not a supportive factor for biofilm formation compared to the previous culture condition without arabinose supplementation. An unclear yet question is that whether arabinose used in the testing culture condition did stimulate the induction of some native phosphodiesterase (PDE) leading to a decrease of its intracellular c-di-GMP together with an observable reduction of biofilm formation? The biofilm formation of 57RP401 WT was also reduced similarly to the case of 57RP WT cultured with arabinose. However, another expected effect of arabinose on 57RP401 WT cells was the induction of the extra PDE, a c-di-GMP-degrading enzyme, leading to the reduction of intracellular c-di-GMP concentration. The reduction of biofilm formation observed in the culture of 57RP WT and 57RP401 WT was in accordance with results obtained from recent studies describing the induction of biofilm dispersal of a PAO1 strain that harbors the arabinose-inducible *Escherichia coli* YhjH phosphodiesterase (Christensen *et al.*, 2013). However, results obtained from studies of Christensen and coworkers (Christensen *et al.*, 2013) indicated no significant difference in the biofilm formation between PAO1/pJN105, a control PAO1 strain that did not harbor the arabinose-inducible YhjH phosphodiesterase, and the PAO1/pPBAD-yhjH, an arabinose-inducible strain. This was possibly due to the fact that strains, culture media, temperatures, incubation times, etc. used in the two studies were not the same and it reflected once again the genotype-specific and environment-dependent traits of the microbial phenotypic behaviors. In the case of 57RP402, the presence of arabinose stimulated its biofilm formation in parallel with an expected activation of the extra diguanylate cyclase (DGC), a c-di-GMP-synthesizing enzyme contributing to an increase of c-di-GMP concentration in the 57RP402 biofilm cells. In addition, c-di-GMP was also found to contribute to a complex regulation of biofilm formation via CsgD-like transcriptional regulators (Kader *et al.*, 2006, Newell *et al.*, 2011).

The SCVs of both 57RP (SCV2h) and integrant 57RP401 (57RP401S) expressed almost similar capacity for biofilm formation but obviously much higher than the 57RP WT cells in culture conditions with and without the supplement of arabinose (Figure 4.19). The SCV2h and 57RP401S produced substantial amounts of intracellular c-di-GMP, in

contrast, the second messenger of the 57RP WT cells was not detectable during its growth in the same culture conditions with and without arabinose (Figure 4.16, 4.18).

The observation mentioned above more-or-less demonstrated the important role of c-di-GMP in biofilm formation of *P. aeruginosa* (reviewed in Valentini and Filloux, 2016).

5.3.6 Rapid growth of integrant SCVs on hexadecane

The 401S strain, a SCV derived from RP401 integrant cells grown on hexadecane with arabinose, was chosen for further studies. When cultivated on hexadecane without arabinose supplementation, the growth curve of 401S was similar to that of SCV2h (Figure 4.18A). However, in the presence of arabinose, the SCV2h grew better than 401S during the first 7 days of cultivation. During the next days, between days 7-11, especially from days 9-11, 401S increased its growth as its biomass reached near to the biomass level of the SCV2h (Figure 4.18A). WT and SCV are differentiated from each other in both genetic and phenotypic adaptation aspects. After becoming SCV, the 57RP-401-SCV would respond to the environmental cues in a different way compared to the parent 401 “WT” integrant. The fast growth of SCV2h on hexadecane (Figure 4.11A) was positively correlated with its c-di-GMP production (Figure 4.13). Questions arose here, as to whether the increase in biomass of 401S growing on hexadecane with arabinose was also related to the increase in the c-di-GMP production in these cells, and will be further investigated and discussed in the following sections.

5.3.7 High capacity for c-di-GMP production of integrant SCVs

Data presented in Figure 4.18 showed that 401S was also a c-di-GMP-dependent SCV that could grow on hexadecane, and its capacity for c-di-GMP production depended on the culture conditions without or with arabinose supplementation. When cultivated on hexadecane without arabinose, 401S followed similar patterns of c-di-GMP production of

SCV2h and with an obvious higher level toward the end of the culture (Figure 4.18C). In the presence of arabinose, SCV2h generated higher levels of c-di-GMP production compared with SCV2h cultured without arabinose. Presently, reasons for the increase in c-di-GMP production in presence of arabinose of the SCV2h strain were not clear and it required further investigations for a better understanding. From day 7 toward day 15, the arabinose-supplied culture conditions induced strain 401S to accumulate much higher c-di-GMP levels compared to conditions without arabinose supplement. The parent RP401"WT" in the arabinose-induced cultures showed undetectable c-di-GMP amounts during its prolonged lag phase of growth (Figure 4.16).

Day 15 was the end of the exponential and the beginning of the stationary phase of growth of the 401S as well as the SCV2h grown on hexadecane with arabinose (Figure 4.18A). An observable decrease of c-di-GMP levels was seen in these two cultures and a similar c-di-GMP decreasing trend was also observed in the case of 57RP402 cultured in the same conditions and at the same culture age (Figure 4.16C). It might be due first to the high levels of carbon limitation, which occurred at the stationary phase of growth that put the biofilm cells in a starving situation. Starving cells react to carbon starvation via stringent response, reprogramming the expression of many genes, including the c-di-GMP-metabolizing genes. The increased PDE activities together with reduction of c-di-GMP levels were essential for the dispersion for new surface colonization (see previous section: c-di-GMP production of integrants). An increase in cell lysis may also contribute to the decrease of c-di-GMP during the stationary phase of growth.

Beside a putative role as intracellular compatible solutes against the osmotic stress generated by hexadecane in the medium, obvious positive effects of arabinose on the c-di-GMP production were seen in both 57RP402 (Figure 4.16C) and 57RP401s and, to a lesser extent, in 57RP-SCV2h cultures (Figure 4.18C). The high levels of c-di-GMP accumulated in 57RP402 were understandable because its cells harbored an inducible gene encoding extra-DGC proteins for c-di-GMP synthesis. The case of 401S, which harbored an inducible gene encoding extra-PDE proteins for c-di-GMP hydrolysis but also accumulated high levels of c-di-GMP, requires further investigations to better understand the not-yet-

known events (such as the reprogramming of gene expression because of ppGpp redirecting RNAP to certain genes due to the stringent response to temporal carbon starvation, the effects of (p)ppGpp on the stabilities and functions of expressed RNAs and proteins, the possibility of genome rearrangement to switch the ON-and-OFF state of affected genes or ORFs of in or surrounding DNA sequences due to the starvation-induced transpositions, insertion and/or excision activities of IS elements, mutations, etc. – as presented in more details in a previous section: c-di-GMP production of integrants) that could possibly happen in the temporary starving cells during a long lag phase of growth of the 57RP401 cultures with hexadecane and arabinose supplementation. Arabinose may also act as the external and internal signals that directly or indirectly induce an increase in DGC or decrease of PDE expression and activities or both since their various sensory domains are found in many c-di-GMP-metabolizing proteins of *P. aeruginosa* (Ha *et al.*, 2014). The putative role of arabinose, acting as a signal in certain cellular process, if any, may also be dependent on a MECT of arabinose available in the medium and inside the cell. This possibility also needs to be studied further.

5.4 Comparison of proteome profiles of P. aeruginosa 57RP and the SCV derivative

5.4.1 Differences in protein synthesis between 57RP SCV and 57RP WT

The phenotypic differences observed previously between 57RP SCV and 57RP WT were further characterized by total protein analysis. The total proteins of the two strains were extracted from their cells grown under the same culture conditions (MSM medium with 1% glucose shaking at 25°C for 18h). However, the quality and stability of the cytosolic protein patterns separated by 2-D gel electrophoresis were achieved only after a previously effective removal of the contaminating macromolecular DNAs and the other non protein components from the extracted protein samples by DNase treatments and the phenol-chloroform re-extraction, respectively (Do, 1995). The representative proteins of the two strains were chosen on the commonly visual basis of their presence (up-regulated) on one sample gel but absence (down-regulated) on the other sample gel.

The 5 representative up-regulated proteins, selected from various specific protein spots of 57RP SCV, included TT-S1 (PA1787; PP/OM localization), TT-S2 (PA5015; PP/CP localization), TT-S3 (PA019; PP localization), TT-S4 (either PA5521; CP localization, or PA1584; IM localization) and TT-S5 (either PA1746; CP/OM vesicle or PA2807; unknown location). The two first identified proteins are the bi-functional aconitate hydratase 2/2-methylisocitrate dehydratase (product of *acnB* gene) and the Pyruvate dehydrogenase subunit E1 (product of *aceE* gene), respectively. These two proteins are the indispensable enzymatic components of the tricarboxylic acid or citric acid cycle (TCA), the final common oxidative pathway used by all aerobic organisms to generate energy through the oxidation of acetyl-CoA derived from carbohydrates, fats and proteins or amino acids (reviewed in Akram (2014)).

In the case of 57RP WT, among the three analyzed protein spots, the TT-WT1, TT-WT2 and TT-WT3, only the TT-WT2 was identified as the electron transfer flavoprotein alfa-subunit; Induction beta-oxidation (PA2951; *etfA*; PP). The other two protein spots need to be analyzed further as to a number of putative proteins that share high Mascot scores as well as close pH values and molecular mass (TT-WT1) or to the presence of a conserved hypothetical protein with no information concerning its pH value and molecular mass to compare with the other putative protein (TT-WT3).

The differences in protein spot quantity and quality observed in the 2-D gels indicated that there were certain differences in the gene expression between 57RP SCV and 57RP WT cells grown in the same culture conditions. Different phenotypic variants of the 57RP strain may respond to the same environmental stimuli by using distinct mechanisms.

5.4.2 Characteristic membrane and periplasmic proteins of 57RP SCV grown on hexadecane

Many essential cellular processes, including nutrient uptake, secretion of extracellular proteins, rhamnolipids and other products, depend on cell envelope components.

In order to know the cell envelope components of SCV, the outer membrane and periplasmic proteins of 57RP SCV, grown on hexadecane for 11 days at 25°C, were extracted and used for the 2-D gel electrophoresis and identification. Since the 57RP WT cells were unable to grow on hexadecane, no protein samples from these cells could be collected from the cultures with hexadecane to compare directly with the protein samples derived from the 57RP SCV grown on hexadecane. However, to facilitate the selection of representative proteins, which were specifically expressed in the hexadecane-cultured SCV, the outer membrane and periplasmic proteins were also extracted from the 11h/25°C glucose-cultured WT cells. These proteins were also resolved by 2-D gel electrophoresis and used to locate the protein spots of interest observed on gels of SCV samples.

Among the ten selected protein spots, the first identified outer membrane-bound protein (OMB-S1) of the SCV2h was FadL (PA4589) – a long-chain fatty acid transport protein homologous to the *E. coli* FadL transporter. As deduced from the DNA sequence, Black reported that the mature FadL of *E. coli* contains an abundance of hydrophobic amino acid residues that contribute to at least five regions of the protein with an overall hydrophobic character (Black, 1991). The other three single protein spots from SCV2h (OMB-S3, OMB-S9, PP-S13) have been identified as periplasmic (PP) proteins. Two of these three proteins (OMB-S3, OMB-S9) were predicted to be ABC (ATP-binding cassette) transport proteins. The OMB-S3 was identified as a putative ABC-type transport protein responsible for the uptake of amino acids, peptides or inorganic ions (PA3836) (Imperi *et al.*, 2009). The OMB-S9 was identified as the PA5153 protein, an amino acid (lysine/arginine/ornithine/histidine/octopine) ABC transporter periplasmic binding protein (Imperi *et al.*, 2009). The third periplasmic protein (PP-S13) was the Tpx, a thiol peroxidase (PA2532). This protein is part of an oxidative stress defense system and

functions as an antioxidant in reducing peroxides and inhibiting hydrogen peroxide response and protecting cell membranes. Tpx is also thought to be involved in the activation of certain transcriptional factors and signaling (reviewed in Rhee *et al.* (2005). In *P. aeruginosa* PAO1, a Δtpx mutant became sensitive to H₂O₂, a reactive oxygen species (ROS), at a moderate concentration (0.5 mM) (Somprasong *et al.*, 2012). The presence and activity of this terminal oxidation protein supported more evidence for proteins involving in alkane hydroxylating systems, which found in *Alcanivorax borkumensis* (Sabinova *et al.*, 2006). The PP-S18 was identified as an inner membrane binding nitrogen regulatory protein *glnK* (PA5288). The PP-S16 was more likely the putative cytoplasmic endoribonuclease (PA5339), which has pI 4.81, than the PA0388, which has pI 7.37, due to the position of PP-S16 protein spot was near to the middle of the 2-D pH 4-7 gel. The identification of the last four protein spots will be discussed in the next section (5.4.3).

The presence of the transport and oxidative stress defense system-related proteins, as above mentioned, reflects their important role in the uptake-secretion activities between the outer medium and the inner cytoplasm through the cell membranes as well as in the reduction of the risk of excessive ROS accumulated in the periplasm. Phase variation induced changes in gene expression required for the adaptive growth of 57RP SCV on hexadecane.

5.4.3 Unusual proteins synthesized by 57RP SCV grown on hexadecane

One of the last four up-regulated proteins, observed in SCV cells, was PP-S15 that had no homology with any proteins registered in the Mascot database. Currently, we do not know yet whether the ORF, from which the PP-S15 was derived, was newly established or activated due to the inversion of a DNA sequence that contained a promoter of other gene(s) or the excision of IS element(s) from a specific DNA sequence (reviewed in Section 2.6.2: Mechanism of phase variation) or as a result of horizontal gene transfer events (reviewed in Filloux (2010)). Our observations require further investigations to be more understandable.

The last three prominent protein spots (OMB-S7, OMB-S8, OMB-S12), have been identified as outer membrane proteins, PA2862. These proteins were lactonizing lipase precursor LipA proteins of *P. aeruginosa*. The LipA protein (EC 3.1.1.3) is involved in the hydrolysis of triglycerides from glycerol and three fatty acids into diacylglycerol carboxylate. Beside the lipase activity, LipA proteins also influence the regulation of pyoverdine production and expression of the sigma factor PvdS (Funken *et al.*, 2011). Previously, Déziel and coworkers (2001) observed an increase in pyoverdine production in the SCV cells compared to the WT cells of *P. aeruginosa* (57RP strain) when both cell types were cultured in the same King's B medium containing dextrose as carbon source for 16h at 37°C. However, no information relating to the lipase production had been reported in that study. In *P. aeruginosa* PAO1, the open or closed active center of the enzyme depends on the structure of the α -helical lid (Nardini *et al.*, 2000). The open center occurs when contacted with the substrate. The activity of this enzyme can be mediated by the contact with a large range of hydrophobic substances (Stuer *et al.*, 1986). Moreover, the results of Kanwar and co-workers showed that, in *P. aeruginosa* sp. G6, the lipase was not produced when using glucose as a growth substrate (Kanwar *et al.*, 2002). These authors also compared the effect of various n-alkanes (C₁₀ Decane – C₂₀ Eicosane) on lipase production and found that hexadecane (C₁₆) was the best inducer of lipase production (e.g. 25±0.6 U/ml) (Kanwar *et al.*, 2002). However, these authors did not provide any information about the appearance of SCVs on hexadecane (Kanwar *et al.*, 2002). In *P. aeruginosa*, it is known (reviewed in Rosenau and Jaeger (2000)) that expression of the lipase bicistronic operon (lipase *lip*: LipA and foldase *lif*: LipH), which has two operators (P1 and P2), depends on the alternative sigma factor RpoN (σ^{54}) and is controlled by two two-component regulatory systems GacS/GacA (sensor histidine kinase/global activator) and LipQ/LipR (putative signal transducing sensor kinase/transcriptional activator). Expression of LipQ/LipR is possibly activated by the quorum sensing activator RhlR, whose expression is activated by GacA, or by some environmental or periplasmic signal(s) that remain unknown. LipR together with sigma factor RpoN activate the P1 promoter of the lipase operon (reviewed in Rosenau and Jaeger (2000)). According to Jaeger and coworkers (1994), the synthesis and secretion of lipases by bacteria is influenced by a variety of environmental factors like ions, carbon sources, or the presence of non-

metabolizable polysaccharides (Jaeger *et al.*, 1994). In the present experiments, hexadecane is not a substrate of lipase but serves as both an environmental hydrophobic carbon source signal and osmotic signal that might generate a lipid-like signal, resulting in the activation of the above mentioned two-component regulatory systems leading to the lipase synthesis and secretion.

Until now, there were not many reports on the subject of proteome profile analysis of SCVs generated from the cultivation of *P. aeruginosa* on hexadecane. In a study, entitled “Phenotypic and genome-wide analysis of an antibiotic-resistant small colony variant (SCV) of *P. aeruginosa*”, Wei and coworkers (2011) observed a large number of genes differentially regulated in PAO-SCV cells compared to the wild-type PAO1 cells. There were 466 (~73%) up-regulated and 176 (~27%) down-regulated genes observed among the totally reported 642 differentially regulated genes. In a comparison of proteomes of WT and SCV, using 2-D gel electrophoresis of soluble proteins, these researchers identified several differentially produced proteins in SCV as up- or down-regulated gene products compared to its clonal wild-type PAO1. Among the 24 selected proteins, 8 up-regulated and 16 down-regulated gene products were reported by this research group (Wei *et al.*, 2011), none were identical to any of the 18 representative proteins observed in our present study, including 15 proteins of SCV2h. However, in the genome-wide transcriptional profile of PAO-SCV and PAO1 generated by microarray analysis of this research group, there were some up-regulated genes identical to our identified cell type-specific gene protein products. We do not know whether these mRNAs were also translated into proteins at a corresponding rate or not. For example, the expression of PA2862, PA3836 and PA5153, the three outer membrane proteins found in the 57RP-SCV cells grown on hexadecane, was found in the transcriptional profile of up-regulated genes in PAO-SCV compared to its clonal wild-type PAO1 at the late stationary phase of growth in the experiment of Wei and coworkers (2011). These authors also observed an up-regulated expression of PA1579 and PA2951 genes in the transcriptional profile of PAO-SCV; however, corresponding proteins of these genes were found specifically in the 57RP-WT cells grown on glucose.

The differences in gene expression between the PAO-SCV (Wei *et al.*, 2001) and SCV2h (the present study) obviously reflected the fact that these two SCV forms were generated from different strains of *P. aeruginosa* and developed on different culture conditions. The gentamicin-resistant mutant PAO-SCV was derived from the PAO1 strain (ATTC 15962). Both of the PAO1 strains (WT and SCV) were grown at 37°C in LB broth or on LB agar plates, iron poor casamino acids (CAA) medium or on the *Pseudomonas* agar medium (Difco Laboratories) (Wei *et al.*, 2011). In our present study, SCV2h was derived from 57RP WT grown on the MSM medium supplemented with 1% hexadecane as a sole carbon source. The SCV2h was either grown on glucose for 11 hrs for a total protein analysis, or on hexadecane for 9 days for the membrane-fractionated protein analysis. Even though these two phenotypic variants PAO1-SCV (Wei *et al.*, 2011) and 57RP-SCV (the present study) shared some more or less similarly up-regulated expression patterns of certain genes, they obviously differed from each other by the expression pattern of other specific genes. This certainly was related to their own evolving history and actual cultivation conditions.

The presence of the three LipA isoforms was an unusual event, likely reflecting a possible polymorphic aspect of the *lipA* gene production. About these three presently detected LipA isoforms of SCV2h, when compared to the peptide sequences, significant differences were found between the OMB-S7, OMB-S8 and OMB-S12 LipA. The OMB-S7 protein had three substitutions at the amino acid (aa) positions 156 (I), 202 (H) and 204 (V) compared to the V at position 156, Q at 202 and I at 204 of the corresponding LipA protein (PA2862) of PAO1 (Wohlfarth *et al.*, 1992), respectively. These three aa substitutions that occurred in the OMB-S7 protein of SCV2h shared two similar substitutions (at the two aa positions: 156, 204) found in SCV20265 (Eckweiler *et al.*, 2014), and all the same three substitutions (at aa positions: 156, 202, 204) were found in the natural variant TE3285 which was isolated from soil (Chihara-Siomi *et al.*, 1992).

The OMB-S12 protein of SCV2h also carried three distinct amino acid substitutions that occurred at positions: 125 (M), 126 (P) and 176 (A) compared to the aa pattern 125 (I), 126 (A) and 176 (T) found in the LipA sequence of PAO1, respectively. This was a

completely new pattern of amino acid substitutions compared to those substitutions already reported in the natural variant TE3285 isolated from soil (Chihara-Siomi *et al.*, 1992), the thermotolerant strain EF2 (Gilbert *et al.*, 1991), and SCV20265 (Eckweiler *et al.*, 2014). The aa substitution (Q) at position 33 reported in the natural variant EF2 compared to (K) in PAO1 was not observed in the protein variants OMB-S7 and OMB-S12 of SCV2h. Both of the two OMB-S7 and OMB-S12 proteins were still in the form of pre-peptide of LipA which still bear the un-cleaved signal peptide.

OMB-S8, the third variant of LipA found in the SCV2h, was in the form of mature protein with its signal peptide cleaved off. OMB-S8 protein shared the whole peptide chain identical to the chain of the PAO1-PA2862 protein. This indicated that there were various LipA peptide variants that existed in the SCV2h cell population grown on hexadecane. One of the phenotypic variants was in the form of mature protein corresponding to the PAO1 LipA (PA2862). The other two were in the pre-protein forms, but one of which (OMB-7) was identical to the already known natural variant TE3285 (Chihara-Siomi *et al.*, 1992), the other was a completely new phenotypic variant (OMB-S12). This is an unexpectedly interesting observation of the existence of self-generated LipA isoforms in a *P. aeruginosa* strain, the 57RP-SCV grown on hexadecane.

Sommer and coworkers (1997) showed genetic and biochemical evidence that the *Streptomyces cinnamomeus* Tü89 secreted *lipA* encodes a proprotein of 275 amino acids (29,213 Da) with a pI of 5.35. The LipA signal peptide is 30 amino acids long, and the mature lipase sequence is 245 amino acids long (26.2 kDa) and contains six cysteine residues. Sequence similarity of the mature lipases (29% identity, 60% similarity) was observed mainly in the N-terminal 104 amino acids with the group II *Pseudomonas* lipases. In transgenic clones of *E. coli*, which carry the *S.cinnamomeus* Tü89 *lipA* gene, both processed and unprocessed forms of the transgenic LipA were secreted but only the processed form of this LipA (the mature form with the signal peptide cut off) was catalytically active (Sommer *et al.*, 1997). The two unprocessed LipA isoforms (OMB-7, OMB-12), observed in the present study, may not function as a processed active LipA but their presence on the outer membrane would contribute to the increase in cell

hydrophobicities, and with such higher cell hydrophobicities the 57RP SCV cells would adhere better to the hydrophobic hexadecane substrate. The inducible generation of certain protein isoforms may represent a flexible way of environmental adaptation abilities that is, certainly, only a part of the complex survival strategy of bacteria.

5.4.4 Not-yet-known mechanisms

At present, we do not know yet whether 3 is the final number of LipA isoforms produced in the SCV2h cells or not. It is still many other protein spots selected from the 2-D gel that have not been identified yet. In the case of existence of only three LipA isoforms, if the amino acid sequence of the three identified LipA isoforms reflected exactly the genetic information of their corresponding genes then the SCV2h has three *lipA* genes. There are several possibilities for the appearance of the three LipA isoforms, which were observed in the SCV2h cell population, to be considered. The simple case is that the spontaneous point mutations would cause the original population to separate into three subpopulations. The complex case would concern a combination of both gene duplications, for example by the activities of transposable DNA elements (reviewed in Darmon and Leach (2014)), and the spontaneous mutations. The cell population in the complex case comprises at least two subpopulations. It combines either the single gene or the double genes subpopulations, which produce their corresponding LipA isoforms, or the two double genes subpopulations but both share one same gene copy and produce their corresponding LipA isoforms. Another possibility is that the SCV2h has only one *lipA* gene and the original gene has not undergone both mutations and duplications. In this case, if the translation was exact, ensuring the synthesized peptide sequences corresponding to the mRNA molecules, due mainly to the proofreading and repair mechanisms, then a similar phenomenon of RNA and DNA sequence differences previously observed in cells of certain human tissues by Li and coworkers (Li *et al.*, 2011) would also have, somehow, happened with the *lipA* gene in the 57RP-SCV cells grown on hexadecane. Though these two observed unusual events are not comparable, they pose a question that whether the phase variation, resulted in the formation of special SCVs and biofilms in *P. aeruginosa*,

and the cell differentiation, resulted in the formation of specialized tissues in eukaryote, shares some common point(s) in the yet-unknown underlying mechanisms for the phenomenon of protein isoforms (present study) and of RNA and DNA sequence differences (Li *et al.*, 2011), respectively.

The mRNA editing, such as the adenine to inosine (A-to-I) or cytosine to uracil (C-to-U) deamination, is unknown in bacteria. The suggested phenomenon of mRNA and DNA sequence differences would have hardly happened in the SCV2h without production of some yet-unknown phase variation-related and the hexadecane-induced factors that would interfere with the otherwise normal transcription process leading to substitutions of specific bases in the mRNA. However, the protein isoforms could be generated also by the tRNA editing such as the A-to-I editing at the wobble position of tRNA anticodons (reviewed in Su & Randau, 2011). The four main wobble base pairs, as guanine-uracil (G-U), hypoxanthine-uracil (I-U), hypoxanthine-adenine (I-A), and hypoxanthine-cytosine (I-C), had been proposed by Crick (Crick, 1966). The first prokaryotic RNA editing enzyme (TadA) has been identified from *Escherichia coli* by Wolf and coworkers in 2002 and this deaminase is sufficient for site-specific inosine formation at the wobble position (position 34) of tRNA(Arg2) (Wolf *et al.*, 2002). An extension (if any and happened by unknown reasons, hypothetically only) of the traditional Wobble position from the first to the second even to the third base position in the tRNA anticodon (corresponding to the third, second and the first base in mRNA codon) would make the base pairing altered to that of the standard base pairing rule and lead to the formation of various unknown protein isoforms from the modified translation.

Another possibility is that the specific charge of amino acids at the 3'-end of certain tRNAs can be altered and shifted from selective amino acids to preferential amino acids by the interference of some factor(s) like ribozymes. Morimoto and coworkers (2011) have selected from an RNA pool of random sequences and developed successfully flexizyme Fx3 (45-nucleotide-long sequence), an aminoacyl-tRNA synthetase (ARS)-like ribozyme that could charge various tRNAs with preferential amino acids (such as phenylalanine)

through very simple three-base-pair interactions between the ribozyme's 3'-end and the tRNA's 3'-end (Morimoto *et al.*, 2011).

Thus, any infidelity during in replication, transcription or translation would lead also to the formation of protein isoforms. The infidelity in replication leads to the formation of genetic mutants whereas the infidelities in transcription or translation lead to the formation of phenotypic variants. Which one of these infidel events was the main cause of the appearance of three LipA isoforms observed in the present study remains an unanswered question that requires further investigations to be carried out in the future. The presence of OMB-S7 and OMB-S12, corresponded exactly to the LipA of two natural variants TE3285 and PAO1, respectively, may reflect a possibility that, besides the spontaneous variations, there exist certain modes of adaptive variation that had been experienced during the long-term environmentally adaptive evolution of bacterial species in the past. Some such species evolution-experienced modes of adaptive variation are probably still inducible, by certain environmental stimuli, and expressed in certain bacterial strains, such as the 57RP SCV strain of *P. aeruginosa* grown on hexadecane. Verifications of this hypothesis require further investigations to be carried out in the future.

In the present study, results obtained from the identification of the 18 initially selected protein spots show that, to be able to grow on hexadecane, 57RP-SCVs have undergone a number of changes. The SCV formation-related changes in global gene expression did not only concern the down- or up-regulated expression of a number of already known specific genes but also the expression of some not-yet-known ORFs as well as the polypeptide isoforms of certain specific proteins, too.

Except the three unusual secreted LipA isoforms, the presence of representative proteins located in the outer membrane, periplasm, inner membrane and cytoplasm observed in the 57RP SCV growing on hexadecane, but not in the 57RP WT cells growing on glucose, may reflect some aspects of physiological adaptation involving modulation of gene expression as it was observed previously in biofilm cells growing on hexadecane compared to cells growing on pyruvate of *Alcanivorax borkumensis* (Sabirova *et al.*, 2006,

2011) or to planktonic cells growing on acetate of *Marinobacter hydrocarbonoclasticus* (Vaysse *et al.*, 2009), respectively.

6 CONCLUSION AND PERSPECTIVE

6.1 Conclusion

The present study had four objectives: (1) Isolate small colony variants (SCVs) of *P. aeruginosa* strain 57RP during cultures with n-alkanes used as sole carbon sources; (2) Characterize the phenotypic changes of SCVs grown on hexadecane; (3) Investigate the putative role of c-di-GMP in the SCV formation and in the reversion to wild-type phenotypes; and (4) Characterize proteome profiles of SCV cells grown on hexadecane.

The results obtained from the present study are summarized as follows.

Objective 1. *57RP, a slow growth strain with low cell hydrophobicities, also forms SCVs on octadecane.*

We confirmed that 57RP, the main investigated *P. aeruginosa* slow growth strain with low cell hydrophobicities, was able to generate rough, dry small colony variants (RSCVs or briefly called SCVs) on the weakly soluble liquid hexadecane (C₁₆) as reported previously in the laboratory of Prof. Richard Villemur.

Besides that, this strain was also able to form SCVs on the solid octadecane (C₁₈) that was used as a sole carbon source. This new observation reflected that 57RP strain could form SCVs on various substrates, including different n-alkanes. The SCVs were identified as the main growing cell type in the cultures supplemented with the hydrophobic n-alkanes.

In the case of strain 57RV, the 57RV WT cells, which have cell hydrophobicities much higher than those of 57RP WT cells, the appearance of SCVs growing on hexadecane of this strain was a new observation compared to the previously obtained results with this rapid growth strain. This reflects a phenotypic variation-based adaptive response to certain environmental stress conditions used in the present study. Our observations were in accordance with the current knowledge that environmental conditions

substantially affect the phase variation rate of bacteria. The growth condition (MSM with 1% hexadecane shaking at 25°C) used in the present study did obviously induce a substantial increase in the variation rate leading, consequently, to the observable appearance of 57RV SCVs formed on hexadecane and detected on the rich TSA medium plating plates. Both of the tested *P. aeruginosa* strains (57RP and 57RV) with low and high cell hydrophobicities, respectively, could naturally form the highly adaptive phenotypic variant cell type (SCV) in various environmental stress conditions.

Objective 2. *Rhamnolipids are not an important factor for growth of 57RP SCV on hexadecane and octadecane.*

We confirmed that the SCV cells had a number of phenotypic characteristics that were different from those characteristics of its parent WT cell. The SCV cells were hyperpiliated and able to grow fast without lag phase on n-alkanes compared to WT cells grown in the same culture conditions. These SCV cells also had reduced motile activities compared to parent WT cells. The SCVs reverted to wild-type (WT) phenotype on a rich (TSA) medium. The cell surface of SCVs was highly hydrophobic, allowing the SCV cells to adhere effectively to the hydrophobic hydrocarbons. The SCV cells were able to form biofilms at a much higher level compared to the parent WT cells. The observed general phenotypic traits of the two strains and their derived variants, which were used in the present study, are in accordance with the earlier observation of 57RP rough SCV formation on hexadecane and phenotypic characterization of those rough SCVs developed on dextrose more than 10 years ago. This reflected the usefulness of the frozen method for a long-term preservation of bacterial specimens in laboratory conditions.

Besides the above-mentioned experimentally confirmed information, we also demonstrated clearly that rhamnolipids are not an important factor for the 57RP SCV to grow fast without an initial lag phase on hexadecane. It was because of the fact that this phenotypic variant, though derived from the biosurfactant-producing parent strain, did not produce new extracellular rhamnolipids in the growth cultures with this n-alkane. This was

an first contribution of the present study to define the unimportant role of rhamnolipids in growth of the 57RP SCV on hexadecane. Instead of producing rhamnolipids to help dispersing hexadecane and so increasing the contact surface between the cultured cells and the weakly soluble hydrophobic substrate, the growth ability of this phenotypic variant relied primarily on the high cell hydrophobicities that should certainly have made the adherence of SCV cells to the hydrophobic substrate be more effective compared to the observed lower level of adherence to hexadecane of the 57RP parent WT cells with much lower cell hydrophobicities.

Objective 3. *The involvement of c-di-GMP in phenotypic switching.*

On the basis of various observations related to the involvement of the universal bacterial second messenger c-di-GMP in the life-style transition, from the planktonic to the sessile life cycle, as from the WT to SCV phenotypic variants, including the SCV formation observed in various clinical strains of *P. aeruginosa*, we hypothesized that SCV formation occurred in cultures of our laboratory nonclinical *P. aeruginosa* strains, such as 57RP SCVs grown on hexadecane, also resulted from an overproduction of c-di-GMP occurred within this phenotypic cell type.

We found a positive correlation between the two coincidentally occurring events, as the high c-di-GMP levels are associated with the SCV formation and low c-di-GMP levels with the SCV reversion to wild-type phenotype like the parent WT cells. To study further the involvement of c-di-GMP in the SCV formation, we generated two integrant clones from 57RP WT cells. These two integrants possessed genes encoding an extra PDE (RP401) and DGC (RP402), the two enzymes for hydrolysis and synthesis of c-di-GMP, respectively, under the control of an arabinose-inducible promoter. Results obtained from the comparative study showed that the effective c-di-GMP concentration appeared to be produced by certain not-identified-yet individual c-di-GMP encoding gene(s) among the 39-40 genes already known in *P. aeruginosa*. The expression of the extra DGC in RP402 obviously contributed to increase the intracellular c-di-GMP concentrations that, in turn,

induced phenotypic switching on in certain cells of some other stochastic cell subpopulations to form new SCVs in addition to those already formed by phase variation in the previous culture conditions. In contrast, the expression of the extra PDE in RP401 did seriously affect the time of appearance and the number of SCVs that usually occurred in the cultures of the parent 57RP strain with hexadecane as the cell mass of the cultures was not increased and just a few SCVs were detected on day 15 of the cultures.

We hypothesized that these growing RP401 SCVs were also the c-di-GMP-dependent SCVs that should have somehow either increased the c-di-GMP production to compensate the loss of c-di-GMP, due to the hydrolytic activities of the inducible extra PDE, or decreased the activities of the inducible extra PDE. In fact, a representative SCV clone (RP401S), derived from the inducible integrant RP401 grown on hexadecane in the presence of arabinose, did produce c-di-GMP at the levels more-or-less similar to and even accumulated c-di-GMP at the levels obviously higher than the levels produced by SCV2h (a representative 57RP-SCV), depending on the culture age and the absence or presence of arabinose in the culture conditions. These results support our hypothesis posed at the beginning of the present thesis that c-di-GMP plays an important role in the phenotypic switching on (SCV formation on alkanes) or off (reversion to wild-type phenotype in rich media), depending on levels higher or lower than some not-yet-identified minimal effective concentration threshold(s), respectively. This is the first time an important role of c-di-GMP in the phenotypic switching has been investigated and made considerably clear by the cultures of SCVs with hexadecane and by its reversion to wild-type phenotype on a rich (TSA) medium of a non-clinical strain of *P. aeruginosa*, the 57RP strain.

Objective 4. *57RP SCVs cells grown on hexadecane synthesize unknown proteins and generate LipA isoforms.*

In the comparative analysis of proteome profiles of SCV and WT cells of the 57RP strain, which were cultured in the same growth conditions (MSM with 1% glucose), we found certain differences in the protein expression pattern, either up- or down-regulated

expression, between these two cell types. The initially selected up-regulated proteins represented those proteins located in different cellular compartments, such as cytoplasm, inner and outer membranes and periplasm. This indicates that gene expression of these SCV and WT cells was up-/down-regulated differently in the same growth conditions.

Further analyses of proteome profiles of 57RP SCV cells grown on hexadecane showed that the cell membranes and periplasm of this cell type were characterized initially by the presence of various proteins involved in the transport, antioxidant, nitrogen regulatory activities, etc. In addition, several new and very interesting phenomena, relating to the appearance of an unknown protein and, especially, of the three outer membrane-bound protein isoforms were detected. The three outer membrane-bound protein isoforms have been identified as the secreted lipase (LipA) isoforms. For the first time, such an unusually physiological phenomenon was observed in a *P. aeruginosa* strain SCV cell population grown on hexadecane. Among these newly identified three LipA isoforms, there was one being in the mature polypeptide form and its amino acid sequence corresponded exactly to the amino acid sequence, at least, of the PAO1 LipA. The two other isoforms were in the premature polypeptide form of LipA. One of these two premature polypeptides was identical to the LipA of an already known *P. aeruginosa* natural variant (TE3285) and the other was a completely new LipA isoform.

At present, the underlying mechanisms for these new and unusual events and the physiological roles, if any, of the unusually synthesized proteins are largely unknown. The above-identified proteins represented only a part of a larger change essential for the formation of highly adaptive SCV cells capable of growing on n-alkanes. Further investigations are needed to be carried out in the future to provide a better understanding of the phase variation-based and the specific environmental stimuli-induced physiologically adaptive but unusual responses for survival and growth of the 57RP SCV cells cultured on hexadecane.

6.2 Proposal

To understand further the physiologically new and unusual events observed in the present study I propose several additional experiments to be carried out in the future investigations as follows:

- a. Identify the c-di-GMP-metabolizing gene(s) involved in the SCV formation and reversion to wild-type phenotype of the 57RP strain grown in different conditions, primarily on hexadecane and TSA rich medium. Results obtained from these to-be-carried-out studies shall contribute to verify our previously suggested genotype-dependent and environment-specific characters of the adaptive gene expression-based on phase variation as observed in the 57RP SCV grown on hexadecane.
- b. Identify the original LipA gene copy number of the 57RP WT strain and the nucleotide sequences of the corresponding gene(s) derived from 57RP SCV and 57RP Rev cells to see whether this gene(s) remained unchanged or some of which had undergone certain genetic variations. Compare the RNA sequences from WT, SCV and Rev, which were grown in the same growth conditions (e.g. MSM with glucose) and the SCV grown specifically on hexadecane in MSM, with the corresponding DNA sequences of the 57RP WT, 57RP SCV and the 57RP Rev cells, etc. Results obtained from these comparative studies, together with the already known information of amino acid sequences of the three newly identified LipA isoforms in the present study, should contribute to get further new insights into the currently not-yet-known underlying mechanisms for the appearance of polypeptide isoforms in bacteria such as the LipA isoforms observed in the 57RP SCV grown on hexadecane, a highly environmental stress adaptive phenotypic variant type of *P. aeruginosa* species.
- c. Investigate the origin of ORF encoding the unknown protein PP-S15 (resulted either from a lateral gene transfer or from the phase variation-induced unusual events) and its role, if any, in the formation of LipA isoforms as well as in the environmental stress high adaptability of 57RP-SCVs grown on hexadecane.

6.3 Research scheme and perspective

6.3.1 Research scheme

Based on the results achieved from the present study, a schematic summary of the present research, relating the important role of c-di-GMP in the SCV formation, is introduced in Figure 6.1. This figure presents the formation and selection of highly adaptive phenotypic variants, the SCVs that were formed by phase variation in the previously cultured 57RP cell population prior to being exposed to hexadecane in the present culture MSM medium shaking at 25°C. The phenotype-specific characters of 57RP SCVs grown on hexadecane are also illustrated by the representative proteins, which were specifically found in different cellular compartments.

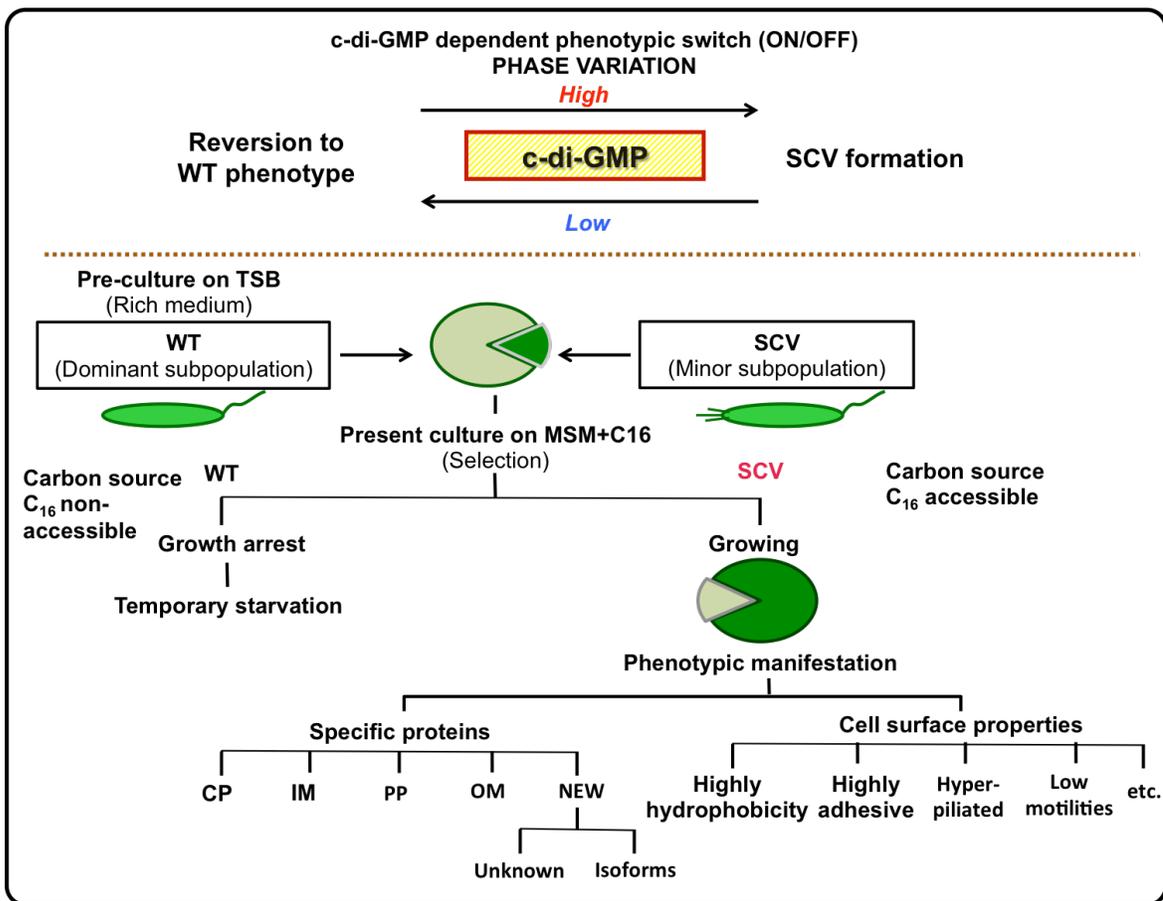


Figure 6.1 Schematic summary of present research

6.3.2 Perspective

I propose also another possible way that may lead to the formation of c-di-GMP-dependent SCVs from the 57RP WT cells grown on hexadecane (Figure 6.2). The 57RP WT cells, which dominated the cell population in the previous rich culture conditions, were not able to grow on the hexadecane that was used as a sole carbon source in the present culture conditions. Consequently, these major WT cells suffered from a temporal starvation and remained as the growth-arresting cells as well as and did not produce new c-di-GMP. Based on the current knowledge of stringent response in response to the carbon starvation of bacteria, I speculate that majority of the starving 57RP WT cells grown on hexadecane would also have synthesized the generally known alarmone (p)ppGpp and used it to reprogram their gene expression and changed their cellular processes for survival. In this case, the generally resultant growing SCV population may be comprised of two c-di-GMP-dependent SCV subpopulations, one of which was the subpopulation of phenotypic variants and the other was that of the genetic mutants as those previously identified clinical *P. aeruginosa* SCVs.

The proposed ways of the formation of the stress growth condition of highly-adapted phenotypic or genetic variants needs more time to be verified in the future. However, it will be really necessary to carry out, the investigations to better understand the role of the universal bacterial second messenger c-di-GMP in the phenotypic switching (On/Off) and its role in the phase variation-based, environment specific stimuli-induced expression of certain physiologically important genes, primarily, in the *P. aeruginosa* SCV cells that are highly adaptive to grow well in various environmental stress conditions.

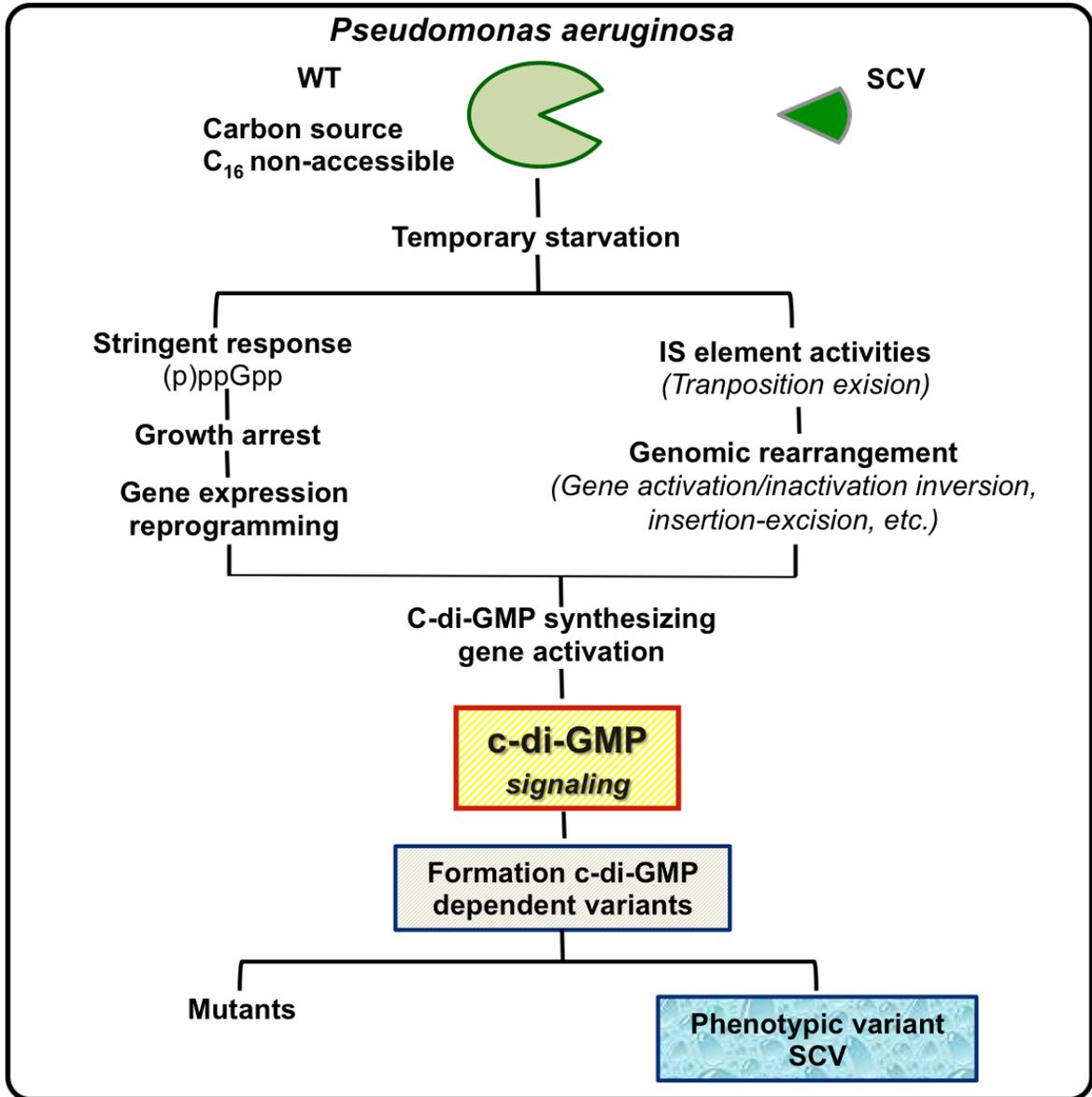


Figure 6.2 Proposal for future work

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8 APPENDIX

8.1 *Scientific communications*

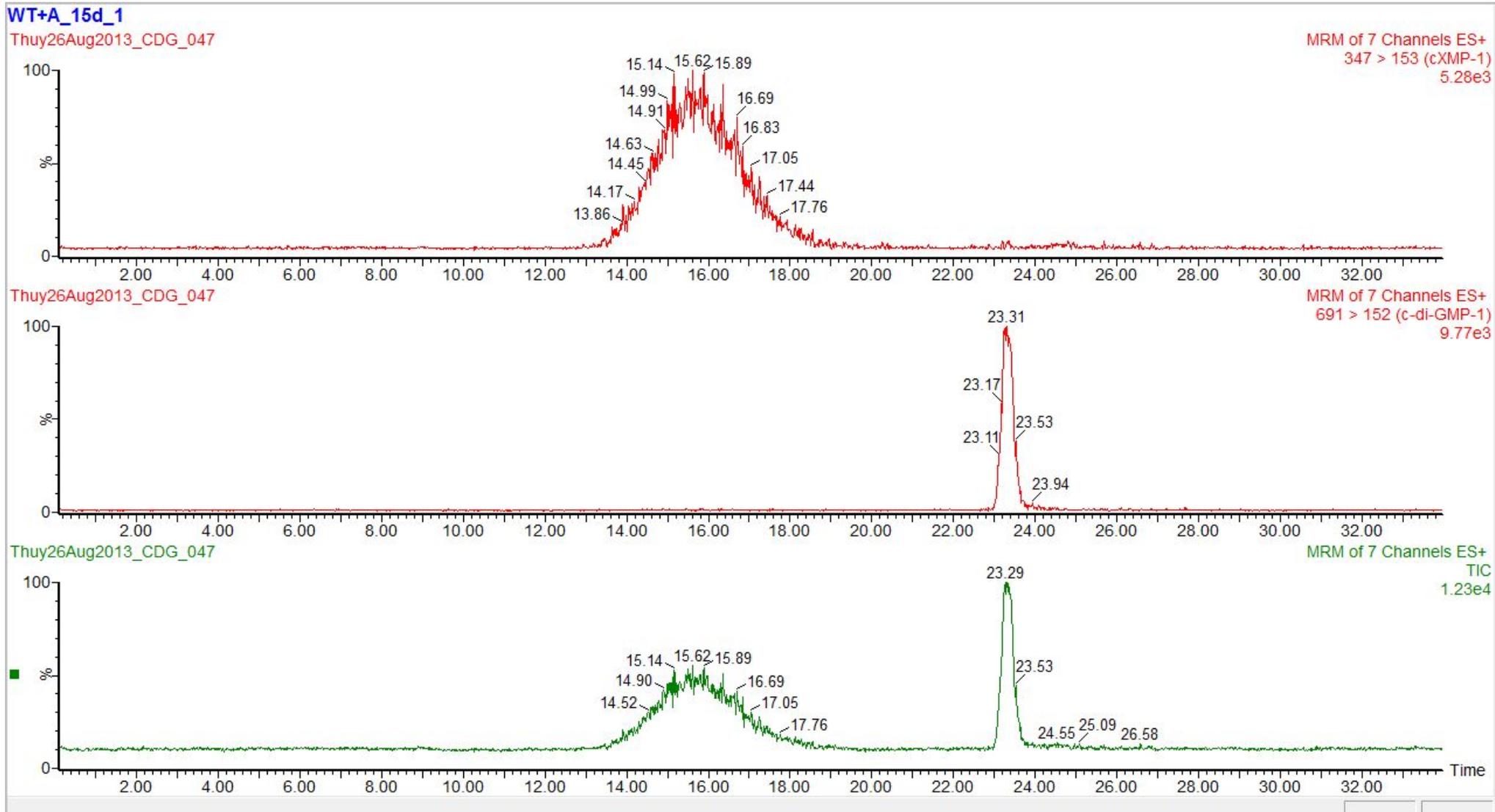
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8.2 *Manuscripts are in preparation*

1. Role of c-di-GMP in the phenotypic switch on of the formation of small colony variants (SCVs) of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* 57RP strain grown on hexadecane.
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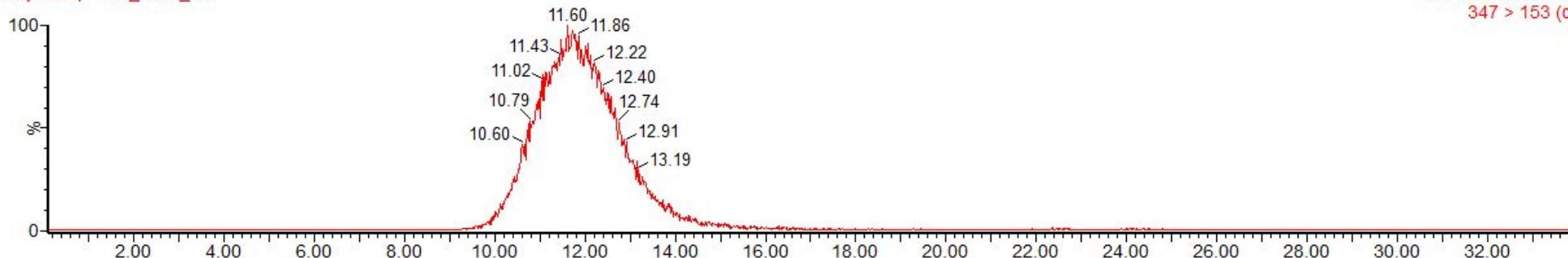
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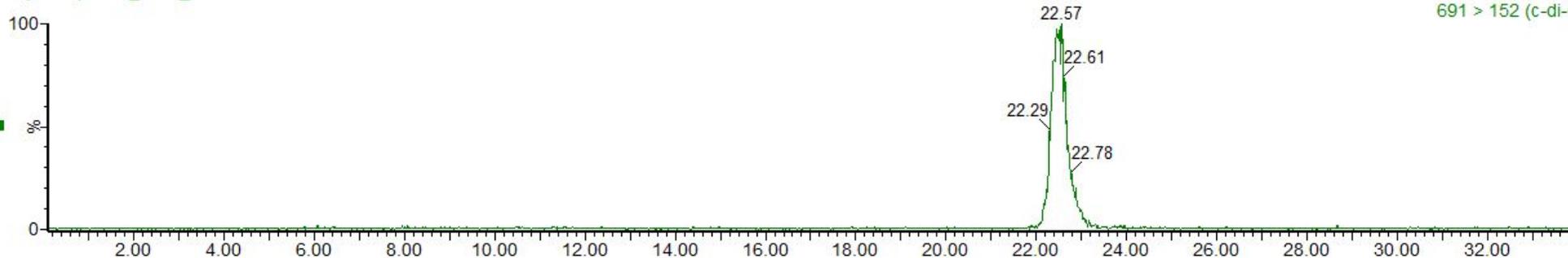
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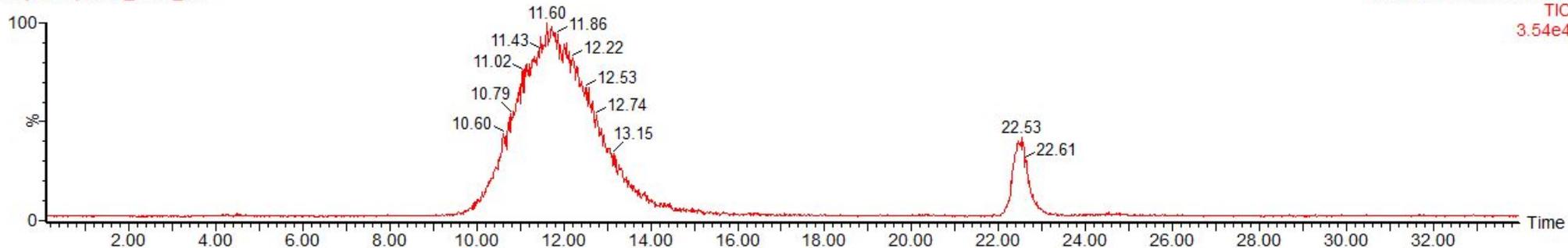
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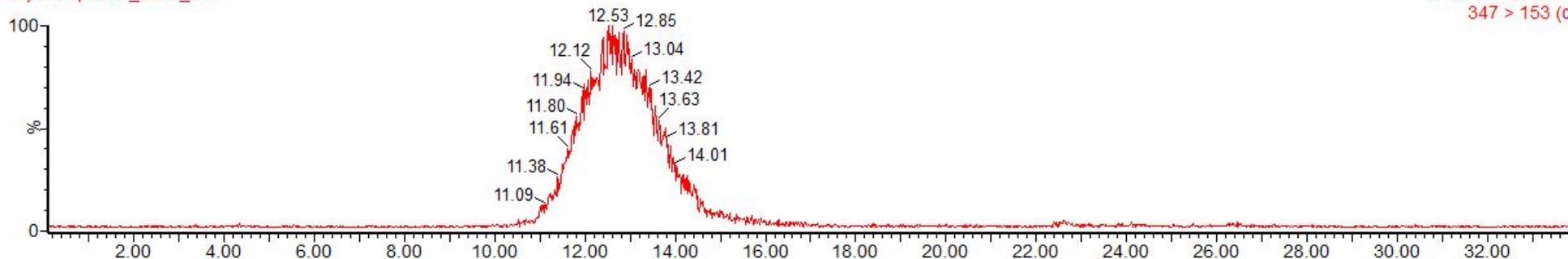
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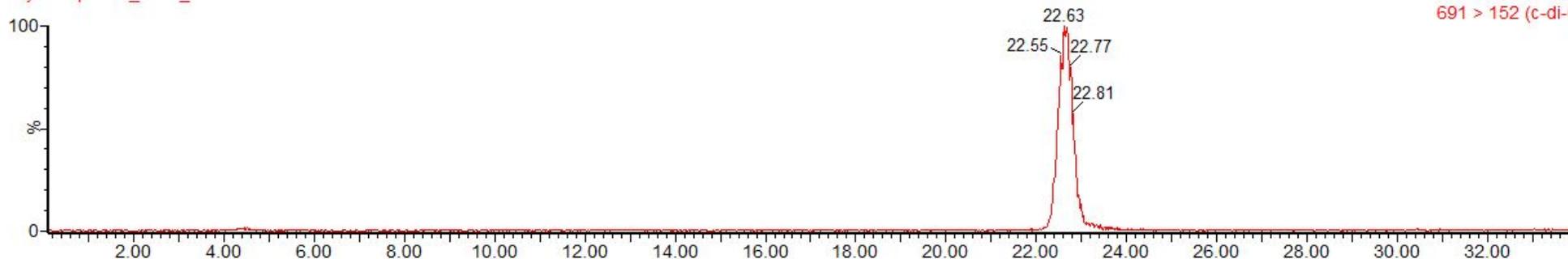
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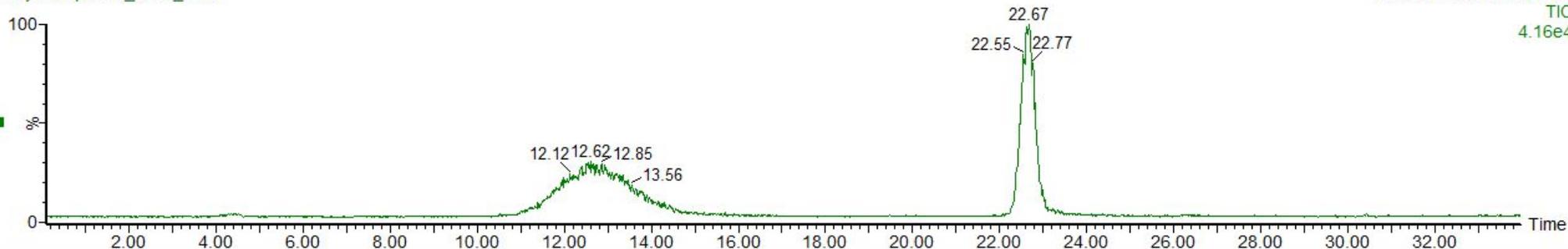
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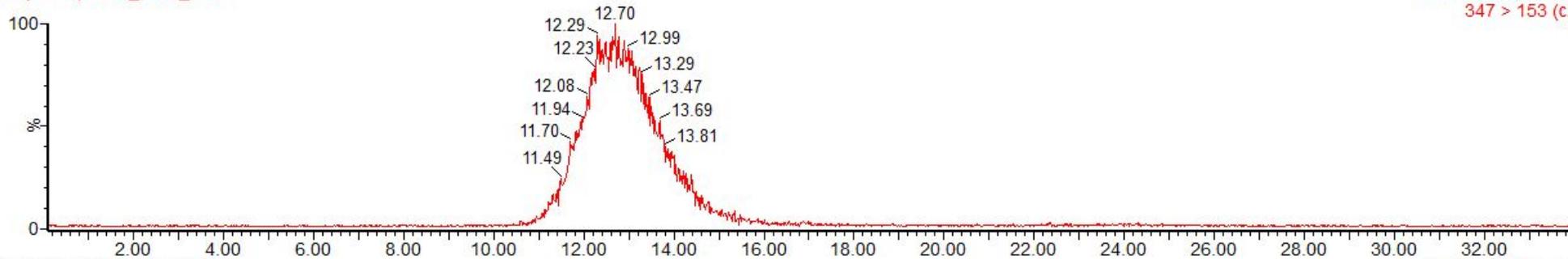


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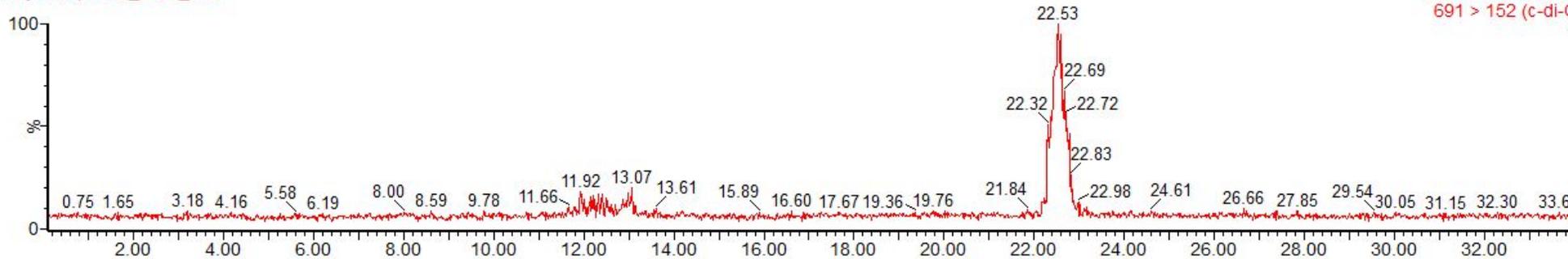
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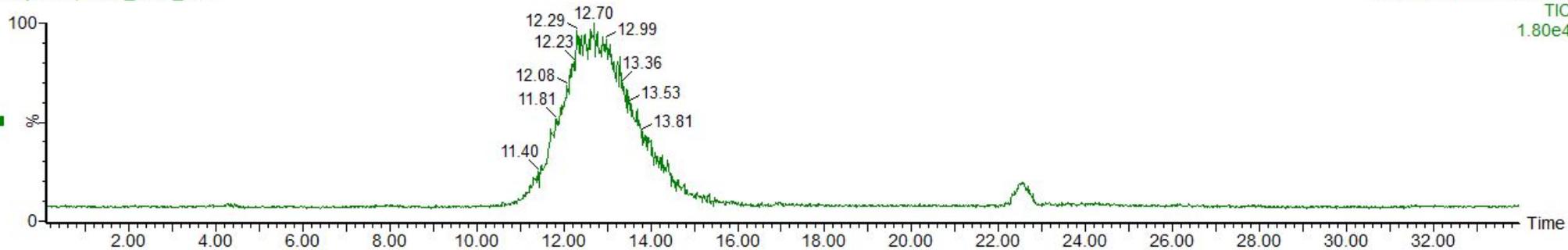
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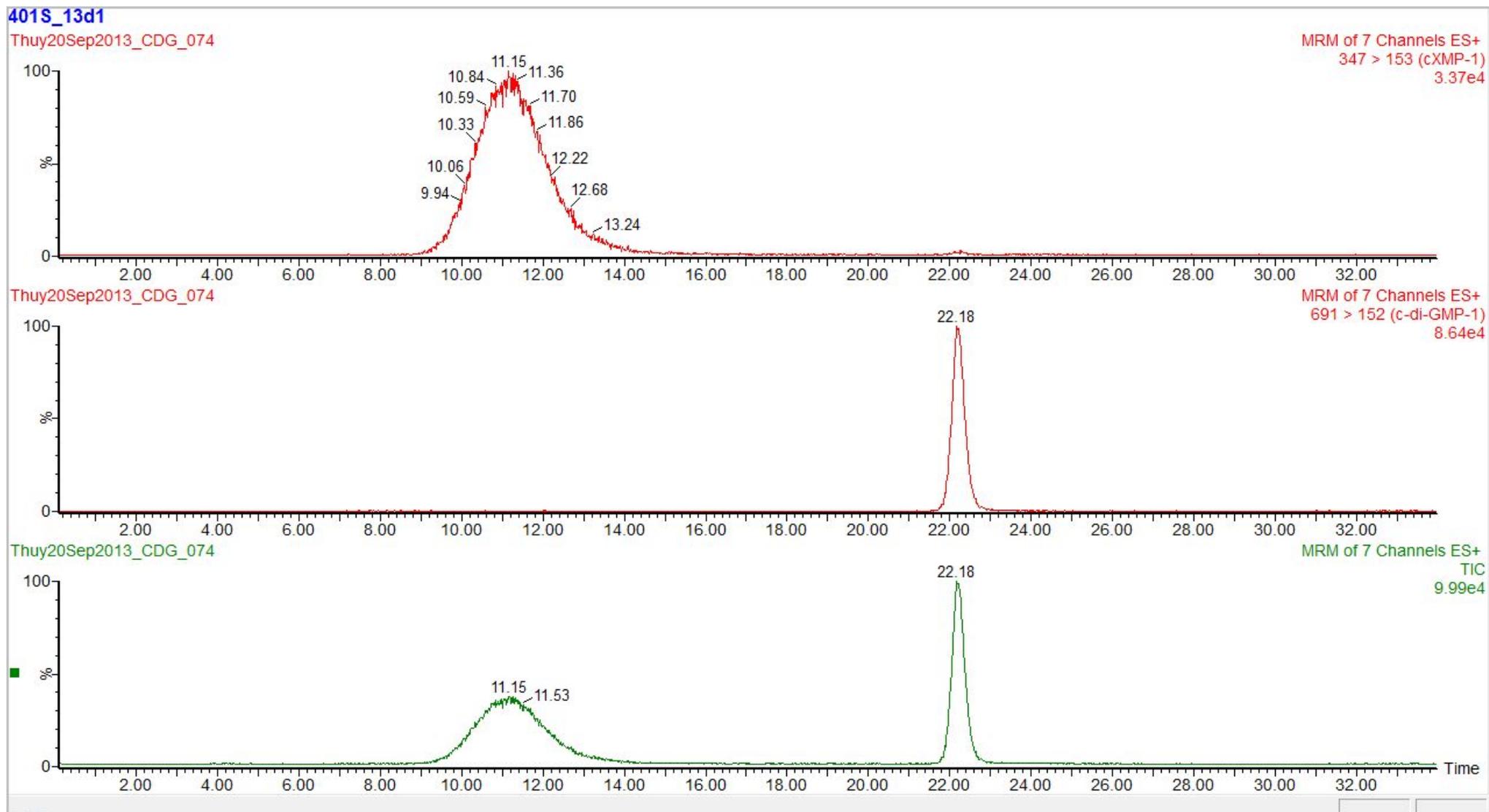
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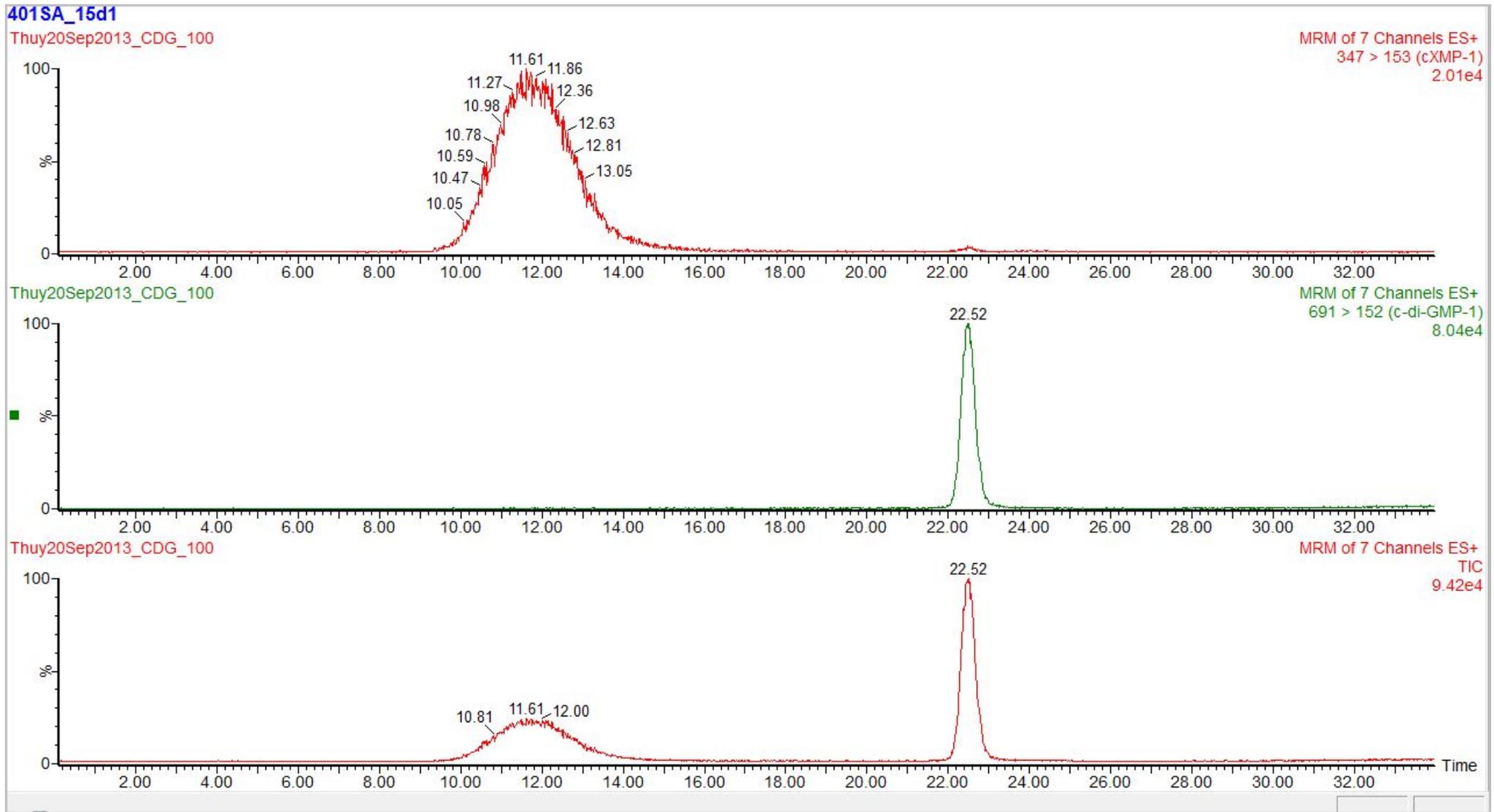


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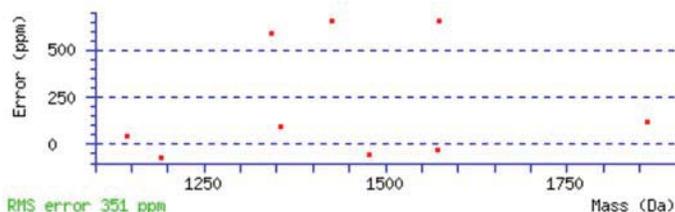
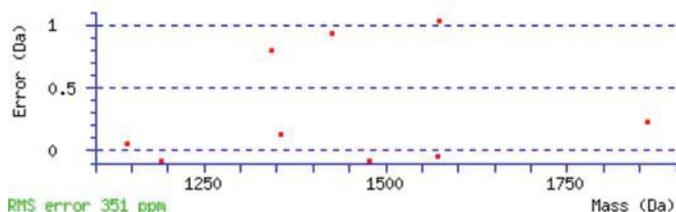
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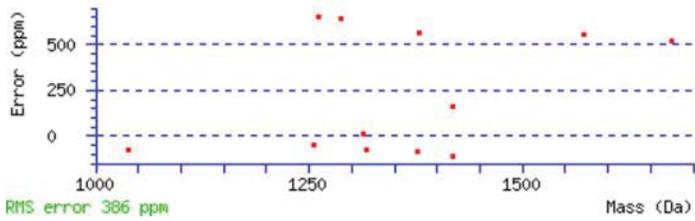
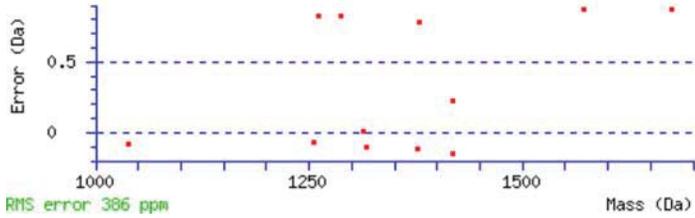
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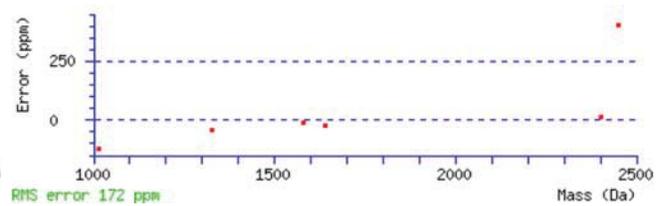
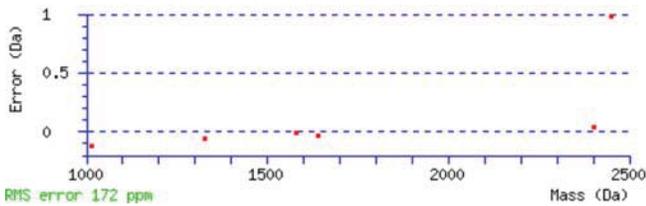
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 AUTHORS Farinha,M.A., Mockett,R., Went,C.J., Jardine,S., Naczynski,L.M. and

Kropinski,A.M.
 TITLE Physical mapping of several heat-shock genes in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and, the cloning of the mopA (GroEL) gene
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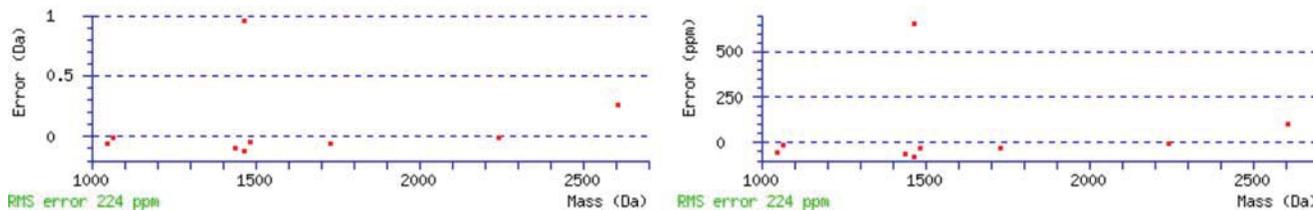
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 TITLE Pseudomonas Genome Database: facilitating user-friendly,
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 TITLE Cystic fibrosis sputum supports growth and cues key aspects of
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 JOURNAL J. Bacteriol. 187 (15), 5267-5277 (2005)
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 AUTHORS Salunkhe,P., Smart,C.H., Morgan,J.A., Panagea,S., Walshaw,M.J.,
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 TITLE A cystic fibrosis epidemic strain of Pseudomonas aeruginosa
 displays enhanced virulence and antimicrobial resistance
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 AUTHORS Filiatrault,M.J., Wagner,V.E., Bushnell,D., Haidaris,C.G.,
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 TITLE Effect of anaerobiosis and nitrate on gene expression in
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 TITLE Screening for quorum-sensing inhibitors (QSI) by use of a novel
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 TITLE Pseudomonas aeruginosa Genome Database and PseudoCap: facilitating
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 AUTHORS Wagner,V.E., Bushnell,D., Passador,L., Brooks,A.I. and
 Iglewski,B.H.
 TITLE Microarray analysis of Pseudomonas aeruginosa quorum-sensing
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 JOURNAL J. Bacteriol. 185 (7), 2080-2095 (2003)
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 TITLE Identification, timing, and signal specificity of Pseudomonas
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 JOURNAL J. Bacteriol. 185 (7), 2066-2079 (2003)
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 AUTHORS Stover,C.K., Pham,X.Q., Erwin,A.L., Mizoguchi,S.D., Warrenner,P.,

Hickey,M.J., Brinkman,F.S., Hufnagle,W.O., Kowalik,D.J., Lagrou,M., Garber,R.L., Goltry,L., Tolentino,E., Westbrook-Wadman,S., Yuan,Y., Brody,L.L., Coulter,S.N., Folger,K.R., Kas,A., Larbig,K., Lim,R., Smith,K., Spencer,D., Wong,G.K., Wu,Z., Paulsen,I.T., Reizer,J., Saier,M.H., Hancock,R.E., Lory,S. and Olson,M.V.

TITLE Complete genome sequence of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PA01, an opportunistic pathogen

JOURNAL Nature 406 (6799), 959-964 (2000)

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TITLE Direct Submission

JOURNAL Submitted (06-OCT-2010) National Center for Biotechnology Information, NIH, Bethesda, MD 20894, USA

REFERENCE 12 (residues 1 to 564)

AUTHORS Winsor,G.L., Hancock,R.E. and Brinkman,F.S.

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JOURNAL Submitted (08-SEP-2010) Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Simon Fraser University, 8888 University Dr., Burnaby, British Columbia V5A 1S6, Canada

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REFERENCE 13 (residues 1 to 564)

AUTHORS Winsor,G.L., Hancock,R.E. and Brinkman,F.S.

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REFERENCE 14 (residues 1 to 564)

AUTHORS Winsor,G.L., Hancock,R.E. and Brinkman,F.S.

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AUTHORS Ung,K.S., Hancock,R.E. and Brinkman,F.S.

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JOURNAL Submitted (04-FEB-2003) Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Simon Fraser University, 8888 University Dr., Burnaby, British Columbia V5A 1S6, Canada

REFERENCE 16 (residues 1 to 564)

AUTHORS Stover,C.K., Pham,X.-Q.T., Erwin,A.L., Mizoguchi,S.D., Warrenner,P., Hickey,M.J., Brinkman,F.S.L., Hufnagle,W.O., Kowalik,D.J., Lagrou,M., Garber,R.L., Goltry,L., Tolentino,E., Westbrook-Wadman,S., Yuan,Y., Brody,L.L., Coulter,S.N., Folger,K.R., Kas,A., Larbig,K., Lim,R.M., Smith,K.A., Spencer,D.H., Wong,G.K.-S., Wu,Z., Paulsen,I.T., Reizer,J., Saier,M.H., Hancock,R.E.W., Lory,S. and Olson,M.V.

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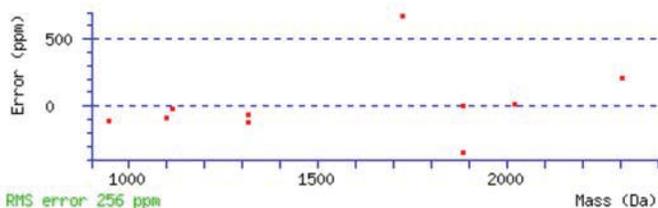
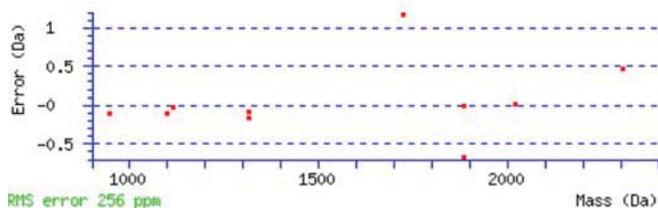
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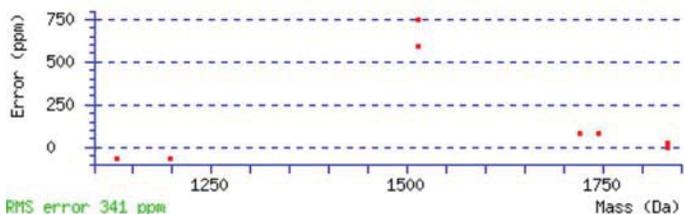
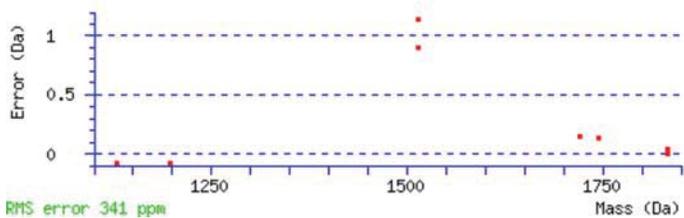
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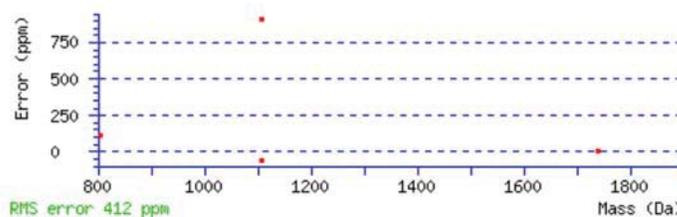
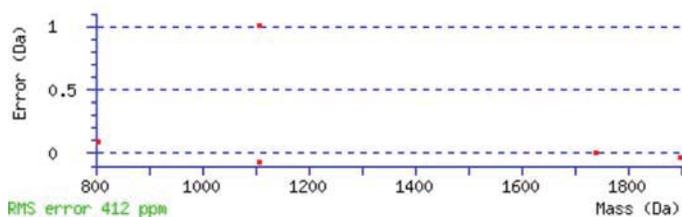
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- [gi|375046891](#) from Pseudomonas aeruginosa MPAO1/P2
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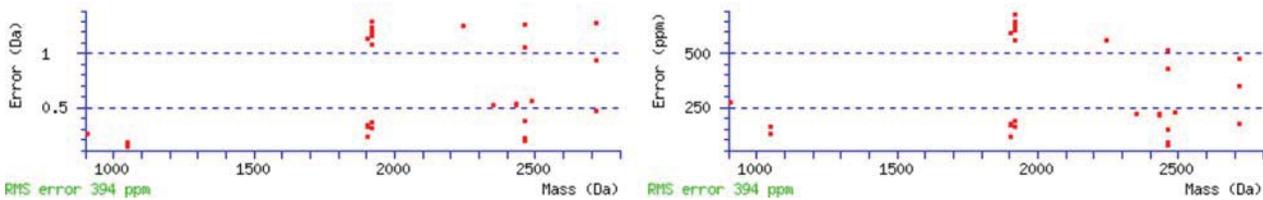
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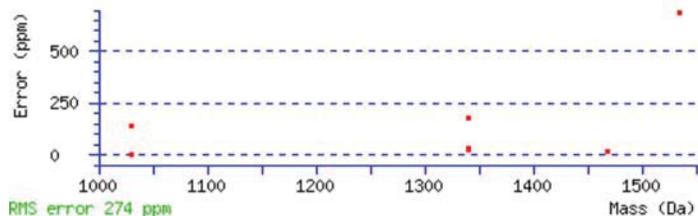
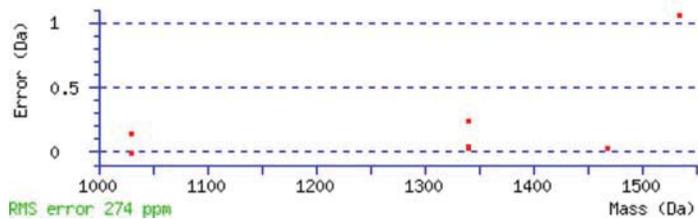
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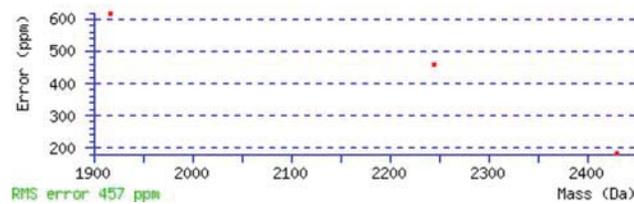
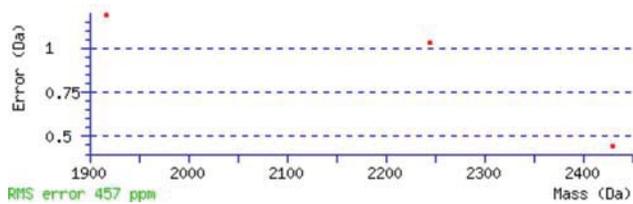
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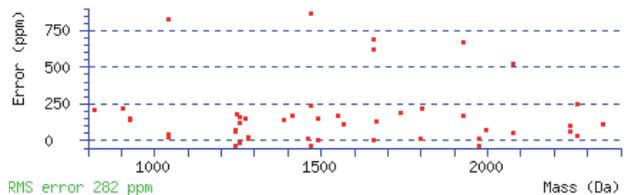
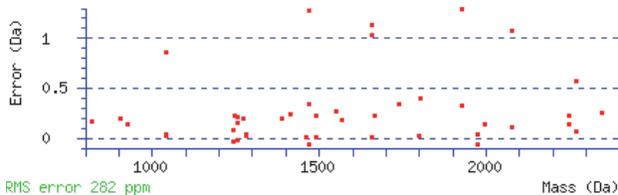
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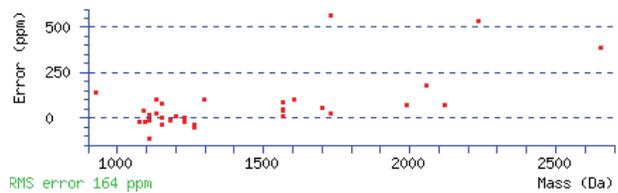
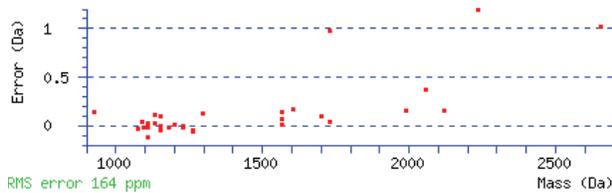
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AUTHORS Winsor,G.L., Lo,R., Sui,S.J., Ung,K.S., Huang,S., Cheng,D.,
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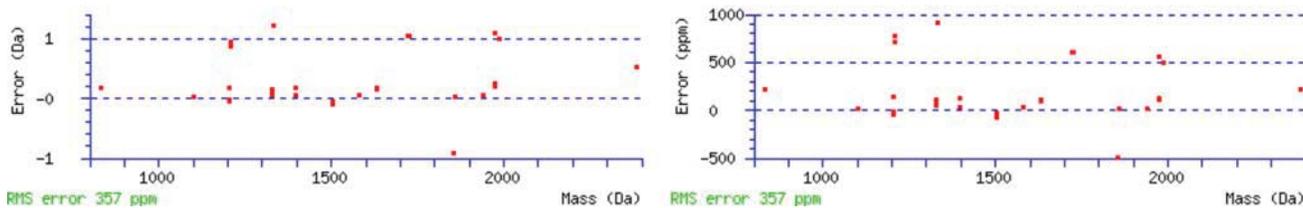
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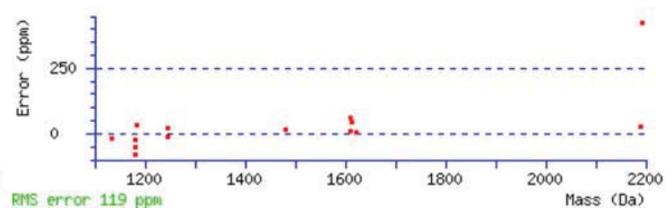
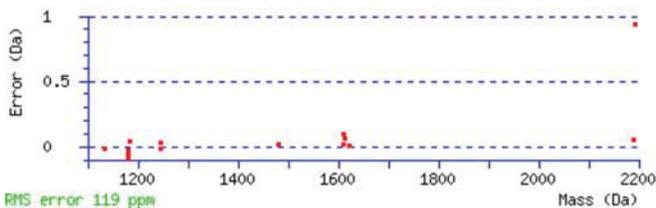
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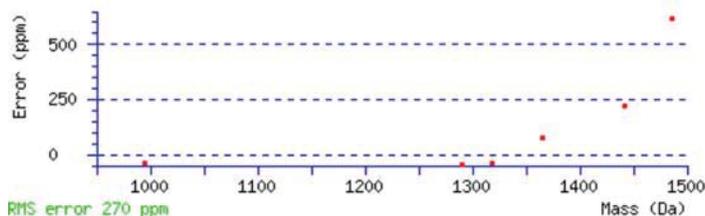
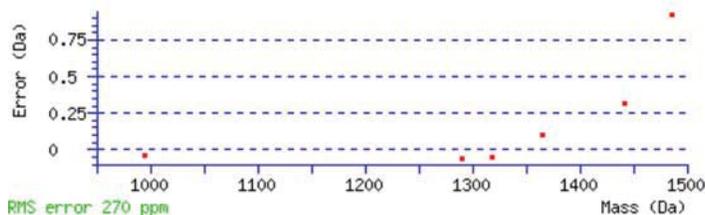
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 TITLE Pseudomonas Genome Database: facilitating user-friendly, comprehensive comparisons of microbial genomes
 JOURNAL Nucleic acids Res. 37 (DATABASE ISSUE), D483-D488 (2009)
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 TITLE Defining the Pseudomonas aeruginosa SOS response and its role in the global response to the antibiotic ciprofloxacin
 JOURNAL J. Bacteriol. 188 (20), 7101-7110 (2006)
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 TITLE Cystic fibrosis sputum supports growth and cues key aspects of Pseudomonas aeruginosa physiology
 JOURNAL J. Bacteriol. 187 (15), 5267-5277 (2005)
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 AUTHORS Salunkhe,P., Smart,C.H., Morgan,J.A., Panagea,S., Walshaw,M.J., Hart,C.A., Geffers,R., Tummler,B. and Winstanley,C.
 TITLE A cystic fibrosis epidemic strain of Pseudomonas aeruginosa displays enhanced virulence and antimicrobial resistance
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 AUTHORS Filiatrault,M.J., Wagner,V.E., Bushnell,D., Haidaris,C.G., Iglewski,B.H. and Passador,L.
 TITLE Effect of anaerobiosis and nitrate on gene expression in Pseudomonas aeruginosa
 JOURNAL Infect. Immun. 73 (6), 3764-3772 (2005)
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AUTHORS Rasmussen,T.B., Bjarnsholt,T., Skindersoe,M.E., Hentzer,M., Kristoffersen,P., Kote,M., Nielsen,J., Eberl,L. and Givskov,M.
 TITLE Screening for quorum-sensing inhibitors (QSI) by use of a novel genetic system, the QSI selector
 JOURNAL J. Bacteriol. 187 (5), 1799-1814 (2005)
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AUTHORS Winsor,G.L., Lo,R., Sui,S.J., Ung,K.S., Huang,S., Cheng,D., Ching,W.K., Hancock,R.E. and Brinkman,F.S.
 TITLE Pseudomonas aeruginosa Genome Database and PseudoCap: facilitating community-based, continually updated, genome annotation
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AUTHORS Wagner,V.E., Bushnell,D., Passador,L., Brooks,A.I. and Iglewski,B.H.
 TITLE Microarray analysis of Pseudomonas aeruginosa quorum-sensing regulons: effects of growth phase and environment
 JOURNAL J. Bacteriol. 185 (7), 2080-2095 (2003)
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AUTHORS Schuster,M., Lostroh,C.P., Ogi,T. and Greenberg,E.P.
 TITLE Identification, timing, and signal specificity of Pseudomonas aeruginosa quorum-controlled genes: a transcriptome analysis
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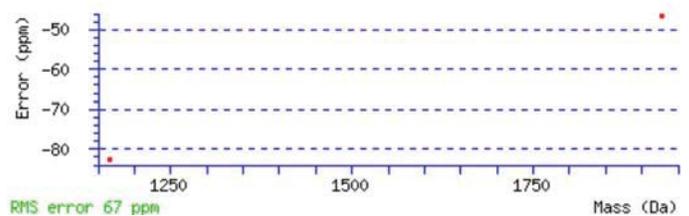
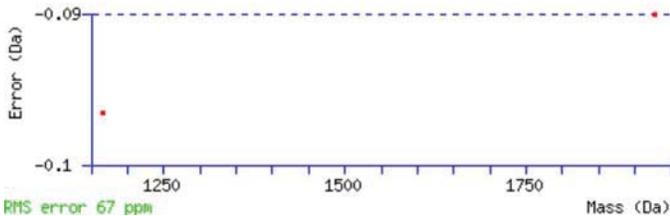
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JOURNAL PLoS ONE 5 (1), E8842 (2010)

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AUTHORS Dodson,R.J., Harkins,D. and Paulsen,I.T.

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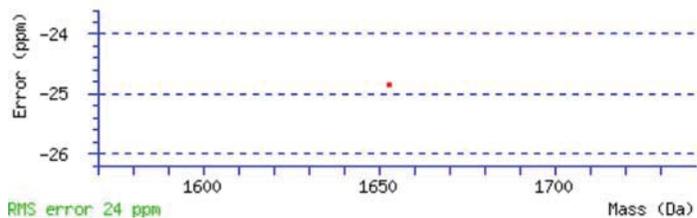
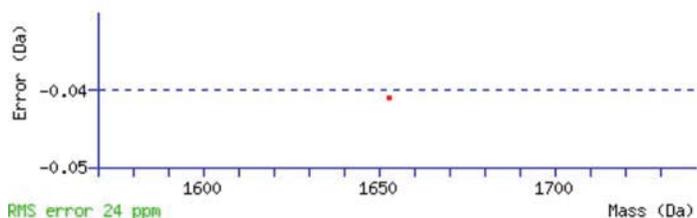
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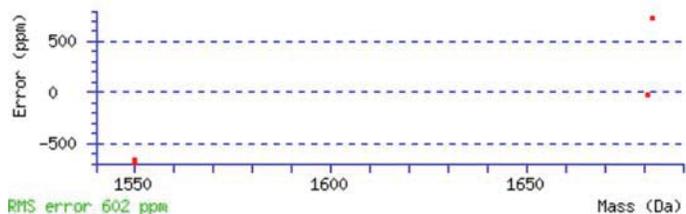
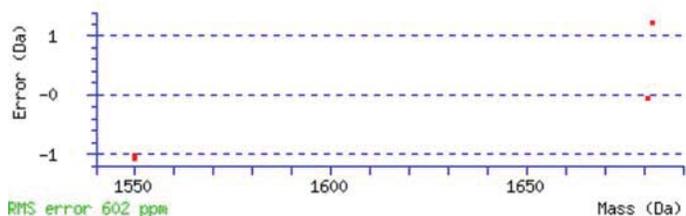
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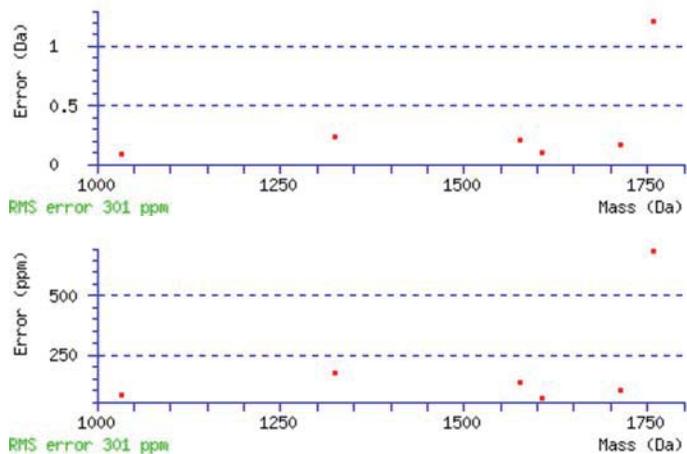
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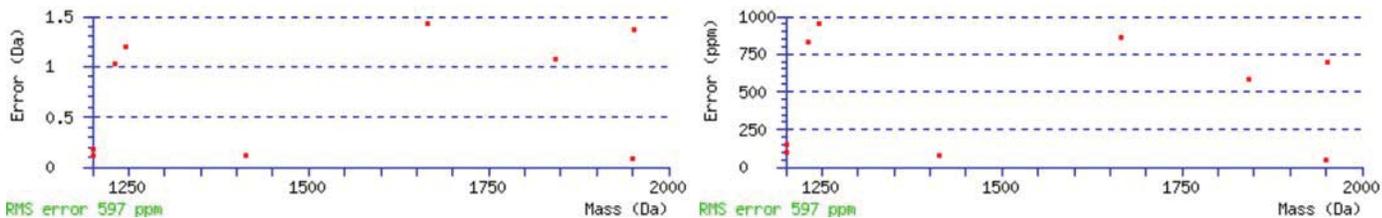
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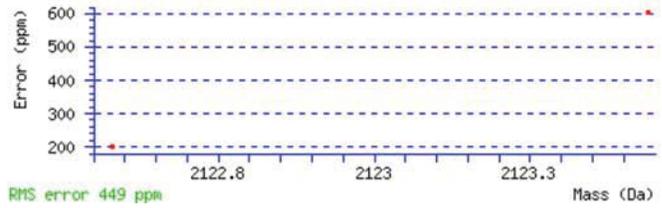
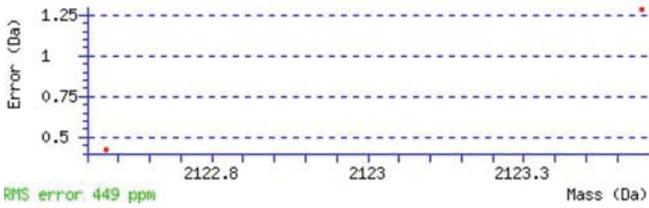
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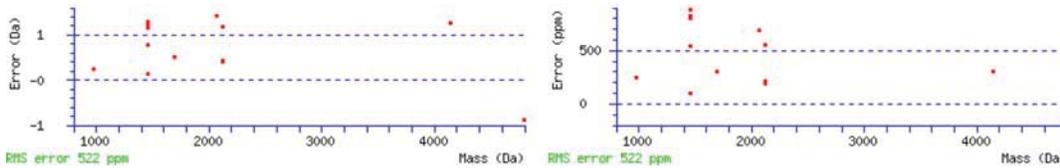
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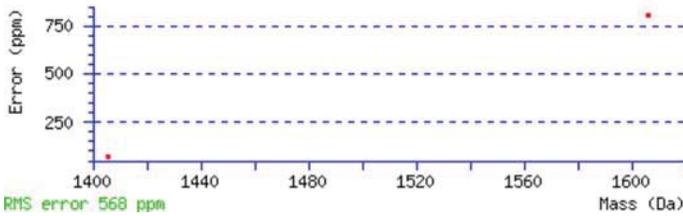
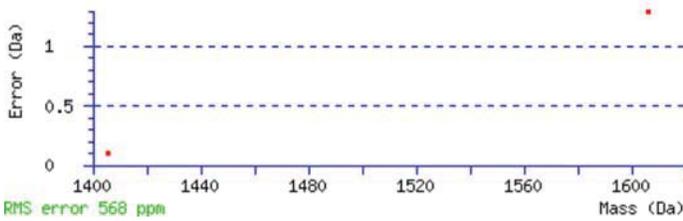
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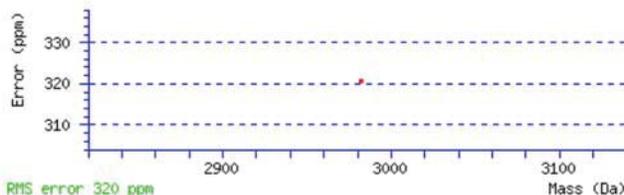
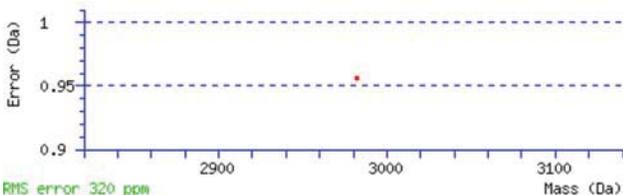
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 AUTHORS Ihara,F., Kageyama,Y., Hirata,M., Nihira,T. and Yamada,Y.
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 JOURNAL J. Biol. Chem. 266 (27), 18135-18140 (1991)
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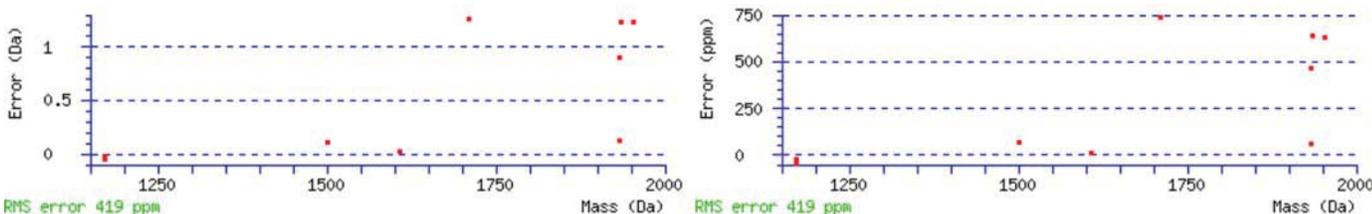
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 TITLE Pseudomonas Genome Database: facilitating user-friendly,
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 TITLE Defining the Pseudomonas aeruginosa SOS response and its role in
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 AUTHORS Palmer,K.L., Mashburn,L.M., Singh,P.K. and Whiteley,M.
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 TITLE A cystic fibrosis epidemic strain of Pseudomonas aeruginosa
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 TITLE Effect of anaerobiosis and nitrate on gene expression in
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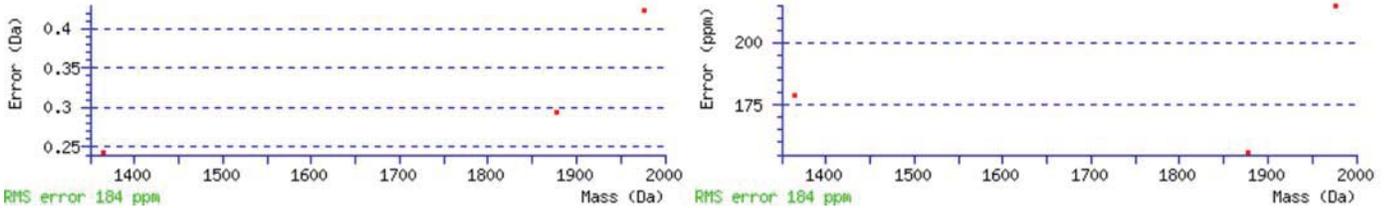
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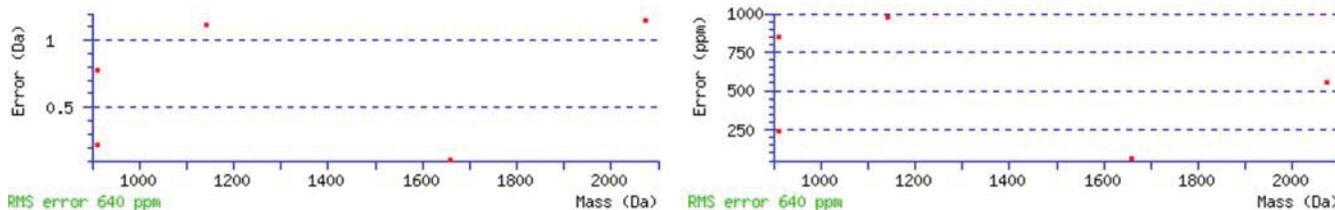
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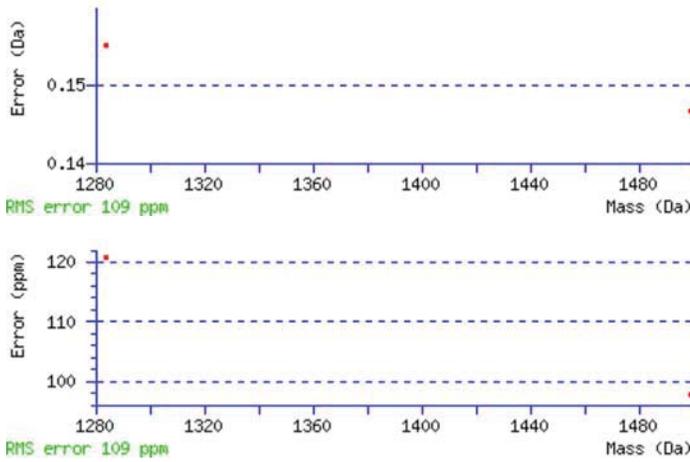
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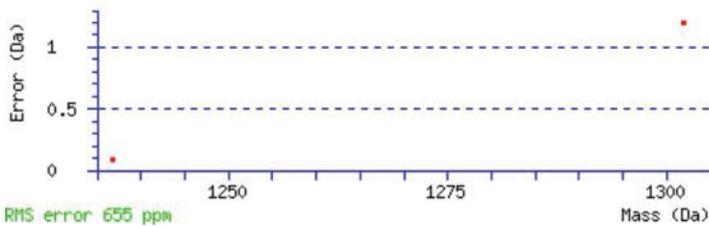
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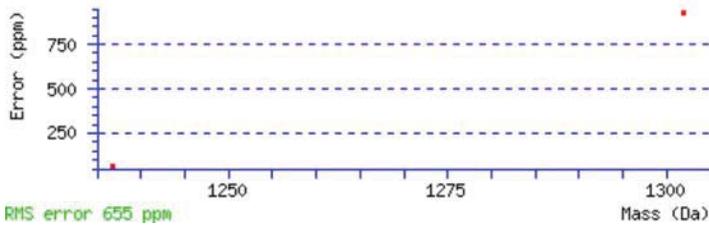
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