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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The goal of this 5.5 yr. project that was sequestered after 2.5 yrs, is to identify bacterial protein and/or lipid markers of cultivation history. In the long run, such information could be used to determine whether a bacterium was previously cultivated in the laboratory (potentially by someone with ill intent) or grown in the bacterium's natural environment. In pursuit of this goal, we have built protein and lipid databases (containing 3 biological replicates) of *Francisella tularensis* (Ft) and *Acinetobacter baumannii* (Ab) grown under 4 representative standard lab conditions (SLCs) and 3 of the bacterium's native environmental conditions (NEC). We also sequenced the genome of our Ab strain (TBE 431) to facilitate proteomic analysis of this bacterium.

Progress-to-date: We have completed two biological-replicate proteomes of Ft LVS grown under three SLC (each proteomic analysis entails ~4000 measurements determined in technical duplicate). We are detecting ~1100 proteins (~65% of Ft's potential proteome), which compares very favorably with the detection-rate of another proteomics group analyzing lab-grown Ft (Lenco. Proteomics. 2009). A conservative analysis of our data indicates that roughly 10% of the proteome is significantly responsive to growth conditions; the largest changes are on the order of ~ 8 fold. Notably, many of the most responsive proteins are known virulence factors. Further Ft samples representing the first replicate for 2 additional SLCs and 1 NEC are currently being analyzed. We have completed genome sequencing of the Ab strain; this data will allow our Ab proteomics to commence. On the lipidomics side, we have comprehensive LPS-lipid A analysis for Ft grown under 3 SLCs and 1 NEC. These data reveal the anticipated changes in fatty acid composition as a function of temperature but also indicate temperature and media dependent changes in mannosylation – an unusual LPS modification of unknown function in Ft. We have also recently developed a novel 2D-TLC (2 dimensional thin layer chromatography) MALDI-TOF approach that allows for detection and characterization of both phospholipids and glycolipids (such as LPS) in a single analysis; this technique has significant potential for miniaturization and field-use. In addition to the above, this funding support is acknowledged in 5 published papers; further publications are anticipated.

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