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2 collateral effects

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20 **Abstract (max. 250 words)**

21 When bacteria evolve resistance against a particular antibiotic, they may  
22 simultaneously gain increased sensitivity against a second one. Such collateral  
23 sensitivity may be exploited to develop novel, sustainable antibiotic treatment strategies  
24 aimed at containing the current, dramatic spread of drug resistance. To date, the  
25 presence and molecular basis of collateral sensitivity has only been studied in few  
26 bacterial species and is unknown for opportunistic human pathogens such as  
27 *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. In the present study, we assessed patterns of collateral  
28 effects by experimentally evolving 160 independent populations of *P. aeruginosa* to  
29 high levels of resistance against eight commonly used antibiotics. The bacteria evolved  
30 resistance rapidly and expressed both collateral sensitivity and cross-resistance. The  
31 pattern of such collateral effects differed to those previously reported for other bacterial  
32 species, suggesting inter-specific differences in the underlying evolutionary trade-offs.  
33 Intriguingly, we also identified contrasting patterns of collateral sensitivity and cross-  
34 resistance among the replicate populations adapted to the same drug. Whole-genome  
35 sequencing of 81 independently evolved populations revealed distinct evolutionary  
36 paths of resistance to the selective drug, which determined whether bacteria became  
37 cross-resistant or collaterally sensitive towards others. **Based on genomic and**  
38 **functional genetic analysis, we demonstrate that** collateral sensitivity **can** result from  
39 resistance mutations in **regulatory genes such as *nalC* or *mexZ*, which mediate**  
40 **aminoglycoside sensitivity in  $\beta$ -lactam-adapted populations, or the two-component**  
41 **regulatory system gene *pmrB*, which enhances penicillin sensitivity in gentamicin-**  
42 **resistant populations.** Our findings highlight substantial variation in the evolved  
43 collateral effects among replicates, which in turn determine their potential in antibiotic  
44 therapy.

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46 **Introduction**

47 Bacteria have the potential to rapidly adapt to virtually any natural or laboratory  
48 environment (Kussell 2013). The long-term evolution experiment with *Escherichia coli*  
49 (LTEE) has shown that even in simple constant environments, bacteria can achieve  
50 comprehensive fitness increases of about 25% within the first 2,000 generations (Lenski  
51 et al. 1991). Although the LTEE populations show reduced adaptation rates at later time  
52 points (e.g., after 50,000 generations), they still continue to accumulate an almost  
53 constant number of new beneficial mutations (Barrick et al. 2009; Tenaillon et al.  
54 2016). Thus, bacteria can adapt rapidly to new challenges and subsequently continue to  
55 optimize their fitness. Such remarkable adaptive potential was also observed under  
56 more challenging conditions: Using evolution experiments with antibiotics, *E. coli*  
57 evolved high levels of drug resistance through the step-wise accumulation of multiple  
58 mutations when drug concentrations increased over time (Toprak et al. 2012) or across  
59 space (Baym, Lieberman, et al. 2016). Bacteria also readily adapted when they were  
60 challenged with two antibiotics simultaneously (Chait et al. 2007; Hegreness et al.  
61 2008; Michel et al. 2008; Pena-Miller et al. 2013), or sequentially (Kim et al. 2014;  
62 Fuentes-Hernandez et al. 2015; Roemhild et al. 2015).

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64 Rapid bacterial adaptation to new environments often involves evolutionary trade-offs  
65 in the form of reduced fitness under alternative growth conditions (Kussell 2013). In  
66 the case of antibiotic resistance evolution, two types of trade-offs (or costs) are  
67 commonly observed: (i) evolved resistance is costly in the absence of the drugs, thus  
68 generating growth deficiencies relative to the susceptible ancestor (Andersson and  
69 Hughes 2010; Melnyk et al. 2015), and (ii) resistance mutations may exacerbate  
70 susceptibility against others (i.e. collateral sensitivity (Szybalski and Bryson 1952; Pál  
71 et al. 2015); also referred to as hypersensitivity, or negative cross-resistance in previous  
72 publications). However, adaptive mutations do not always entail a cost but instead may  
73 increase resistance against other antibiotics (i.e., collateral resistance or cross-  
74 resistance); thus favoring multi-drug resistance.

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76 The phenomenon of collateral sensitivity was first described in the 1950s in a study by  
77 Szybalski and Bryson, in which the authors tested if experimentally evolved resistant  
78 *E. coli* was less, equally or more sensitive to previously unmet drugs (Szybalski and  
79 Bryson 1952). Despite finding that cross-resistance was much more prevalent than

80 collateral sensitivity, the authors hypothesized that these rare cases could then be  
81 exploited by rationally using more than one drug during treatment of resistant clinical  
82 strains. The employment of drug pairs that produce reciprocal collateral sensitivity  
83 might trap bacteria in an evolutionary ‘double-bind’, thus improving treatment efficacy  
84 and decreasing the evolution of resistance. This idea was more recently tested by  
85 exposing bacteria to such drug pairs being deployed sequentially (Imamovic and  
86 Sommer 2013; Kim et al. 2014; Fuentes-Hernandez et al. 2015; Roemhild et al. 2015)  
87 or simultaneously (Munck et al. 2014; Evgrafov et al. 2015). Additionally, several other  
88 studies have further evaluated what factors could help to predict the changes in drug  
89 sensitivity in experimentally evolved resistant *E. coli*. These showed that the strength  
90 of selection and the chemogenomic profile similarity between antibiotics play  
91 significant roles in the evolution of resistance and hence influence the patterns of cross-  
92 resistance and hypersensitivity (Lázár et al. 2013; Lázár et al. 2014; Oz et al. 2014).

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94 To fully determine the importance of such trade-offs during bacterial adaptation and  
95 also their therapeutic potential, the patterns of collateral resistance/sensitivity observed  
96 in *E. coli* need to be assessed in other, clinically relevant bacterial taxa, including those  
97 known to possess high adaptive capacity such as members of the genus *Pseudomonas*.  
98 This group of bacteria are able to colonize and thrive in a plethora of niches (Nikel et  
99 al. 2014), and act as prominent plant and human pathogens (Loper et al. 2012;  
100 Rodríguez-Rojas et al. 2012; Balasubramanian et al. 2013). For instance, the  
101 opportunistic human pathogen *P. aeruginosa* is commonly associated with hospital-  
102 acquired infections, and it is a major cause of chronic lung disease, including the  
103 ultimately fatal infections in cystic fibrosis patients (Govan and Deretic 1996; Arruda  
104 et al. 1999; Kang et al. 2003; Folkesson et al. 2012). Its success as an opportunistic  
105 pathogen can be largely attributed to its vast array of virulence factors, including the  
106 production of alginate to form biofilms, its ability to survive oxidative stress, and the  
107 availability of various secretion systems (Hauser 2009; Ma et al. 2009; Burrows 2012;  
108 Jimenez et al. 2012; Korotkov et al. 2012). Moreover, it carries a large array of intrinsic  
109 antibiotic resistance mechanisms and an exceptional potential to acquire resistance,  
110 both *de novo* or horizontally transferred (Arruda et al. 1999; Carmeli et al. 1999;  
111 Hancock and Speert 2000; Poole 2001; Drenkard and Ausubel 2002; Livermore 2002;  
112 Overhage et al. 2008; Breidenstein et al. 2011). To date there is neither information on  
113 the evolution of drug sensitivity trade-offs in *P. aeruginosa*, nor on its genomic

114 underpinnings. To rectify this knowledge gap, we experimentally selected 160 highly  
115 resistant populations of *P. aeruginosa* PA14 (plus 20 control populations) and  
116 evaluated the possibility of evolutionary trade-offs in the form of fitness deficiencies in  
117 the absence of antibiotics and hypersensitivity to other drugs. We assessed the  
118 underlying molecular mechanisms of such trade-offs through whole-genome  
119 sequencing of 81 evolved resistant populations.

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## 121 **Results and discussion**

### 122 **Rapid evolution of antibiotic resistance**

123 We used experimental evolution to generate independent populations of *P. aeruginosa*  
124 PA14 with significantly increased resistance against eight different antibiotics. We  
125 challenged 20 isogenic populations against increasing concentrations of one out of eight  
126 different drugs (for abbreviations of all antibiotics see table 1), and included an  
127 evolutionary control grown in media only, resulting in a total of 180 independent  
128 populations. Experiments were initiated at [half the concentration inhibiting >90% of](#)  
129 [growth \(abbreviated IC90\)](#), as determined for the ancestral PA14. Populations were  
130 then serially transferred every 12 h for 24 days (48 transfers; approximately 58  
131 generations) until reaching around 40 times the [IC90](#), or until less than half of the  
132 starting populations from a given antibiotic were still growing (fig. 1A). In the cases of  
133 DOR, IMI, and CAR, more than half of the populations went extinct at transfers 20, 28,  
134 and 40, respectively; we accordingly isolated 10 populations adapted to the 2x, 5x and  
135 17x environments for further analysis. In all other cases, we randomly chose 10  
136 surviving populations per antibiotic for subsequent characterization. Frozen  
137 populations adapted to GEN could not be recovered after thawing; we could only revive  
138 10 of those adapted to the 5x environment. Altogether we obtained 80 populations  
139 adapted to 8 different antibiotics and 10 additional ones adapted to media only.

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141 **Table 1.** List of antibiotics used during selection experiments.

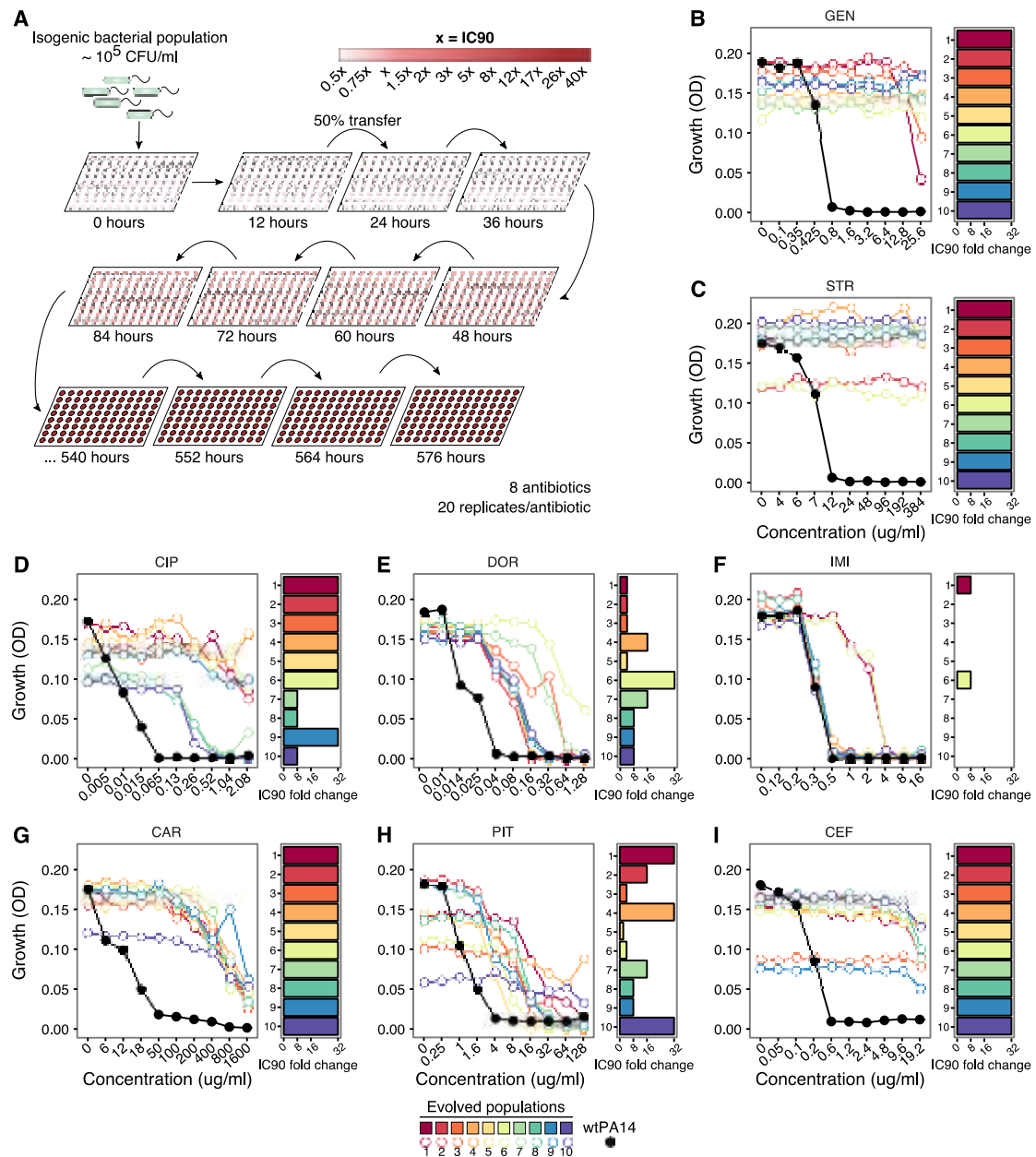
Functional target	Class	Drug	Abbreviation
DNA repair	Quinolones	Ciprofloxacin	CIP
Protein synthesis	Aminoglycosides	Gentamicin	GEN
		Streptomycin	STR
Cell wall synthesis	Penicillins	Piperacillin + Tazobactam	PIT
		Carbenicillin	CAR

Carbapenems	Doripenem	DOR
	Imipenem	IMI
Cephalosporins	Cefsulodin	CEF

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143 For the selected populations, we quantified the changes in resistance to the respective  
144 drug used during the evolution experiment (see Materials and Methods). *P. aeruginosa*  
145 could rapidly (within 58 generations or less) reach resistance levels of at least 32 times  
146 the IC90 of the ancestral PA14 for most antibiotics (fig. 1B-I). Interestingly, we  
147 observed substantial variation within particular drug treatments, suggesting different  
148 routes of adaptation to the antibiotic. Similar increases in drug resistance were found in  
149 a recent study with the related *P. aeruginosa* strain PAO1 (Cabot et al. 2016),  
150 highlighting the adaptive potential of this species. The same study also revealed in most  
151 cases an association of increased resistance with genomic changes in well-known  
152 resistance pathways. *P. aeruginosa*'s resistance thus appears to be **achieved fast**  
153 through diverse mechanisms. Several comparable *E. coli* evolution experiments  
154 resulted in similar levels of resistance, although variation between populations adapted  
155 to the same drug was less pronounced than observed here for *P. aeruginosa* (Imamovic  
156 and Sommer 2013; Lázár et al. 2013; Oz et al. 2014).

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159 **Fig. 1.** Directional selection of highly resistant *P. aeruginosa*. (A) Illustration of the  
 160 experimental design used for the selection of resistant populations. Twenty replicate  
 161 populations for each of the eight included antibiotics (Table 1) and a control without  
 162 antibiotic (a total of 180 populations) were serially transferred every 12h into fresh  
 163 medium and, for the drug treatments, increasing concentrations of each drug. Selection  
 164 was initiated at 0.5 times the concentration inhibiting >90% of growth (IC90) and  
 165 concluded at ~40 times of the IC90. (B-I) Ten populations for each antibiotic were  
 166 subsequently evaluated for their growth on different concentrations of the drug  
 167 experienced during the experiment. Dose-response curves are shown in the left panels  
 168 and IC90 fold changes in the right panels. The ten replicate populations are shown in  
 169 different colors, while the black line represents the ancestral *P. aeruginosa* PA14.

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### 171 **Rapid resistance evolution entails a growth cost**

172 To evaluate whether the evolution of high drug resistance levels was generally  
173 associated with a fitness deficiency, we measured different growth parameters of all of  
174 the evolved populations, and the ancestral PA14 in a drug-free environment. We found  
175 that the control populations, which evolved without antibiotics, had significantly  
176 shorter lag phases and lower growth rates relative to the ancestor (supplementary fig.  
177 S1). These results suggest that adaptation to the medium alone can have strong effects  
178 on fitness. These effects could in turn influence antibiotic resistance. To evaluate this,  
179 we compared the sensitivity of the evolved control populations and the ancestor against  
180 each of the eight antibiotics. In general, we found no significant differences between  
181 the dose response curves of the controls and the ancestor (supplementary fig. S2). The  
182 only exceptions refer to cases at sub-inhibitory drug concentrations where the evolved  
183 populations showed higher growth than the ancestral PA14. More importantly, with  
184 only a single exception, none of the replicate populations showed a change in the IC90,  
185 thus indicating that the fitness alterations of the evolved controls do not translate into  
186 changes in drug sensitivity (supplementary fig. S2).

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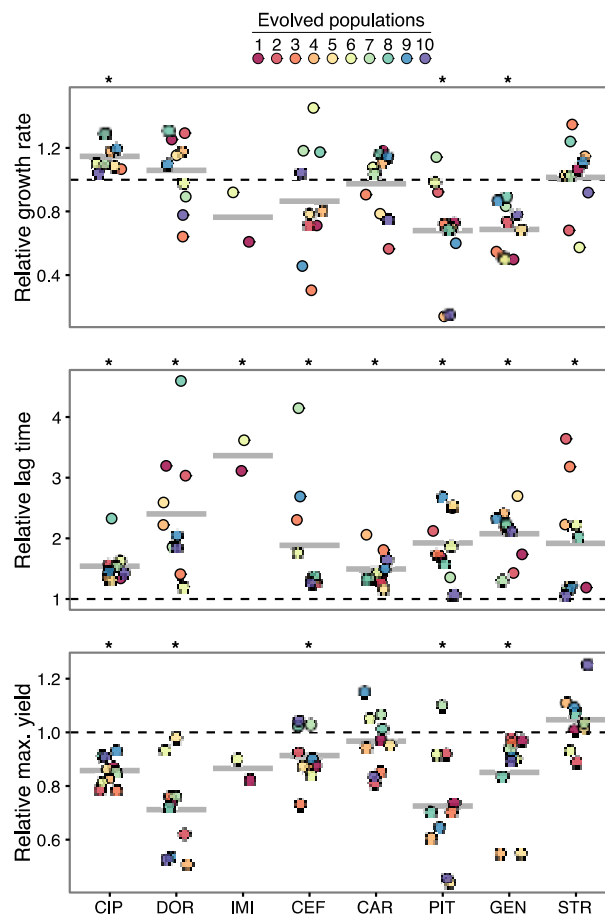
188 As evolution in the absence of drugs affected growth characteristics, we specifically  
189 assessed the costs associated with the adaptation to antibiotics by relating our growth  
190 measures of the 80 resistant populations to those of the evolved controls. Resistant  
191 populations showed changes in at least one of the measured growth characteristics: lag  
192 time, growth rate, and maximum yield (fig. 2). In all cases, we observed a significantly  
193 longer time spent in lag phase, and in most cases (5 out of 8 drugs), a significant  
194 reduction of about 20-50% in maximum yield. Only populations adapted to PIT and  
195 GEN had significantly reduced growth rates. Overall, 90% of the resistant populations  
196 spent longer times in lag phase, 49% produced lower maximum yields, and 36% had  
197 lower growth rates (supplementary table S1). Interestingly, 60% of the resistant  
198 populations had a significant cost in at least two of the parameters, whereas only five  
199 of the populations showed no fitness costs at all.

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201 In most cases there was substantial variation among populations adapted to the same  
202 drug (fig. 2). This might have been the result of at least two paths: a direct outcome of  
203 costly adaptation resulting in varying lengths of lag phases depending on the favored



204 resistance mechanism, or, alternatively, an indirect consequence of our experimental  
 205 design in which selection independently acted in favor of tolerance. In the latter case,  
 206 an extended lag phase could have *allowed *P. aeruginosa* to remain in the environment*  
 207 *without immediately changing its initial resistance levels but instead increasing*  
 208 *antibiotic tolerance. This could have ultimately resulted in varying levels of measured*  
 209 resistance among the various populations (Levin-Reisman et al. 2017). However, we  
 210 found no significant correlation between the IC90 fold change and the lag time (or any  
 211 of the growth parameters) for any of the antibiotics used (supplementary table S2 and  
 212 supplementary fig. S3). This strongly suggests that the differences in resistance are not  
 213 a result of selection for tolerance, but rather due to underlying differences in the  
 214 resistance mechanisms that in turn have distinct effects on growth. This finding also  
 215 means that the extent of the resistance increase does not linearly translate into a fitness  
 216 cost, but most likely depends on the specific underlying mechanism.  
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220 **Fig. 2.** Relative fitness in the absence of antibiotics. Shown, from top to bottom, is  
 221 fitness relative to the average of the evolved control populations, calculated for growth

222 rate, lag time, and maximum yield for all populations adapted to one of the eight  
223 antibiotics (X-axis) after 24h of growth in antibiotic-free media. Colored points  
224 represent the replicate populations and the horizontal grey crossbars indicate the mean  
225 for each antibiotic. Black dashed lines highlight equality to the controls; values above  
226 indicate a fitness advantage whereas values below denote a cost. Please note that for the  
227 lag phase, this is inverted: values larger than 1 indicate a longer time spent in lag phase  
228 and thus a fitness cost. Asterisks on top of each panel indicate significant difference  
229 from 1 (i.e., a significant change in fitness) using a Wilcoxon Rank test with probability  
230 adjustment based on the false discovery rate (FDR) to account for multiple testing.

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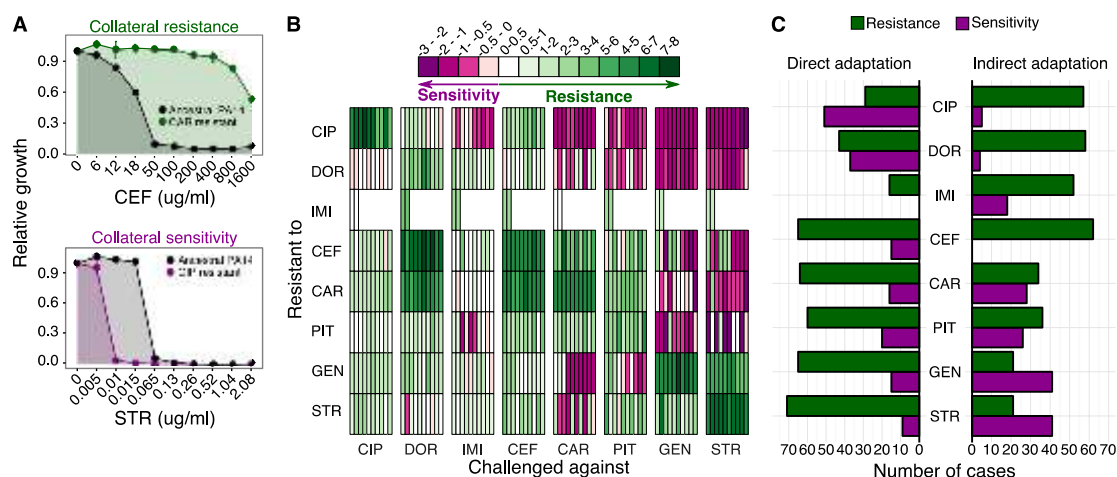
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233 The extent to which growth costs are associated with antibiotic resistance evolution has  
234 been evaluated for a variety of combinations of bacteria and drugs, including *P.*  
235 *aeruginosa* (Kugelberg et al. 2005; Andersson and Hughes 2010; Melnyk et al. 2015).  
236 These studies demonstrated that mutations conferring high levels of resistance usually  
237 lead to larger fitness costs. Moreover, after adaptation to increasing drug  
238 concentrations, a higher number and more complex types of mutations (i.e., large  
239 deletions) coincide with larger defects in growth rate (Lázár et al. 2014). Considering  
240 such substantial resistance costs, it is surprising that resistant mutants persist both in  
241 clinical and experimental environments. [Several factors were previously found to](#)  
242 [ameliorate or completely alleviate the effects of resistance mutations on growth.](#) For  
243 instance, quinolone resistant *P. aeruginosa* showed a high prevalence of cost-free  
244 mutations as well as the emergence of compensatory mutations in genes that,  
245 unexpectedly, are not directly associated to the fitness defect (Kugelberg et al. 2005).  
246 In fact, some of our populations showed an increase in fitness in some or all of the  
247 growth parameters measured, emphasizing that the costs associated with some resistant  
248 mechanisms can be ameliorated rapidly (within 58 generations) or incur no costs at all.  
249 Furthermore, the role of epistatic effects, the genetic background in which mutations  
250 occur, and the environment also seem to play an important role in the magnitude of the  
251 cost (Melnyk et al. 2015). Therefore, there is a lack of predictability, constraining the  
252 potential clinical use of such information for a rational design of treatment strategies.

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254 **Comprehensive collateral effects upon antibiotic resistance evolution**

255 We then tested the evolved populations for the presence of collateral sensitivity or  
 256 resistance against all other drugs. For this we challenged each population against  
 257 various concentrations (in triplicate) of all the antibiotics and compared their growth to  
 258 the ancestral PA14. To quantify the change in resistance or sensitivity we considered  
 259 growth relative to the no-drug environment, which accounts for general fitness changes  
 260 resulting from adaptation to the experimental environment. We then calculated the area  
 261 under the curve (AUC) of the ancestral PA14 and subtracted it from that of each  
 262 population (fig. 3A and B, for the IC90 fold changes see supplementary fig. S4).  
 263 Finally, we counted how often adaptation to one antibiotic led to resistance against any  
 264 other, hereby defined as direct adaptation, and also; how many times resistance to a  
 265 given drug evolved after adaptation to another one, hereby defined as indirect  
 266 adaptation (fig. 3C). The same process was repeated to calculate the number of cases  
 267 of sensitivity by direct or indirect adaptation.  
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 272 **Fig. 3.** Evolution of collateral sensitivity and resistance. (A) Illustration of the  
 273 quantification of evolved collateral resistance or sensitivity. Bacterial growth (relative  
 274 to a no-drug environment) of all evolved populations and the ancestral *P. aeruginosa*  
 275 PA14 is first measured across concentrations of the various antibiotics. The area under  
 276 the curve of the ancestor is subsequently subtracted from that of each population;  
 277 resulting negative values indicate sensitivity (bottom panel), whereas positive values  
 278 denote resistance (top panel). (B) The collateral profiles of all experimentally evolved  
 279 populations (rows refer to the drugs used during experimental evolution), challenged  
 280 against all other antibiotics (as indicated by columns). The vertical bars within each

281 block represent the replicate population. The different shades of purple or green  
282 highlight the extent of sensitivity or resistance, respectively. (C) We counted the total  
283 number of cases, for which adaptation to a particular antibiotic (listed in the middle)  
284 led to collateral sensitivity or resistance (direct adaptation; left panel), and also the total  
285 number of cases, for which sensitivity or resistance towards the focal antibiotic was  
286 observed upon adaptation to any of the other drugs (indirect adaptation; right panel).

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288 Overall, we identified collateral effects in almost all population with evolved  
289 resistances, whereby cross-resistance is generally more common than collateral  
290 sensitivity (supplementary fig. S5 and fig. 3B and C; direct adaptation). **Essentially**  
291 **identical results are obtained if IC90 fold change is used for the analysis rather than**  
292 **AUC differences (supplementary fig. S4).** Five main conclusions can be drawn from  
293 our analysis. (i) Adaptation to a given antibiotic leads to collateral resistance to drugs  
294 of similar classes (see the aminoglycosides STR, and GEN, or the  $\beta$ -lactams CEF, PIT  
295 and CAR). (ii) Resistance to most drugs leads to collateral sensitivity against  
296 aminoglycosides, whereas resistance to aminoglycosides leads to collateral sensitivity  
297 almost exclusively to the penicillin-type  $\beta$ -lactams (PIT and CAR; fig. 3B and C;  
298 indirect adaptation). (iii) Adaptation to CIP or DOR leads to enhanced sensitivity  
299 against most other drugs, but interestingly this effect appears to be unidirectional:  
300 adaptation to other antibiotics rarely leads to sensitivity against these two drugs (fig.  
301 3C; indirect resistance). (iv) Collateral resistance against CEF, a 3rd generation  
302 cephalosporin with specific activity against *P. aeruginosa*, is found upon resistance  
303 evolution towards all other drugs, suggesting that resistance to some cephalosporins  
304 may be readily achieved indirectly, thus compromising its use as a second-line drug.  
305 (v) In several cases, substantial variation was observed among populations adapted to  
306 the same drug, suggesting that different resistance mechanisms may lead to contrasting  
307 patterns of collateral effects.

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309 The evolution of collateral resistance and sensitivity seems to be a widespread trade-  
310 off in bacteria following drug resistance evolution. For example, in *E. coli*, collateral  
311 resistance towards drugs of the same class was repeatedly observed (Imamovic and  
312 Sommer 2013; Lázár et al. 2013; Lázár et al. 2014; Oz et al. 2014). These previous  
313 studies also revealed interesting exceptions. Some drugs, such as CIP, were often  
314 targets of indirect multi-drug resistance evolution, regardless of the similarity of the

315 drug used during experimental evolution. Also, the strength of cross-resistance was  
316 variable even among drugs with the same cellular targets. For instance, within the cell-  
317 wall inhibitors, adaptation to penicillins seems to lead to cross-resistance more often  
318 than adaptation to carbapenems.

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320 *It is noteworthy that* the direction of collateral sensitivity differs in specific cases  
321 between *P. aeruginosa* and *E. coli*. In particular, resistance to the aminoglycosides  
322 often preceded a two-fold reduction in MIC against most other drugs in *E. coli*  
323 (Imamovic and Sommer 2013; Lázár et al. 2013). In contrast, adaptation to the same  
324 drugs in PA14 more often led to cross-resistance, while *in some individual populations*  
325 collateral sensitivity was observed almost exclusively towards the penicillins.  
326 Moreover, CIP-adapted *E. coli* strains usually exhibited cross-resistance to most other  
327 drugs (Imamovic and Sommer 2013; Lázár et al. 2014), while our experiments with *P.*  
328 *aeruginosa* produced hypersensitivity in such combinations. These findings highlight  
329 the presence of key differences between species in the evolved collateral effects  
330 following drug adaptation. Systematic evaluation of different pathogen-drug  
331 combinations is thus essential for a full appreciation of incidences and diversity of  
332 evolved collateral sensitivity (Imamovic and Sommer 2013; Lázár et al. 2014).

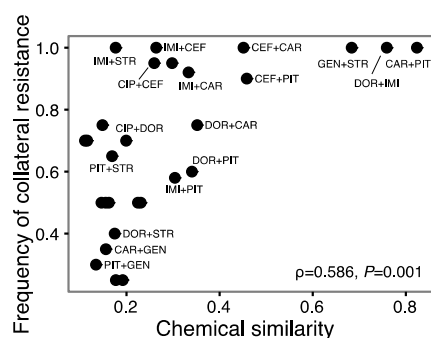
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334 Unexpectedly, our results further demonstrate the presence of substantial variation in  
335 collateral effects upon adaptation to one drug. In several cases, we even observed  
336 contrasting patterns of either collateral sensitivity or resistance. For example, CEF-  
337 adapted populations exposed to GEN produced three cases of cross-resistance, five  
338 cases of collateral sensitivity, and two neutral effects (fig. 3A; fig. S4). Similar variation  
339 in collateral effects are also found for all other antibiotic treatments, with the exception  
340 of IMI, most likely due to low sample size (i.e., only 2 populations could be included  
341 in the analysis). Moreover, such divergence in collateral effects upon antibiotic  
342 resistance evolution has not yet been reported for other bacterial species. These findings  
343 strongly suggest that our replicate *P. aeruginosa* populations from a particular  
344 antibiotic treatment achieved resistance through different molecular mechanisms,  
345 which in turn had opposite effects on the interaction with a second antibiotic.

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347 **Cross-resistance may result from the chemical similarity between drugs**

348 Recent studies have followed Szybalski and Bryson's hypothesis that the chemical  
 349 relatedness between different drugs could explain the prevalence of cross-resistance,  
 350 finding a partial correlation between them in *E. coli* (Lázár et al. 2014). However, the  
 351 reported relationship was strongly biased by the aminoglycosides, since no cross-  
 352 resistance to such drugs was observed and these possess a chemical structure that is  
 353 fundamentally different to that of the other drugs. In the case of *P. aeruginosa*, we often  
 354 observed cross-resistance to the aminoglycosides, thus allowing us to further explore  
 355 the range of relationships between drug similarities and the frequency of cross-  
 356 resistances. For such an analysis, we first inferred the chemical similarity among all  
 357 antibiotics by calculating the Jaccard's index obtained from the pairwise comparison of  
 358 their chemical fingerprints (supplementary fig. S6). We then related these similarities  
 359 to the frequencies of collateral resistances (FCR) for all drug pairs (see Materials and  
 360 Methods, and Lázár et al. 2014). Our analysis revealed a significant correlation between  
 361 these two parameters (fig. 4). Importantly, drugs targeting the same cellular process are  
 362 not necessarily chemically similar (e.g., IMI and PIT or DOR and CAR) and in these  
 363 cases we do not find high levels of cross-resistance. Altogether, chemical similarity  
 364 appears in most cases to be a key determinant of the probability of cross-resistance.  
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368 **Fig. 4.** Chemical similarity correlates with frequency of collateral resistance. Pairwise  
 369 Jaccard's similarity indexes were calculated based on the chemical fingerprints of  
 370 each antibiotic. The frequency of collateral resistance (FCR) was then determined as  
 371  $FCR = (R_{A \rightarrow B} + R_{B \rightarrow A}) / L_{AB}$ , where  $R_{A \rightarrow B}$  is the number of populations resistant to drug  
 372 A with cross-resistance to drug B (and *vice versa* for  $R_{B \rightarrow A}$ ), and  $L_{AB}$  is the total number  
 373 of populations adapted to A and B. A significant correlation was then found between  
 374 the chemical similarity and the FCR (Spearman's rank correlation). Each point

375 corresponds to a chemical comparison between any two given drugs. Labels are shown  
376 for some, but not all, of these pairwise comparisons.

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### 378 **Distinct mutations underlie the evolution of high antibiotic resistance**

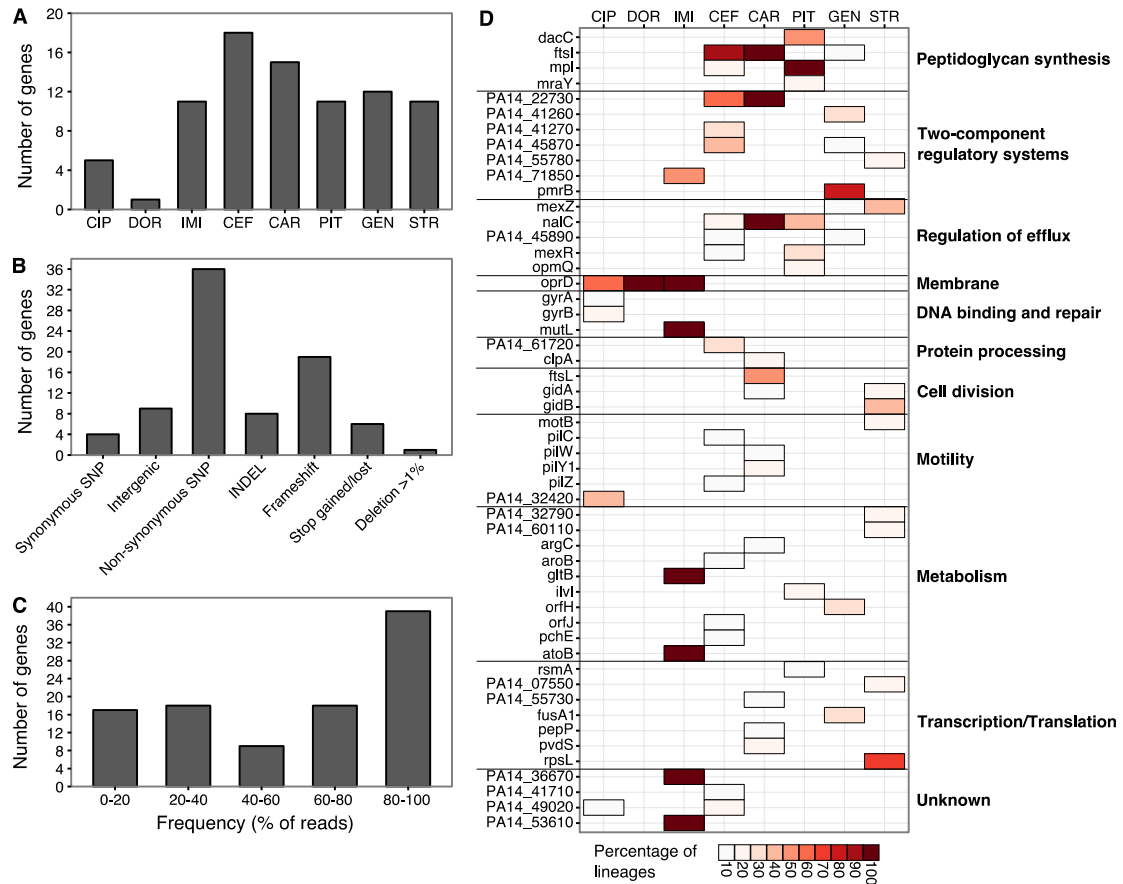
379 To better understand the genetic mechanisms selected during the evolution of high  
380 antibiotic resistance, we obtained whole genome sequences for 81 evolved populations:  
381 71 antibiotic adapted populations and 10 controls. We characterized genomic variations  
382 using a previously established analysis pipeline (see Materials and Methods; Jansen et  
383 al. 2015). **An important step of the pipeline is to remove substitutions which occurred**  
384 **in the control populations, as these may result from adaptation to general experimental**  
385 **conditions and could thus obscure the signals relevant for adaptation to the antibiotics**  
386 **(see supplementary table S4 for a list of mutations found in the evolved control**  
387 **populations).** We further annotated the genes with mutations in coding regions using  
388 DAVID, the *Pseudomonas* Database (available online at: <http://pseudomonas.com>),  
389 and published information to group them by function and their likely involvement in  
390 antibiotic resistance. In general, we observed an average of 10.5 genes affected per  
391 antibiotic environment (fig. 5A), but with different degrees of mutational diversity  
392 (supplementary fig. S7). Most mutations were non-silent and may thus have contributed  
393 to adaptation (fig. 5B and C): 89% of the mutations were observed in coding regions  
394 (Intergenic vs. all other mutations,  $\chi^2$  test,  $\chi^2 = 50.94$ ,  $df = 1$ ,  $P < 0.0001$ ); 83% of the  
395 variants found in coding regions (e.g., different types of non-synonymous,  
396 insertions/deletions [indels], or frameshift mutations) led to partial or complete loss of  
397 function (Intergenic and Synonymous SNPs vs. all other type of variants,  $\chi^2$  test,  $\chi^2 =$   
398  $39.15$ ,  $df = 1$ ,  $P < 0.0001$ ), **and more than half of the variants observed were fixed at**  
399 **levels above 40% (Number of variants <40% fixed vs. variants  $\geq$ 40% fixed,  $\chi^2$  test,  $\chi^2$**   
400 **= 50.94,  $df = 1$ ,  $P = 0.003$ ).**

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402 For subsequent analysis we focused on genes having mutations in their coding regions  
403 only (fig. 5D). Interestingly, the only two surviving populations adapted to IMI showed  
404 mutations in *mutL*, a gene coding for a DNA repair enzyme generally associated with  
405 hypermutator phenotypes (Oliver et al. 2002; Montanari et al. 2007; Ciofu et al. 2010);  
406 these populations accumulated as many mutations in half the number of generations as  
407 the others during the entire experiment (supplementary table S5). The various DOR

408 adapted populations produced a unique SNP in a single gene, *oprD*: a membrane protein  
 409 (fig. 5D). The populations adapted to all other antibiotics showed a larger number of  
 410 genomic changes across a variety of genes (fig. 5D).

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413 **Fig. 5.** Genomics of adaptation. Distribution of the number of genes with substitutions  
 414 per (A) antibiotic used in the evolution experiment, (B) type of mutational change, and  
 415 (C) average frequency class within the replicate populations. (D) Functional effect of  
 416 mutations found in coding regions of the listed genes (vertical axis, left side) across  
 417 evolution experiments with different antibiotics (horizontal axis). Functional  
 418 information (right side) is inferred from a combined analysis using DAVID, the  
 419 Pseudomonas database and publications. Different shades of red indicate the percentage  
 420 of affected populations per evolution experiment with a particular antibiotic.

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422 The functional annotation revealed changes in three main functions across evolved  
 423 populations (fig. 5D): The first group of affected genes is related to direct targets of the  
 424  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics and was primarily identified in populations adapted to CEF, CAR  
 425 and PIT. This group included genes associated with peptidoglycan synthesis



426 (supplementary table S4): the penicillin-binding protein 3 (PBP3) *ftsI*, and also the  
427 UDP-N-acetylmuramate: L-alanyl-gamma-D-glutamyl-meso-diaminopimelate ligase  
428 *mpI*. Non-silent mutations in these genes were previously demonstrated to increase  
429 resistance against  $\beta$ -lactams, either by limiting the interaction between antibiotics and  
430 the products of these genes, or by indirectly inducing SOS responses or enhanced efflux  
431 (Miller et al. 2004; Tsutsumi et al. 2013).

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433 The second group of genes is related to 7 different two-component regulatory systems  
434 (fig. 5D). This group was generally affected in response to adaptation to  $\beta$ -lactam and  
435 aminoglycoside antibiotics; whereby variation in mutated systems seem to depend on  
436 the antibiotic class. Two-component systems are essential for bacteria to recognize  
437 different environmental stimuli and coordinate a fine-tuned response via a complex  
438 phosphorylation signal transduction system (Hoch 2000; Robinson et al. 2000; Ramos  
439 et al. 2005). *P. aeruginosa* in particular possesses a large number of such regulatory  
440 systems, which it uses to control cellular division, development, stress responses, and  
441 pathogenicity (Rodrigue et al. 2000).

442

443 The third main group of mutated genes was found in  $\beta$ -lactam and aminoglycoside  
444 adapted populations, and included [different efflux regulatory systems](#) (fig. 5D). These  
445 [genes modulate the activity of distinct efflux pumps which can lead to single or multi-](#)  
446 [drug resistance](#) (Hancock and Speert 2000; Li et al. 2000; Poole 2001; Piddock 2006).  
447 [Importantly, two of them \(\*mexZ\* and \*nalC\*\) are closely related to those regulating the \*tet\*](#)  
448 [efflux pumps \(TetR-like repressors\), which were](#) previously demonstrated to contribute  
449 to collateral sensitivity against aminoglycosides in tetracycline resistant *E. coli*  
450 [\(reviewed in Baym, Stone, et al. 2016\)](#). These genes were further proposed as a pivotal  
451 group to be exploited in sequential treatment strategies (Baym, Stone, et al. 2016).

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453 We additionally identified changes in several other known or at least suggested  
454 antibiotic resistance genes (fig. 5D), including the membrane protein main component  
455 *oprD*, the DNA gyrase subunits *gyrA* and *gyrB*, as well as other genes involved in  
456 cellular processes such as cell division and motility (Macfarlane et al. 2000; Drenkard  
457 and Ausubel 2002; Livermore 2002; Amin et al. 2005). Our analysis further revealed  
458 changes in genes with currently unknown function and/or no previous implication in  
459 antibiotic resistance, and/or mutations in non-coding regions, which may still influence

460 resistance if regulatory regions are affected (e.g., possibly relevant for DOR-adapted  
461 populations). Some of these changes occurred at lower frequency within the replicate  
462 populations, but their exact contribution to the observed evolutionary pattern is  
463 uncertain and may be interesting to address in future studies. Furthermore, among the  
464 PIT-adapted populations we also found substantial variation in the sets of mutated  
465 genes, even though they almost all consistently affected the same two functional  
466 categories: peptidoglycan synthesis and efflux regulatory systems. This variation could  
467 explain the different levels of resistance observed for these populations, whereby  
468 different groups of mutated genes lead to higher or lower levels of resistance.

469

#### 470 **Specific resistance mechanism associate with high growth costs**

471 The accumulation of multiple mutations during adaptation to antibiotics could translate  
472 into stronger reductions in fitness under drug-free conditions. In fact, in a similar study  
473 with *E. coli*, populations accumulating a large number of mutations or deletions had  
474 also very low fitness in drug-free environments (Lázár et al. 2014). Similarly, in *P.*  
475 *aeruginosa* we found that the populations with the strongest decrease in growth rate  
476 have a significantly larger number of mutations in their genomes (supplementary fig.  
477 S8A). However, none of the other measured fitness parameters correlated with the  
478 number of mutations, suggesting that this alone is not enough to explain the observed  
479 variation in fitness. Moreover, when we looked for overrepresented genes in  
480 populations with the most extreme growth costs, we observed some functions to be  
481 more prevalent than others (supplementary fig. S8B-D). In particular, genes involved  
482 in peptidoglycan synthesis (*mpl*, *dacC* or *ftsI*), regulation of efflux (*nalC*) or part of  
483 two-component regulatory systems (*pmrB*) were more frequently found in populations  
484 with lower relative fitness across the measured growth parameters. Interestingly,  
485 multiple genes affecting these cellular processes were found within the same  
486 populations having strong fitness reductions (*nalC* together with *mpl* and *dacC* were  
487 often found in PIT resistant populations). Altogether, the costs of adaptation seem to  
488 be dependent on both the number of mutations accumulated and the specific mutated  
489 resistance mechanism.

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#### 491 **Parallel patterns of collateral resistance across treatments is not linked to similar** 492 **mutational profiles**

493 Next, we assessed whether parallel mutational changes could explain the observed  
494 patterns of collateral resistance across different treatments in *P. aeruginosa* (Fig. 3B).  
495 In contrast to the findings for *E. coli* (Lázár et al. 2014), we found comparatively little  
496 mutational overlap between the populations from different antibiotic treatments  
497 (supplementary fig. S9A). Interestingly, in the few cases where similar mutational  
498 profiles were observed among populations resistant to different drugs, the two  
499 compared antibiotics appear to be chemically related, and the populations showed  
500 cross-resistance (supplementary fig. S9B and C). However, these correlations were not  
501 statistically significant, because our data set also included several populations with high  
502 cross-resistance against chemically similar drugs, but with completely distinct  
503 mutational profiles (supplementary fig. S9B and C). Therefore, it seems that the parallel  
504 patterns of cross-resistance across treatments are based on different sets of mutations.

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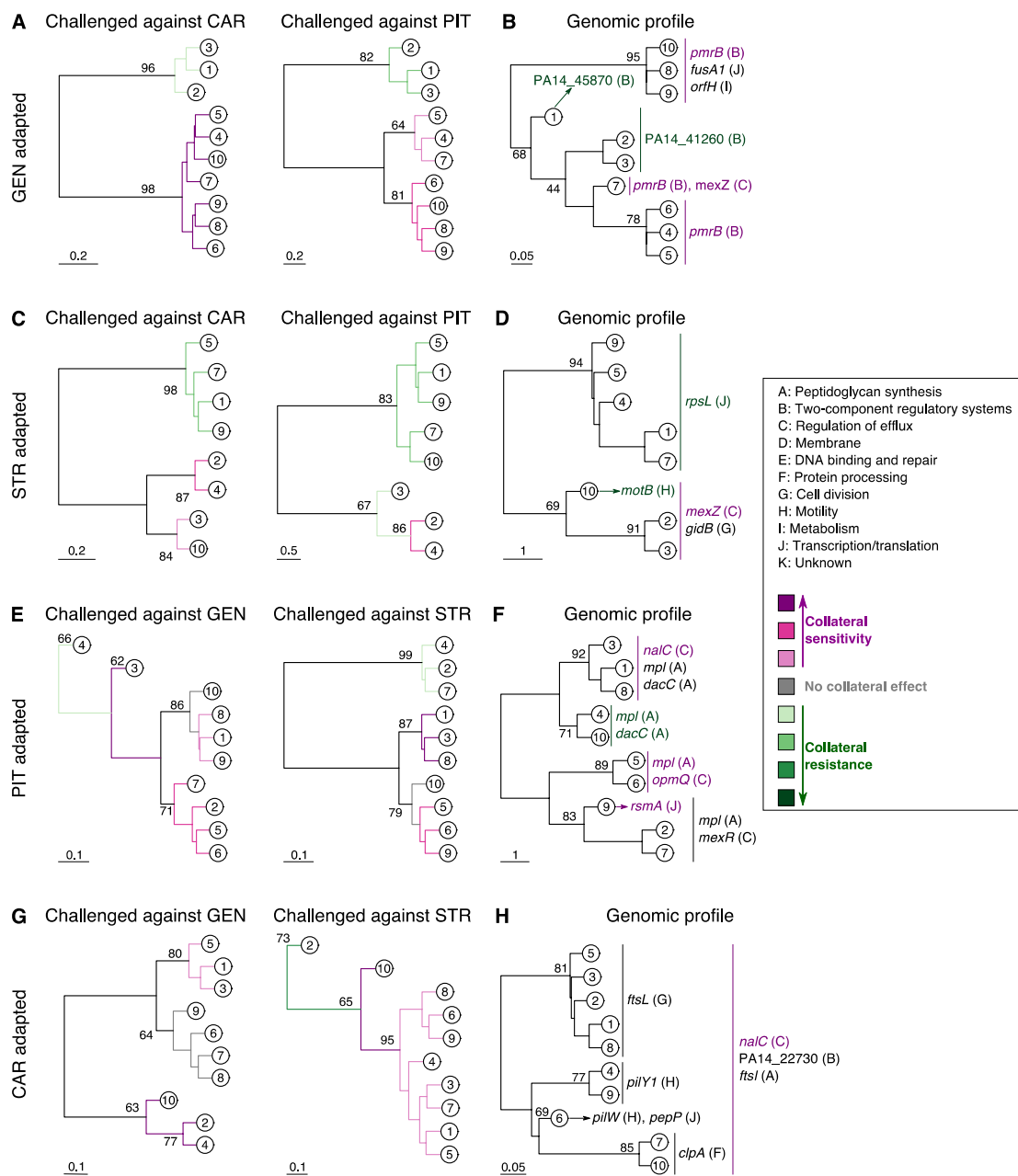
506 This is also true for populations from different treatments that adapted to drugs of the  
507 same class. For instance, the populations that adapted to the two aminoglycosides  
508 showed high levels of cross-resistance among them, but adaptation to GEN was more  
509 often accompanied by mutations in the two-component regulatory gene *pmrB*, while  
510 those adapted to STR predominantly showed mutations in genes involved in cellular  
511 division (i.e., *gidA* or *gidB*), or in efflux regulation (i.e., *mexZ*; fig. 5D and  
512 supplementary table S5).

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#### 514 **Contrasting collateral effects have unique genomic profiles**

515 We identified substantial variation in the incidence of collateral sensitivity and cross-  
516 resistance within particular evolution experiments. For instance, five of the CEF  
517 adapted populations showed collateral sensitivity against GEN and STR, whereas the  
518 rest suffered cross-resistance or neutral effects against the same drugs (fig. 3B).  
519 Similarly, three of the GEN adapted populations displayed collateral sensitivity against  
520 CAR and PIT, while the others were resistant (fig. 3B). Such variation could be the  
521 result of distinct resistance mechanisms selected during adaptation to each drug, which  
522 in turn led to contrasting sensitivities against other antibiotics. To explore this  
523 possibility, we focused on four exemplary cases, for each of which we repeatedly found  
524 contrasting variation in collateral effects to other antibiotics. These included the  
525 populations adapted to the two aminoglycosides (GEN, STR), which both showed such  
526 variation towards PIT and CAR (Fig. 3B). We also considered the reverse two cases,

527 for which populations that had adapted to either PIT or CAR produced contrasting  
 528 collateral patterns towards GEN and STR (Fig. 3B). For these four cases, we used  
 529 hierarchical cluster analysis (based on Ward's criterion method and bootstrapping to  
 530 assess cluster stability (Murtagh and Legendre 2014)) to relate populations with varying  
 531 collateral effects to corresponding genomic variation. In particular, we first assessed  
 532 whether populations adapted to a given drug would cluster together based on their  
 533 sensitivity against the two other antibiotics (fig. 6A, 6C, 6E, and 6G). Then, we asked  
 534 whether the same populations would also cluster together based on their sets of mutated  
 535 genes (fig. 6B, 6D, 6F, and 6H).



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538 **Fig. 6.** Genomic determinants of collateral sensitivity. We employed a hierarchical  
539 clustering analysis using the Ward's criterion method and bootstrapping to identify the  
540 genomic determinants of variation in collateral profiles in four treatments. In two of  
541 these treatments, replicate populations that had adapted to either GEN (A,B) or STR  
542 (C,D) produced variation in collateral profile to PIT and CAR. In the other two  
543 treatments, replicate populations that had adapted to either PIT (E,F) or CAR (G,H)  
544 showed such variation towards GEN and STR. We first evaluated the clustering of  
545 populations adapted to GEN (A), STR (C), PIT (E) and CAR (G) based on the strength  
546 of collateral effects to the other two drugs (Fig. 3B), highlighting clusters of those with  
547 collateral sensitivity (lines in different shades of purple, see legend to the right) versus  
548 those with collateral resistance (lines in different shades of grey). The circled numbers  
549 always indicate the same replicate populations from a particular treatment across the  
550 related panels. Populations clustering together based on their collateral effects also  
551 often clustered together based on their genomic profile (B, D, F, H). The mutated genes  
552 present in the various clusters are given to the right of the dendrograms, followed by  
553 letters for their functional annotation in brackets (see legend to the right for the  
554 annotation categories). If a specific cluster mainly included populations associated with  
555 collateral sensitivity, then the gene names are given in purple. In cases, where clusters  
556 mainly included populations associated with collateral resistance, the gene name is  
557 given in green.

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559 We identified clusters that consistently link the contrasting patterns of collateral  
560 sensitivity to particular genomic variations. Intriguingly, the two-component regulatory  
561 system and TetR-like repressors appear to play a pivotal role in determining these  
562 patterns. For the GEN-adapted populations, sensitivity to PIT and CAR was associated  
563 with mutations in *pmrB* (fig. 6A and 6B), a sensor kinase implicated in resistance  
564 against cationic antimicrobial peptides, polymyxins, and aminoglycosides in  
565 *Salmonella* and *P. aeruginosa* (McPhee et al. 2003). Aminoglycoside resistance  
566 mediated by *pmrB* is hierarchically controlled by two regulatory systems (PhoP-PhoQ  
567 and PmrB-PmrA) that ultimately remodel lipid A in the outer membrane resulting in a  
568 reduction of the membrane's negative charge. Such alterations were shown to enhance  
569 sensitivity to  $\beta$ -lactams in aminoglycoside resistant *E. coli* (Lázár et al. 2013; Baym,  
570 Stone, et al. 2016). Altogether, this suggests that *pmrB* could be the main driver of  $\beta$ -  
571 lactam sensitivity in GEN resistant populations.

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573 Collateral sensitivity against penicillins in STR-adapted populations is linked to  
574 mutations in the gene *mexZ* (fig. 6C and D), a TetR-like repressor modulating the  
575 expression of the MexXY-OprM efflux system (Aires et al. 1999). This gene was found  
576 to mediate aminoglycoside resistance in *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 and clinical isolates from  
577 cystic fibrosis patients by increasing cellular drug efflux, through an up-regulation of the  
578 *mexXY* genes (Westbrock-Wadman et al. 1999). Interestingly, in *P. aeruginosa*,  
579 extrusion of the aminoglycosides appears to be exclusively mediated by MexXY-  
580 OprM, which, when overexpressed, is also able to extrude most penicillins (except for  
581 carbenicillin and sulbenicillin), some cephalosporins, and meropenem (Masuda et al.  
582 2000). However, to the best of our knowledge, its possible role in mediating collateral  
583 sensitivity against penicillins has not been reported before. In addition, the expression  
584 of collateral sensitivity could be further influenced by other mutations. For instance, a  
585 mutation in *motB*, a gene required for flagellar motility in *P. aeruginosa* (Doyle et al.  
586 2004), is present in addition to mutated *mexZ* in population 10, which shows collateral  
587 sensitivity to CAR but not PIT (fig. 6C and 6D).

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589 In the case of the penicillin-adapted populations, collateral sensitivity against  
590 aminoglycosides appears to be associated – among others – with mutations in the gene  
591 *nalC*, an efflux regulator of the MexAB-OprM system known to confer intermediate to  
592 high levels of resistance to multiple drugs (Cao et al. 2004). Populations adapted to  
593 CAR and PIT with mutations in this gene consistently showed a more sensitive  
594 phenotype against both aminoglycosides (fig. 6E-H). Interestingly, *tet* efflux regulators,  
595 which are related in their function to *nalC*, were previously shown to mediate collateral  
596 sensitivity against aminoglycosides in tetracycline resistant *E. coli* (reviewed in Baym,  
597 Stone, et al. 2016), thus suggesting a pivotal role of this type of resistance mechanism  
598 in determining antibiotic susceptibility trade-offs.

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600 It is noteworthy that the exact distribution of the variation in sensitivity against  
601 aminoglycosides in CAR-adapted populations is not well captured by our approach. All  
602 the identified clusters show genomic changes that affect the same three functions, yet  
603 the exact mutations and their frequencies within the populations differ (fig. 6G and H,  
604 supplementary fig. S10 and supplementary table S5). The observed phenotypic  
605 variation may then be caused by only some of the variable genes, by specific mutations

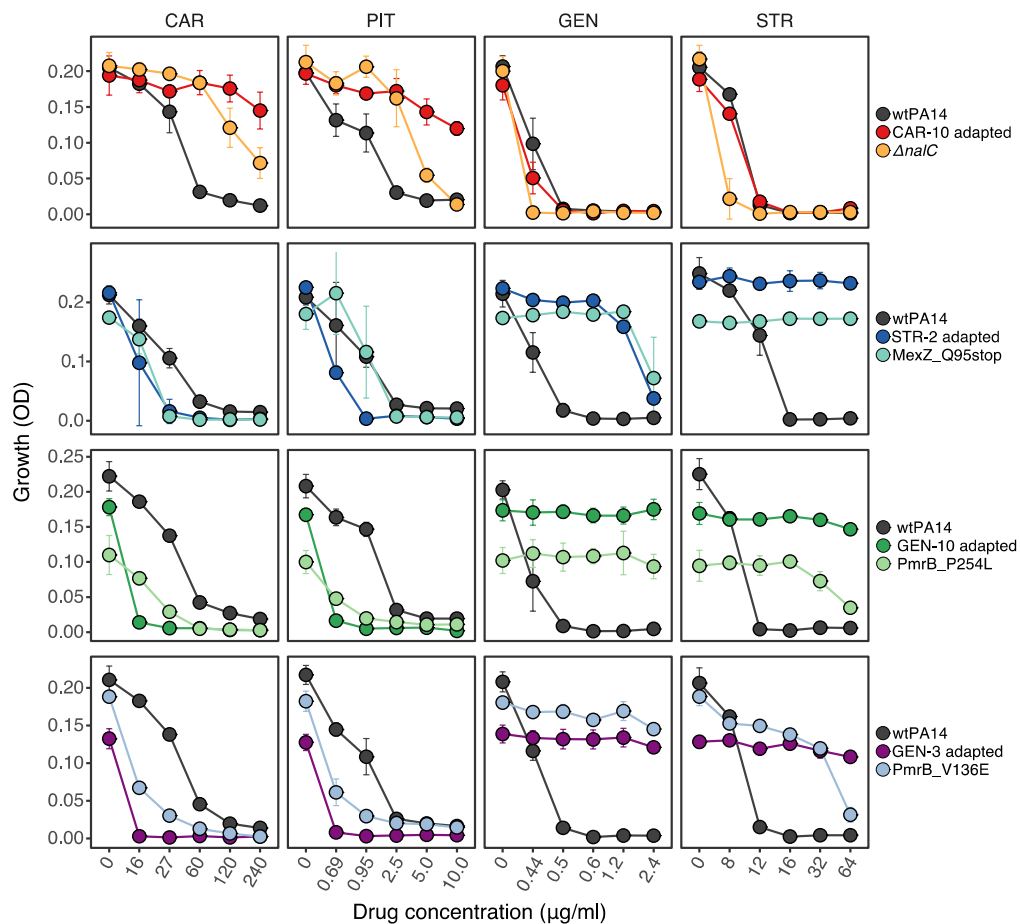
606 only, by the combination of specific allelic variants, or by the frequency difference of  
607 certain mutations. Therefore, the observed collateral effects are likely influenced by  
608 additional factors, which could not be identified directly by the cluster analysis.

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#### 610 **Mutations in *nalC*, *mexZ*, and *pmrB* can cause collateral sensitivity**

611 Different regulatory systems were generally associated with collateral sensitivities in  
612 the evaluated populations. To further evaluate such a role, we assessed antibiotic  
613 sensitivity in genetically modified ancestral PA14, in which we re-introduced a  
614 selection of four of the identified mutational changes (Materials and methods), namely  
615 the inferred ~500 bp deletion in *nalC*, a SNP in *mexZ* leading to an early stop codon  
616 (Q95stop), and two non-synonymous mutations in *pmrB* causing a P254L and a V136E  
617 amino acid substitution. In all cases, the constructed mutants showed almost the exact  
618 same response as the evolved populations against at least two of the considered  
619 antibiotics (fig. 7 and supplementary table S6). In particular, the SNPs introduced in  
620 *pmrB* and *mexZ*, originally observed in the GEN- and STR-adapted populations, caused  
621 high resistance to these aminoglycosides, and led to significantly increased sensitivity  
622 to the penicillins PIT and CAR (fig. 7; supplementary table S6). Similarly, the  
623 introduced deletion in *nalC*, originally observed in CAR-adapted populations, caused  
624 resistance to the tested penicillins while significantly increasing sensitivity to both GEN  
625 and STR (fig. 7; supplementary table S6). Thus, two-component regulatory systems  
626 and efflux regulators can be responsible for the observed collateral sensitivity in *P.*  
627 *aeruginosa*.

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**Fig. 7.** Functional analysis of different regulatory genes. We focused on four specific mutations identified in the evolved populations to associate with collateral sensitivity and introduced these into the ancestral PA14 strain. The resulting mutants were then tested against various concentrations of CAR, PIT, GEN and CAR (from left to right). In all cases, the ancestral PA14 (always in black) and the adapted population (always in darker colors), from which the particular mutation was extracted, were tested simultaneously with the corresponding constructed mutants. Points and error bars show the mean OD  $\pm$  SD of 5 technical replicates per antibiotic concentration. For each set of bacterial populations challenged against a particular drug we performed a GLM followed by Tukey's honest significant difference (HSD) test. For a summary of the statistical results see supplementary table S5.

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The tested genes *nalC*, *mexZ*, and *pmrB* are involved in the regulation of efflux pumps or alteration of the outer membrane, and can thus influence antibiotic resistance (Westbrock-Wadman et al. 1999; McPhee et al. 2003; Cao et al. 2004; Daigle et al. 2007; Lázár et al. 2013; Baym, Stone, et al. 2016). To the best of our knowledge, the results of our functional genetic analysis demonstrated for the first time in *P.*

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647 *aeruginosa* that such genes can also differentially lead to collateral sensitivity against  
648 aminoglycosides (*nalC*) and penicillins (*mexZ* and *pmrB*). Importantly, two distinct  
649 aminoglycoside resistance mechanisms independently led to penicillin  
650 hypersensitivity: a loss of function (LOF) mutation in *mexZ*, and two different non-  
651 synonymous mutations in the two-component regulatory system gene *pmrB*.  
652 Intriguingly, contrasting collateral effects emerged from alterations in functionally  
653 related genes: both *mexZ* and *nalC* are from the TetR-family of repressors, and LOF  
654 mutations in each of them led to completely opposite susceptibilities against penicillins  
655 and aminoglycosides. Such contrasting results could be due to an impairment of one of  
656 the efflux pumps upon up-regulation of the other, a phenomenon previously seen in  
657 other efflux systems such as MexCD and MexAB, or MexEF and MexAB (Gotoh et al.  
658 1998; Maseda et al. 2000; Jeannot et al. 2008), but not between MexXY and MexAB.

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## 660 **Conclusions**

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662 We here demonstrated that *P. aeruginosa* adapts rapidly to high-level antibiotic stress  
663 and that such adaptation may influence resistance against other antibiotics. Cross-  
664 resistance correlates well with chemical similarity of the antibiotics, in agreement with  
665 previous work. Collateral sensitivity was identified in several cases, yet different in  
666 direction to those cases previously reported for other bacteria, such as *E. coli*.  
667 Surprisingly, adaptation to a particular antibiotic produced both cross-resistance and  
668 collateral sensitivity across the replicate populations. Our genomic analysis suggests  
669 that alternative mechanisms were favored during resistance evolution, which then  
670 resulted in these contrasting cross-resistance patterns. Intriguingly, regulatory systems  
671 appear to play a key role in mediating the observed collateral effects. Functional genetic  
672 analysis revealed that four of the identified mutations in three regulatory genes (*nalC*,  
673 *mexZ*, and *pmrB*) can indeed cause collateral sensitivities in *P. aeruginosa*. Overall, we  
674 expect our results to help the development of novel antibiotic therapy that exploits  
675 fitness trade-offs during drug resistance evolution.

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678 **Materials and methods**

679 **Bacteria and media**

680 All experiments were conducted with *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PA14. Cells were  
681 grown at 37°C in sterile M9 minimal medium supplemented with 0.2% glucose and  
682 0.1% casamino acids. All antibiotics were prepared according to manufacturer's  
683 instructions (Table 1). All experiments were carried out in 96-well plates shaken and  
684 incubated at 37°C for 12h and treatments being randomized across each plate. After  
685 12h of growth, optical density (OD) measurements were taken in BioTek plate readers.  
686 Randomization schemes of plates for each experiment were different from each other.

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688 **Selection of highly resistant mutants**

689 We challenged 20 isogenic populations of PA14 against increasing concentrations of  
690 each of the studied antibiotics (160 populations in total; Fig. 1A). As a control for the  
691 adaptation to growth in medium without antibiotics we also included 20 populations  
692 growing in M9 only, resulting in a total of 180 populations. Experiments were initiated  
693 with [half the antibiotic concentration that causes growth inhibition of at least 90%](#)  
694 [\(IC90\)](#) for each drug in a final volume of 100µl per well. Every 12h 50% volume was  
695 transferred into a freshly prepared plate. Every fourth transfer (4 generations), OD was  
696 measured and the antibiotic concentration was increased 1.5 times. Experiments were  
697 concluded when reaching ~40 times the [IC90](#) (48 transfers) or when 10 or less of the  
698 20 populations had reached extinction. Whenever the antibiotic concentration was  
699 increased, the preceding plates were frozen at -80°C in 1:4 (v/v) of 86% glycerol.

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701 **Fitness measurements**

702 All evolved populations were grown overnight (ON) at 37°C and 180rpm in M9 media  
703 with the corresponding antibiotic they were adapted to. Cultures were then centrifuged,  
704 washed with fresh M9 media and diluted in 100µl of M9 without any drug to a starting  
705 OD of 0.08 (~10<sup>5</sup> CFU/mL). For each population, 4 technical replicates were  
706 considered, and then incubated inside a plate reader at 37°C for 24h. Within the plate  
707 reader, OD measurements were taken at regular intervals of 15 min, for a total of 96  
708 measurements per population and replicate. The collected growth data was then  
709 analyzed using the R package 'grofit' to obtain three growth parameters: growth rate,  
710 length of lag time, and maximum yield. We standardized the fitness of each population  
711 relative to the mean of the evolved controls (adapted to M9 media only).

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### 713 **Collateral sensitivity and resistance assays**

714 We measured collateral effects for the experimentally evolved populations with high  
715 levels of resistance. We tested these populations and also the ancestral PA14 against 10  
716 different concentrations of a given antibiotic in randomized order (each concentration  
717 was replicated 3 times; total of 21 120 concentration and population combinations). To  
718 quantify the change in resistance or sensitivity we first considered growth relative to  
719 the no-drug environment in order to account for differences in fitness defects among  
720 populations originated after adaptation. We then calculated the area under the curve  
721 using a spline approximation of the ancestral PA14 and subtracted the one obtained for  
722 each population. Positive values reflect a higher cumulative growth at increasing  
723 concentrations in the population compared to the ancestor, thus indicating cross-  
724 resistance; conversely, negative values represent collateral sensitivity. To derive  
725 significant sensitivity or resistance, we performed a Wilcoxon rank test for all populations  
726 adapted to a given environment when challenged against a given antibiotic, comparing  
727 significant differences from 0. *P*-values were adjusted for multiple testing using the  
728 false discovery rate, FDR (supplementary fig. S5). We subsequently asked how many  
729 cases of direct or indirect adaptation had occurred for each antibiotic. Direct adaptation  
730 considers how often adaptation to a given drug leads to resistance (or sensitivity)  
731 against other drugs, whilst indirect adaptation reflects how often adaptation to other  
732 drugs lead to resistance (or sensitivity) against a particular antibiotic. For example, we  
733 asked how many cases of resistance against all other drugs were observed upon  
734 adaptation to CIP (direct adaptation); as well as how many cases of resistance against  
735 CIP were found upon adaptation to any other drug (indirect adaptation).

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### 737 **Chemical similarity**

738 We inferred chemical relatedness as previously described by using the Jaccard's  
739 similarity index contrasting the chemical fingerprints of all antimicrobial compounds  
740 used here (Lázár et al. 2014). We then correlated these pairwise comparisons to the  
741 frequency of cross-resistance calculated by:

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$$FCR = (R_{A \rightarrow B} + R_{B \rightarrow A}) / L_{AB}$$

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745 where  $R_{A \rightarrow B}$  is the number of populations resistant to drug A with cross-resistance to  
746 drug B,  $R_{B \rightarrow A}$  is the number of populations resistant to drug B with cross-resistance to  
747 A, and  $L_{AB}$  is the total number of populations adapted to A and B.

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#### 750 **DNA extraction**

751 To identify the genetic changes leading to high-level resistance evolution, we  
752 sequenced full genomes for whole populations of the ancestral *P. aeruginosa* PA14, 10  
753 evolved controls and 71 populations adapted to different drugs. Frozen material from  
754 all populations was thawed, and 10 $\mu$ l of each were transferred into 15 ml of M9 minimal  
755 medium with the corresponding antibiotic. All populations were shaken and incubated  
756 at 37°C ON. DNA was extracted using the DNeasy Blood & Tissue Kit (Qiagen,  
757 Hilden, Germany) following manufacturer's recommendations for Gram-negative  
758 bacteria. Eighty-one populations in total were sequenced at the Institute for Clinical  
759 Microbiology, Kiel University Hospital, using the Illumina HiSeq paired-end  
760 technology (Bentley et al. 2008) with an insert size of 150bp and 300x coverage.

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#### 762 **Genomic analysis**

763 We employed an established pipeline encoded in serial bash and Perl scripts used  
764 previously for the genomic analysis of *P. aeruginosa* PA14 (Jansen et al. 2015). Briefly,  
765 reads with unreliable quality were removed using Skewer (Jiang et al. 2014). Samples  
766 were then mapped to the published *P. aeruginosa*\_UCBPP\_PA14\_uid57977 reference  
767 genome available at  
768 ([ftp://ftp.ncbi.nih.gov/genomes/Bacteria/Pseudomonas\\_aeruginosa\\_UCBPP\\_PA14\\_u](ftp://ftp.ncbi.nih.gov/genomes/Bacteria/Pseudomonas_aeruginosa_UCBPP_PA14_uid57977)  
769 [id57977](ftp://ftp.ncbi.nih.gov/genomes/Bacteria/Pseudomonas_aeruginosa_UCBPP_PA14_uid57977)). Mapping was performed using bwa and samtools (Li et al. 2009; Li and  
770 Durbin 2010) and then visually inspected for low-quality areas using IGV (Integrated  
771 genome viewer, Broad Institute; [www.broadinstitute.org/software/igv/](http://www.broadinstitute.org/software/igv/)).

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773 Duplicated regions were removed for single nucleotide polymorphisms and structural  
774 variant calling (SNPs and SV) using MarkDuplicates in Picardtools  
775 (<http://picard.sourceforge.net>). To call SNPs and small indels above a threshold  
776 frequency of 0.1 and base quality above 20 we employed both frequentist and heuristic  
777 methods using respectively SNVer and VarScan (Wei et al. 2011; Koboldt et al. 2012).

778 To identify larger indels and other SV, we used Pindel and CNVnator (Ye et al. 2009;  
779 Abyzov et al. 2011). The resulting output files were filtered for duplicates, ancestral  
780 variants, and variants found in the evolved controls. We used a combination of sources  
781 to identify and annotate the variants using snpEff (Cingolani et al. 2012), DAVID, the  
782 *Pseudomonas* database (available online at: <http://pseudomonas.com>) and information  
783 from published work. Further count statistics, analysis and visualizations were done in  
784 the R platform (R Core Team).

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786 Mutational diversity was calculated as in (Chevereau et al. 2015). Briefly, we calculated  
787 the entropy  $H = -\sum [p_j(\log_2 p_j + (1 - p_j)\log_2(1 - p_j))]$ , where  $p_j$  is the probability that a  
788 given locus  $j$  is mutated in a random population.  $H$  then measures the diversity of  
789 mutated loci in the populations adapted to a given drug. Standard error was obtained  
790 from jackknife resampling in the R platform.

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792 In order to link the observed collateral effects to the underlying genetic changes we  
793 performed a hierarchical clustering analysis. For this, we focused on four treatments,  
794 which repeatedly produced contrasting patterns of collateral effects. These included  
795 populations adapted to either GEN or STR (the two aminoglycosides), which produced  
796 variation in their collateral profiles towards PIT and CAR. We also considered the  
797 reverse two cases, for which replicated populations that had adapted to PIT and CAR  
798 showed contrasting patterns of collateral effects towards GEN and STR. For these four  
799 cases, we first obtained the Euclidean similarity of the sensitivities of evolved  
800 populations against the considered drugs. Then we used hierarchical clustering based  
801 on Ward's minimum variance method, including the Ward's criterion, which aims at  
802 finding compact, spherical clusters, and combined it with bootstrapping to assess cluster  
803 stability (Murtagh and Legendre 2014). The same process was then used to infer  
804 clusters based on the genomic profiles of the same populations, including only genes  
805 with mutations within their coding regions. For each antibiotic we then built  
806 dendrograms for the clustering results and assessed to what extent given genomic  
807 clusters coincided with clusters having collateral resistance or sensitivity phenotypes.

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809 The obtained genome sequences are available from NCBI SRA database under the  
810 BioProject number: PRJNA355367.

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812 ***P. aeruginosa* PA14 genome editing**

813 Deletion of *nalC* and single nucleotide mutations in *pmrB* and *mexZ* were performed in  
814 *P. aeruginosa* PA14 based on a two-step recombination method previously described  
815 (Trebosch et al. 2016). DNA fragments corresponding to 700-bp up- and downstream of  
816 the *nalC* region to be deleted (position 1,391,565-1,390,977 on PA14 genome,  
817 GenBank CP000438.1) were amplified by PCR using primers oVT464/oVT465 and  
818 oVT466/oVT467, respectively. The resulting DNA fragments were introduced into  
819 pVT77 previously digested with EcoRI/XbaI using NEBuilder HiFi DNA assembly  
820 (New England Biolabs). For the allelic replacement of wildtype *pmrB* and *mexZ*, 1.4-  
821 kb DNA fragments were amplified by PCR using primers oVT468/469, oVT470/471  
822 and oVT472/473 on the evolved populations GEN-3, GEN-10, and STR-2, which  
823 respectively contained the PmrB\_V136E, PmrB\_P254L and MexZ\_Q95stop  
824 mutations. The resulting DNA fragments were cloned into pVT77, digested with  
825 EcoRI/XbaI, using NEBuilder HiFi DNA assembly.

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827 The obtained plasmids were transformed into *E. coli* conjugative strains MFD<sub>pir</sub> or  
828 S17-1 and transferred into *P. aeruginosa* PA14 as described previously (Trebosch et al.  
829 2016). After conjugation, genomic plasmid integration was tested on LB agar plates  
830 containing 100 µg/ml sodium tellurite – when *E. coli* S17-1 was used additional 30  
831 µg/ml Chloramphenicol were added to selection plates to eradicate the *E. coli* cells.  
832 Plasmid integration into the PA14 genome was confirmed by PCR with primers oVT8  
833 and oVT474, oVT476, oVT478 and oVT480 for *nalC* deletion, PmrB V136E, PmrB  
834 P254L and MexZ Q95stop mutations, respectively. PA14 clones were transferred to  
835 LB agar plates containing 1 mM isopropyl-β-D-1-thiogalactopyranoside and 200 µg/ml  
836 3'-azido-3'-deoxythymidine to select for plasmid removal from the genome. Clones  
837 were screened by PCR using primers oVT474/oVT475, oVT476/oVT477,  
838 oVT478/oVT479 and oVT480/oVT481 for *nalC* deletion, PmrB V136E, PmrB P254L  
839 and MexZ Q95stop mutations, respectively. The genomic deletion and mutations were  
840 finally confirmed by DNA sequencing (Microsynth AG, Balgach, Switzerland).

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842 **Table 2. Oligonucleotides used**

Oligo name	Sequence (5'-3')
oVT8	GTTTTCCCAGTCACGACGC

oVT464 AGAATTGAGGCCTCTCGAGGAATTCTTAGAGGTCCCAGGCATTG  
oVT465 TGAGGAACAGGGTTTGCTGAGAGCGTTTC  
oVT466 TCAGCAAACCCTGTTCTCAAGGCCCTC  
oVT467 CCGCAAGCTTCTGCAGGCTCTAGACTGATGGAAACCTTTGCC  
oVT468 AGAATTGAGGCCTCTCGAGGAATTCTCGATCTCGACGAACTGC  
oVT469 CCGCAAGCTTCTGCAGGCTCTAGACAACGACAGCTCGATGTC  
oVT470 AGAATTGAGGCCTCTCGAGGAATTCCTCTCGCTGAAGCAGGTG  
oVT471 CCGCAAGCTTCTGCAGGCTCTAGAATCATCTTCGGCGTCAGTC  
oVT472 AGAATTGAGGCCTCTCGAGGAATTCTCCTGGCCTTCCTCGTAC  
oVT473 CCGCAAGCTTCTGCAGGCTCTAGAAGGTAGGCGGAGAAAACG  
oVT474 TCTGCGCGGATTCTGATAGC  
oVT475 TCCCTGGAAATGCAGTGAGC  
oVT476 GACGACTACCTGACCAAGCC  
oVT477 CCTTCAGCCACAGGTCGATG  
oVT478 CGAGGTCCATGTCCATCACC  
oVT479 TCGTTCTCGTTGTAGTGGCG  
oVT480 CTTGATCAGGTCGGCGTAG  
oVT481 AAGCTACCGTGACAGAACCC

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