

# 細菌的攻防戰： 農桿菌第六型分泌系統解密

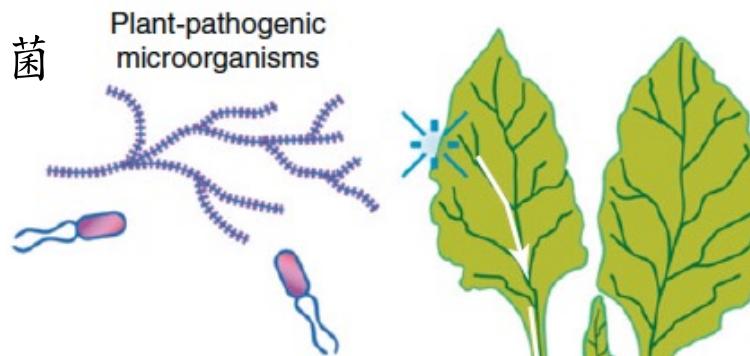
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# 生物間的互動關係：敵或友？

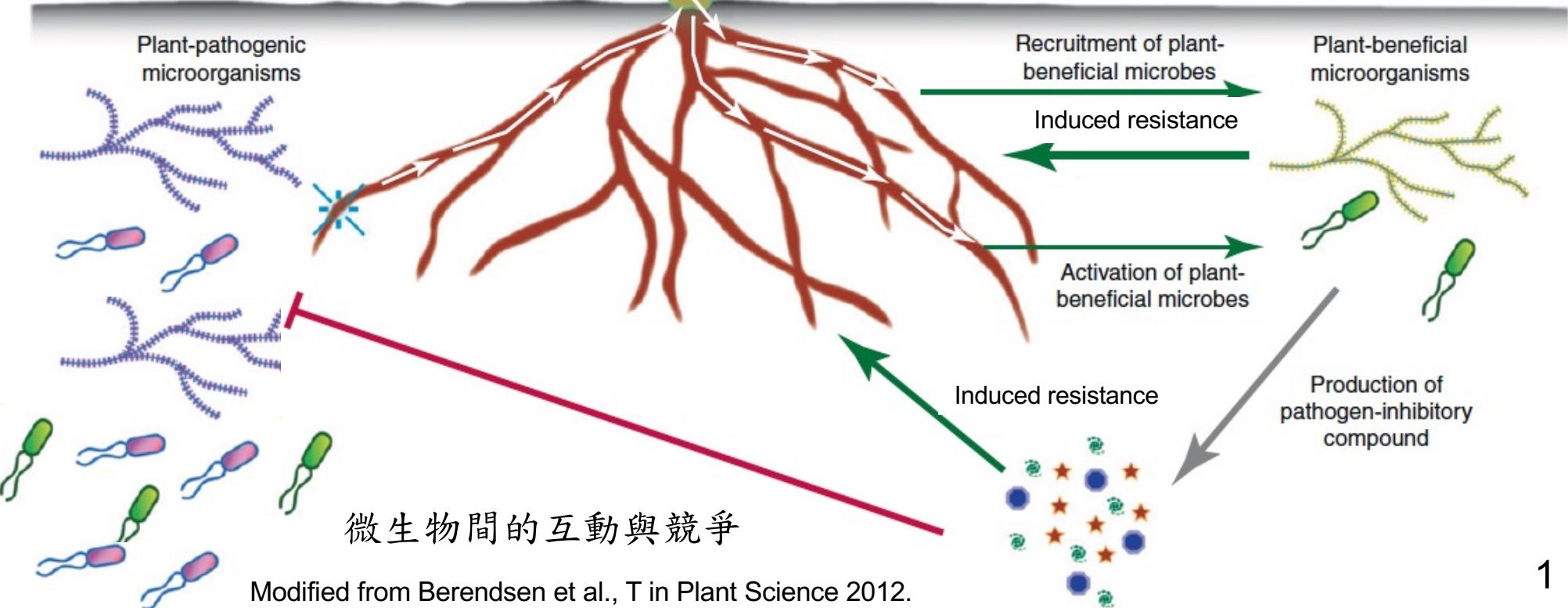
植物病原菌



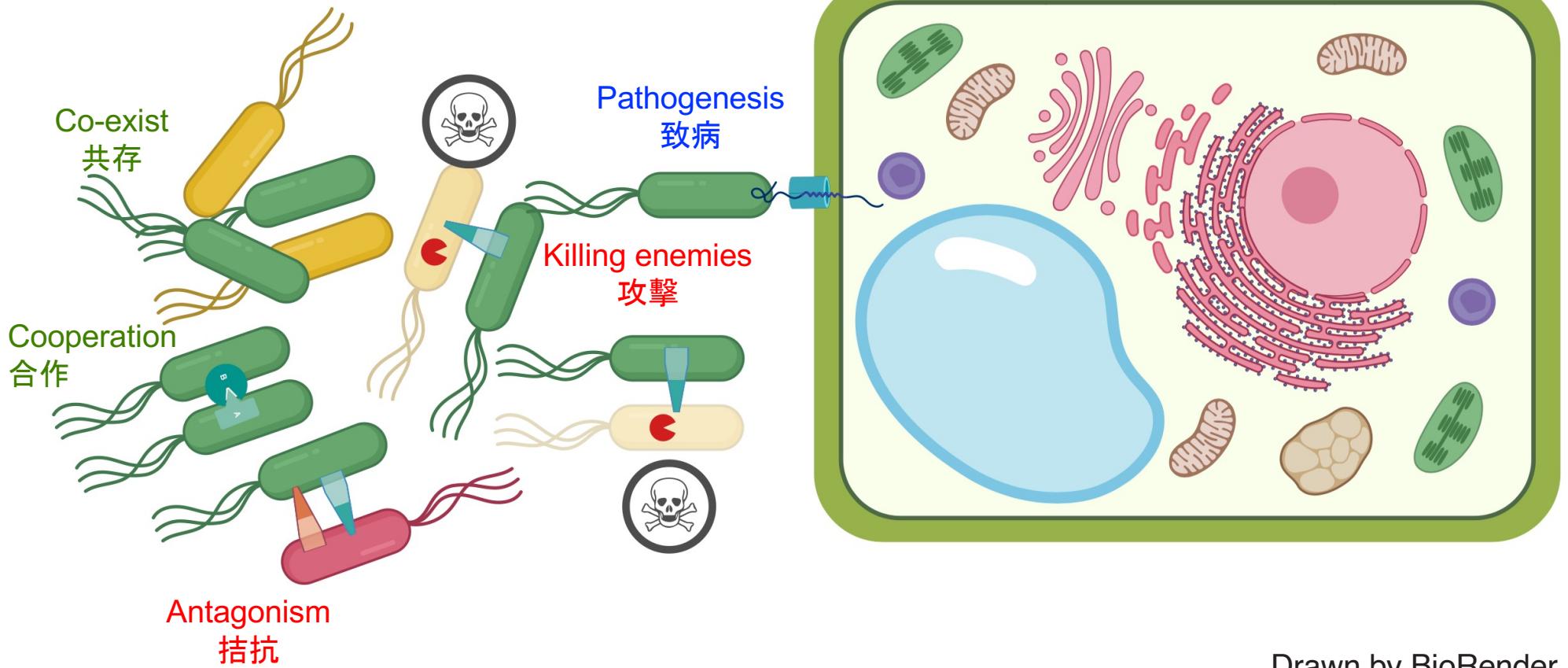
## 重要性及應用

- 生物間互動的機制
- 疾病的預防與控制
- 促進植物的健康

植物生長促進菌



# 細菌與環境中的生物互動



# 抗菌機制及毒素(Antibacterial toxins) 種類

## (A) 接觸型攻擊毒素：

Toxins that are delivered directly to the target cell via cell-to-cell contact through a variety of secretion systems

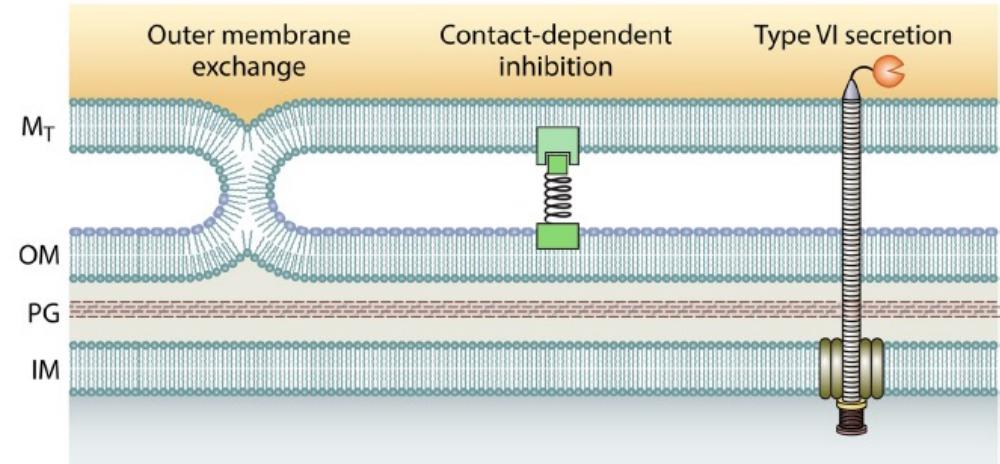
-蛋白質毒素 protein toxins

核酸分解酶 nuclease

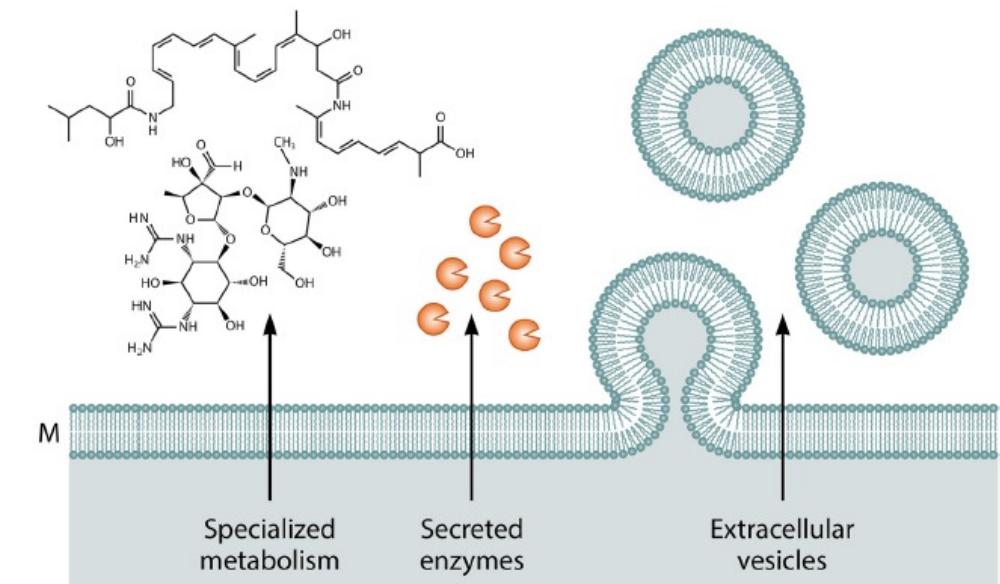
細胞壁分解酶 cell wall degradation enzyme

磷脂酶 phospholipase

### A. Contact-mediated



### B. Distance

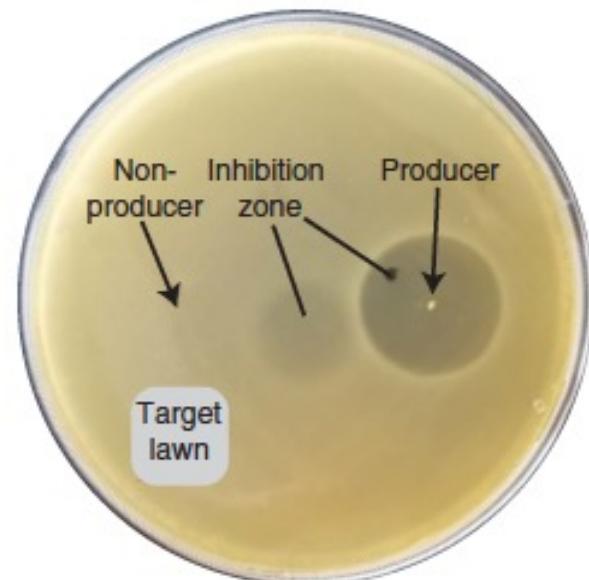


# 鑑定及研究抗毒素的方法

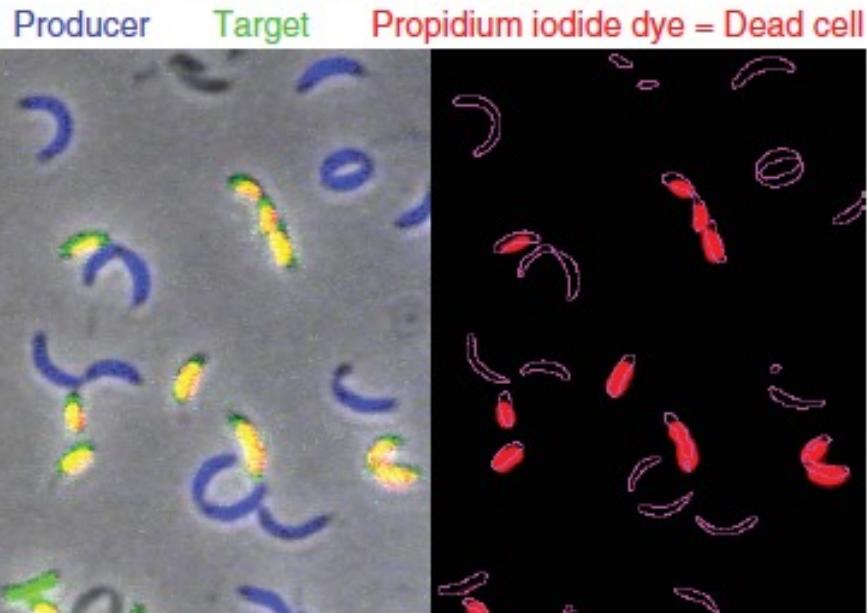
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## Assays used to analyze bacterial antagonistic interactions

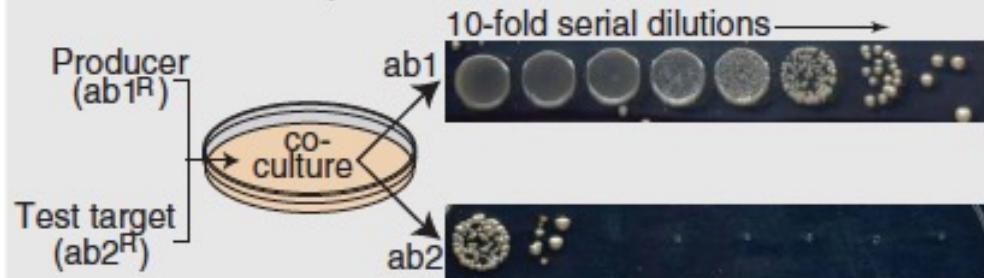
### Overlay assays (diffusible toxin)



### Time-lapse microscopy



### Co-culture competition



$$\text{competitive index of test target} = \frac{\left( \frac{\text{ab2 CFU}}{\text{ab1 CFU}} \right)_{t_{\text{final}}}}{\left( \frac{\text{ab2 CFU}}{\text{ab1 CFU}} \right)_{t_0}}$$

Comparison of competitive index in co-culture with producer strain or toxin deletion mutant

# 篩選及鑑定抗微生物毒素的方法

遺傳篩選

生化篩選

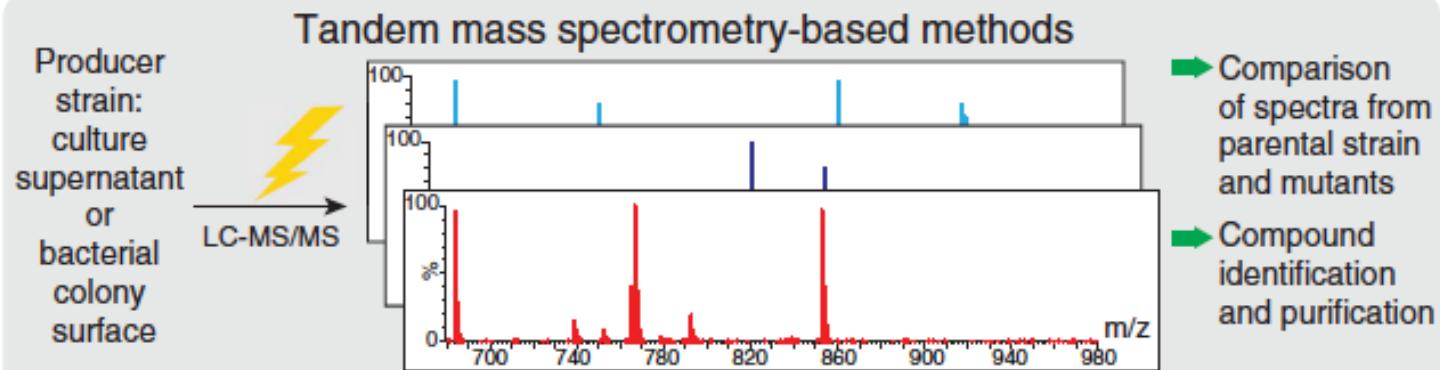
生物資訊分析

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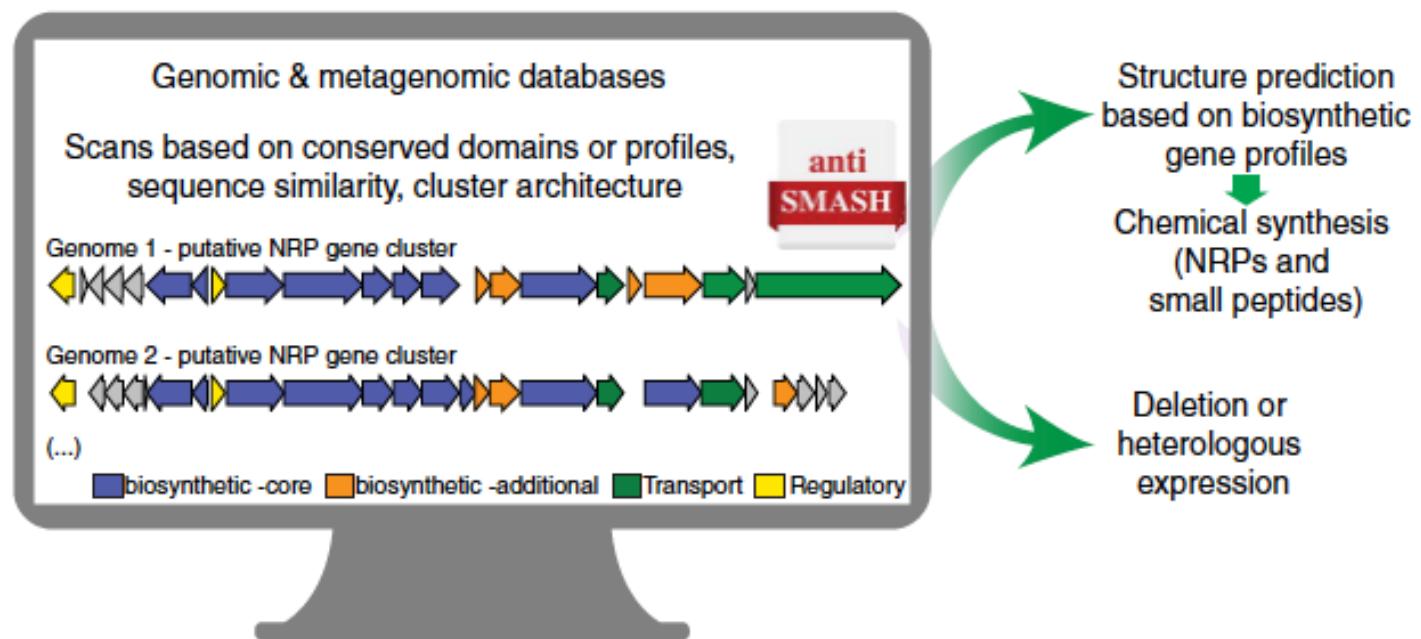
## Methods used to identify new antimicrobial toxins

i. **Genetic screens:** Transposon or chemical mutagenesis followed by phenotypic screening of mutant bank

ii. **Biochemical approaches**



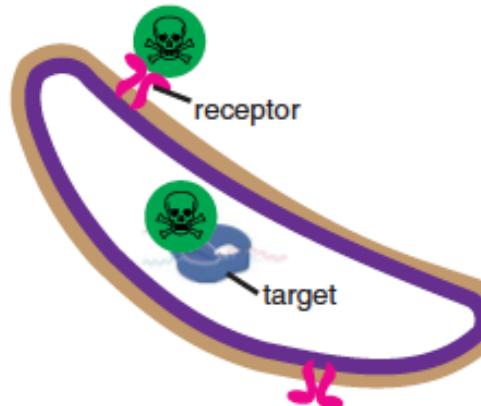
iii. **In silico analyses**



# 篩選及鑑定抗毒素受體的方法

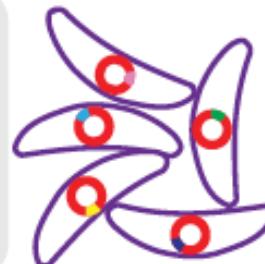
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## Pipeline to identify cellular target and/or receptor



### Random mutagenesis in a sensitive strain

- Random transposon insertion library
- Chemical mutagenesis
- Spontaneous mutations



### Isolation of resistance mutations

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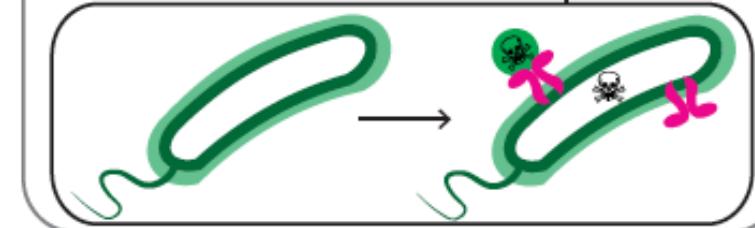
Surface/membrane protein

### Target validation

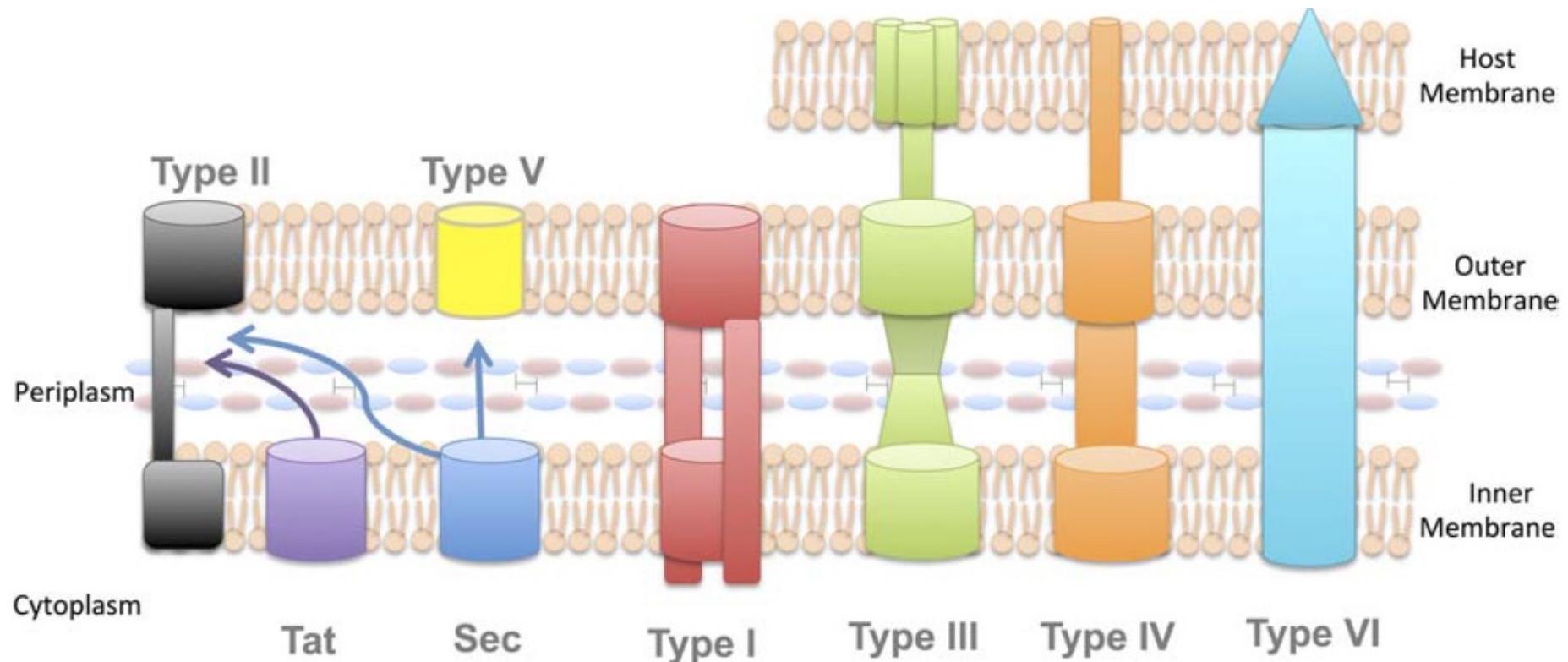
Biochemistry, molecular biology, microscopy to show biological activity of toxin.  
Examples: nuclease activity, membrane depolarization stains, etc.

### Receptor validation

- Protein-protein interaction
- Mutations uncoupling receptor activity from physiological role
- Sensitization by heterologous expression of the receptor



# 細菌蛋白質分泌系統對於病原菌致病力及生存競爭力扮演重要角色

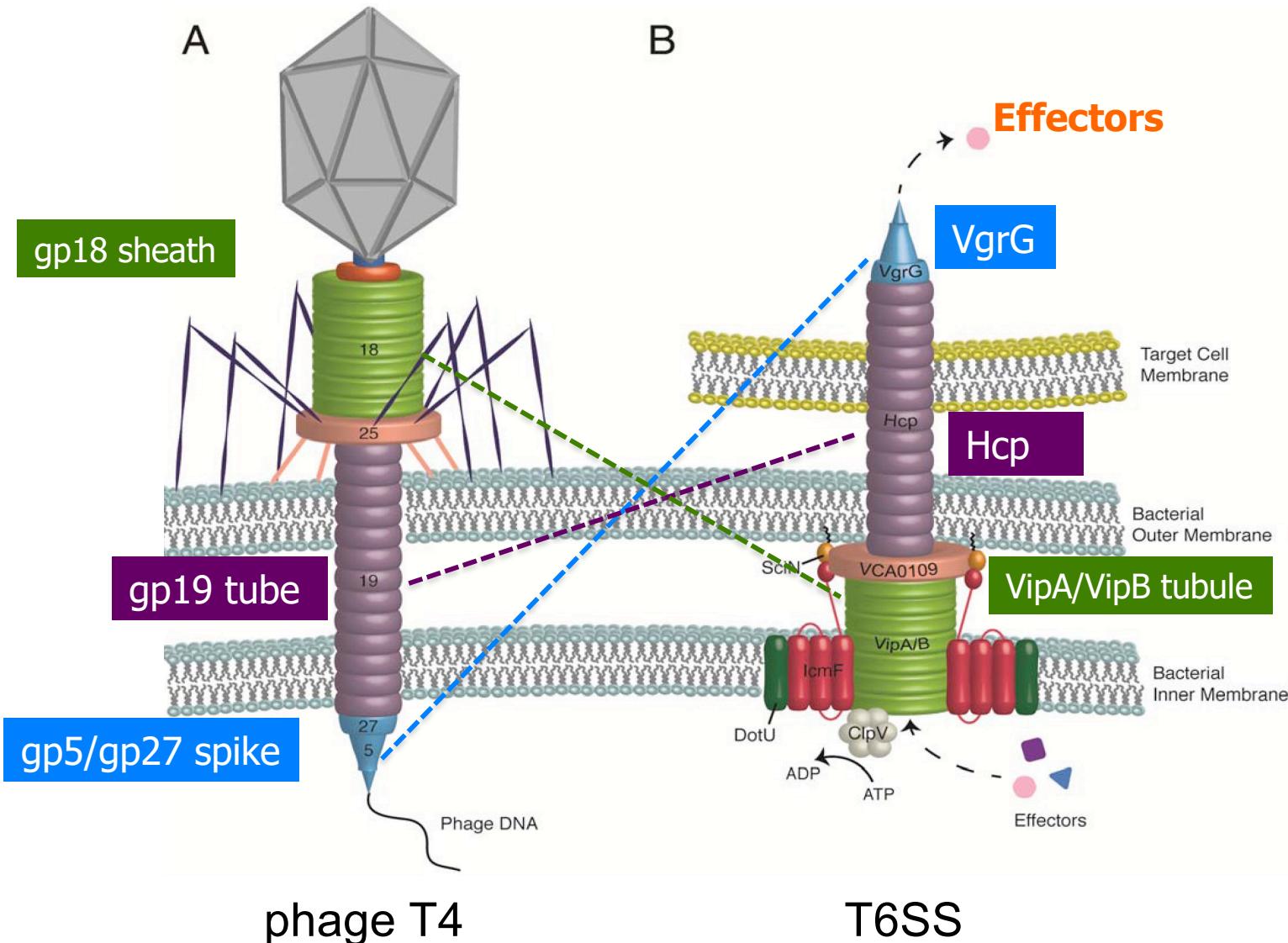


*Green ER, Mecsas J. 2016. Microbiol Spectrum*

第六型分泌系統(T6SS)普遍存在於約四分之一的格蘭氏陰性細菌

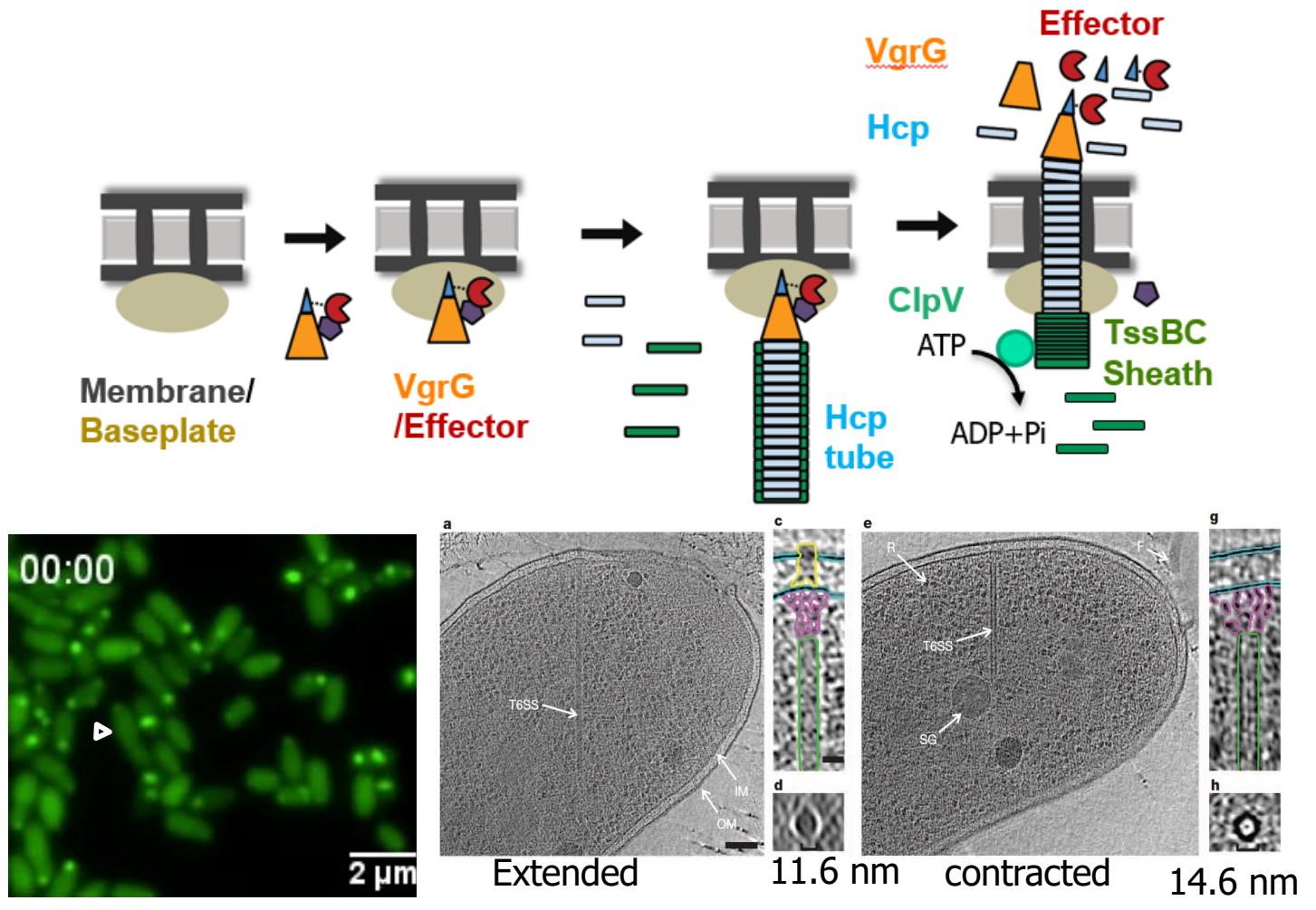
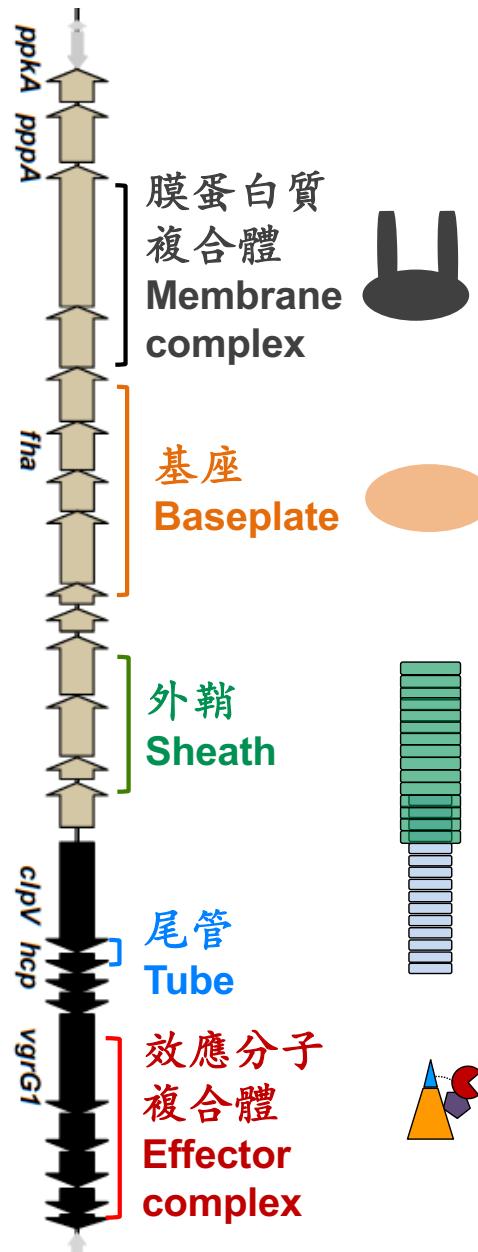
# 第六型分泌系統：噬菌體倒裝的分泌系統

T6SS: an inverted phage-tail structure for effector delivery

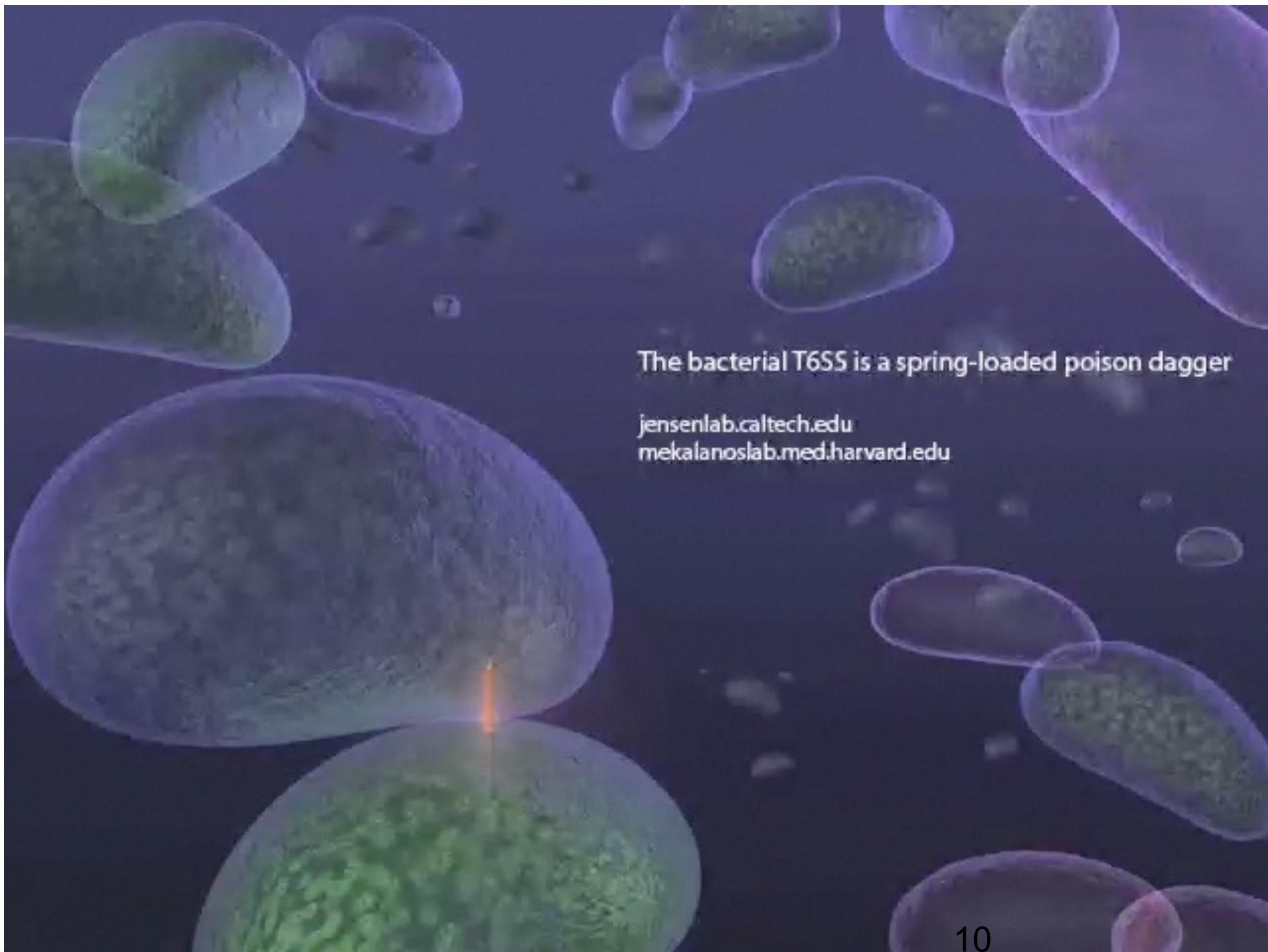


# 第六型分泌系統：一個伸縮性的注射器

T6SS is a contractile injection machine



Cryotomography of TssBC sheath (Basler, Pilhofer et al., 2012)



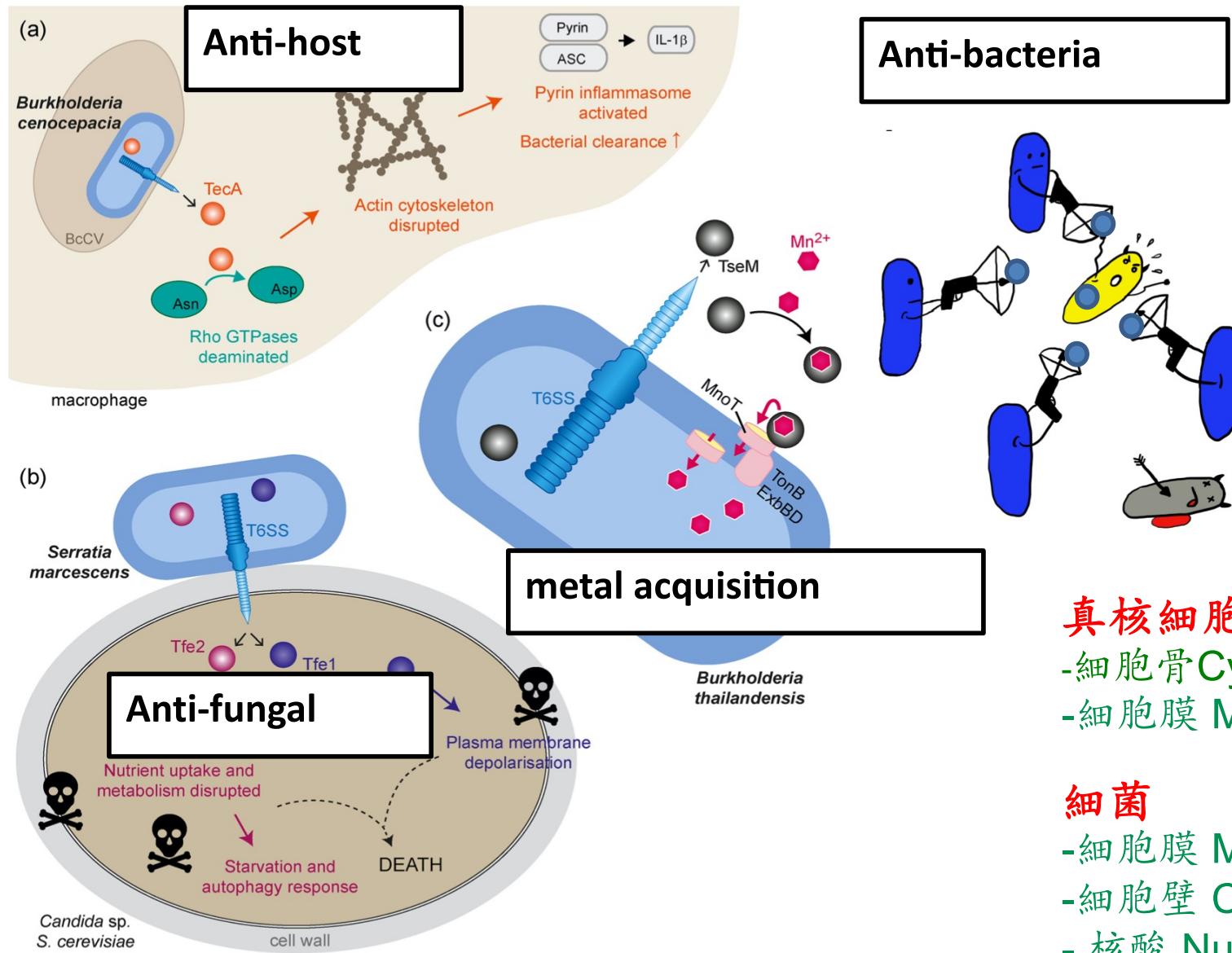
The bacterial T6SS is a spring-loaded poison dagger

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# 第六型分泌系統具效應分子及目標細胞多樣性



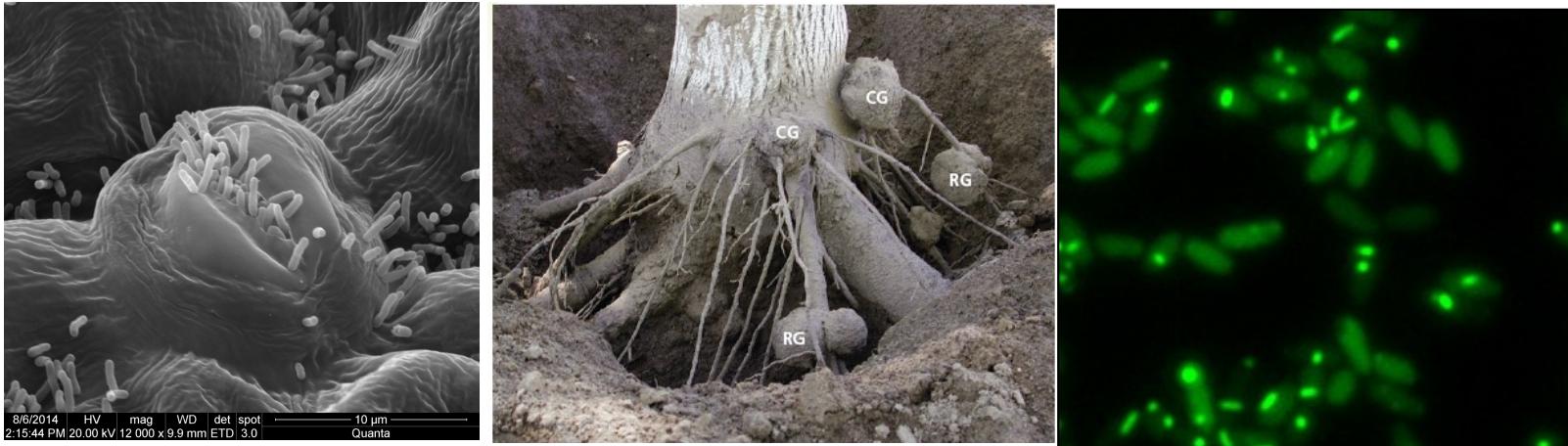
真核細胞

- 細胞骨 Cytoskeleton
- 細胞膜 Membrane

細菌

- 細胞膜 Membrane
- 細胞壁 Cell Wall
- 核酸 Nucleic acid

# 農桿菌：從植物腫瘤病原菌化身为基因魔術師

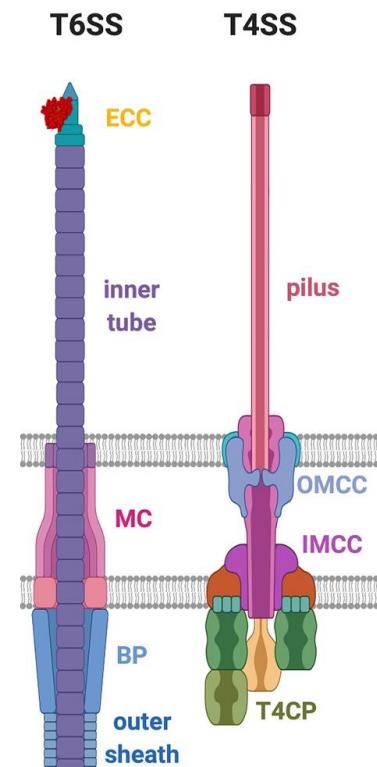


## 研究主題：

- 研究第四型及第六型蛋白質分泌系統 (T4SS, T6SS) 的生化及生理功能
- 探討農桿菌如何運用蛋白質分泌系統來增進其感染力、植物的基因轉殖效率及在環境中的生存競爭力

## 農業及生技應用：

- 提高植物基因轉殖效率
- 相關藥物開發進而控制動植物細菌病原菌之感染



Photos by Wang, YC (Jane WN, IPMB Plant Cell Biology Core); Santos, MNM, Hsieh, K (IBC, Shih, YL lab), Lin et al., *Front. Microbiol.*, 2020  
<http://californiaagriculture.ucanr.org/landingpage.cfm?article=ca.v062n03p111&fulltext=yes>

# 農桿菌的生活史 (癌腫病)

## Disease cycle of crown gall

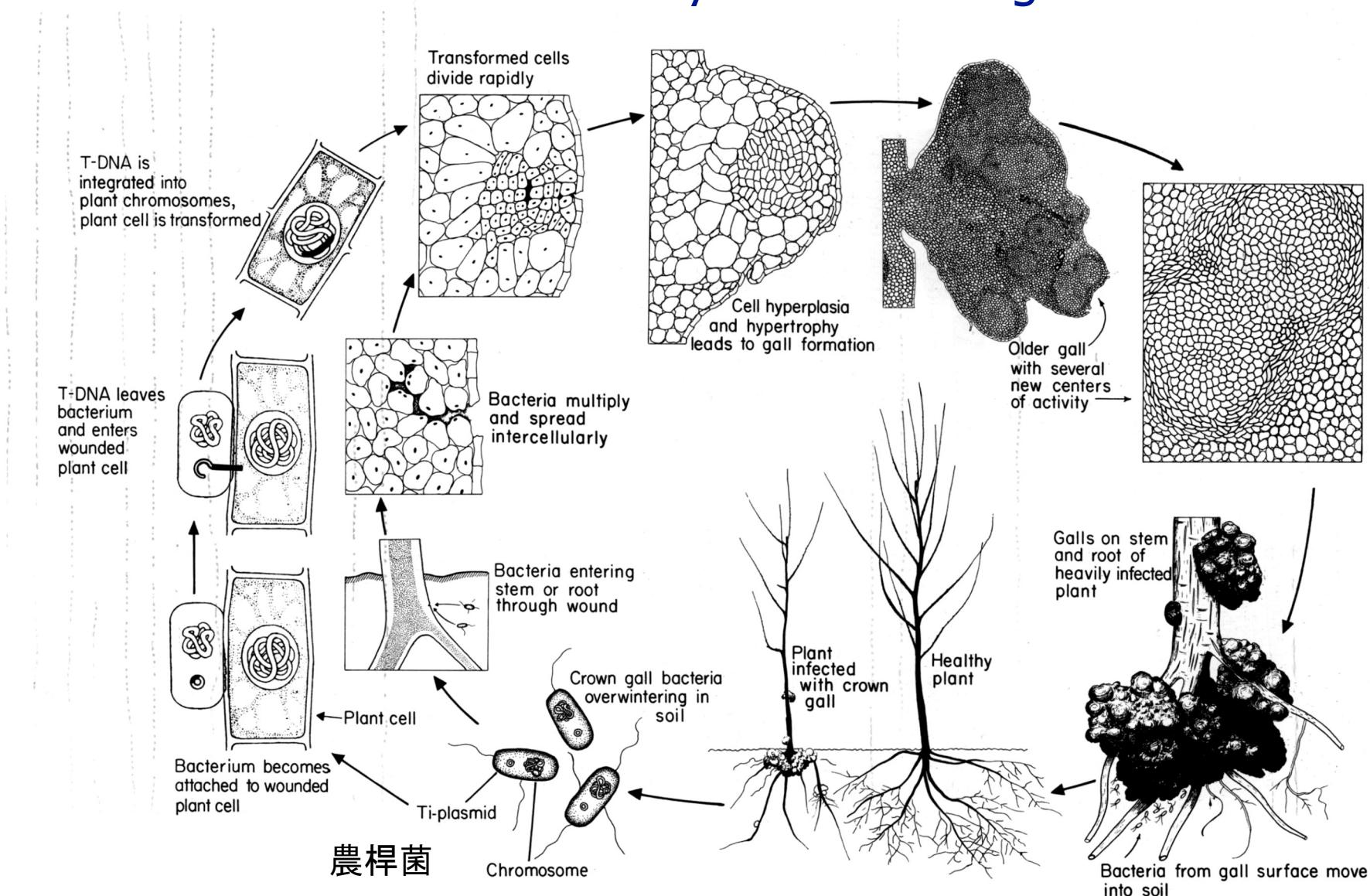
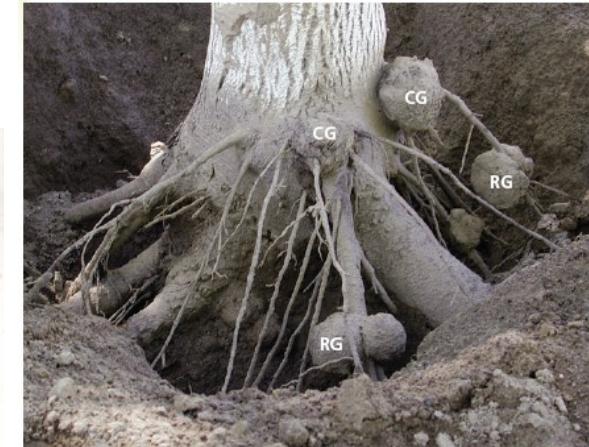


FIGURE 12-26 Disease cycle of crown gall caused by *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*.

# 農桿菌：從植物腫瘤病原菌化身为基因魔術師

*Agrobacterium tumefaciens*: from causal agent of plant tumors transformed to gene engineering magician

- Crown gall disease
- Interkingdom DNA transfer
- Gene transfer tool



Walnut crown and root galls



Apple rootstock

Bent, Plant Physiol (2000)

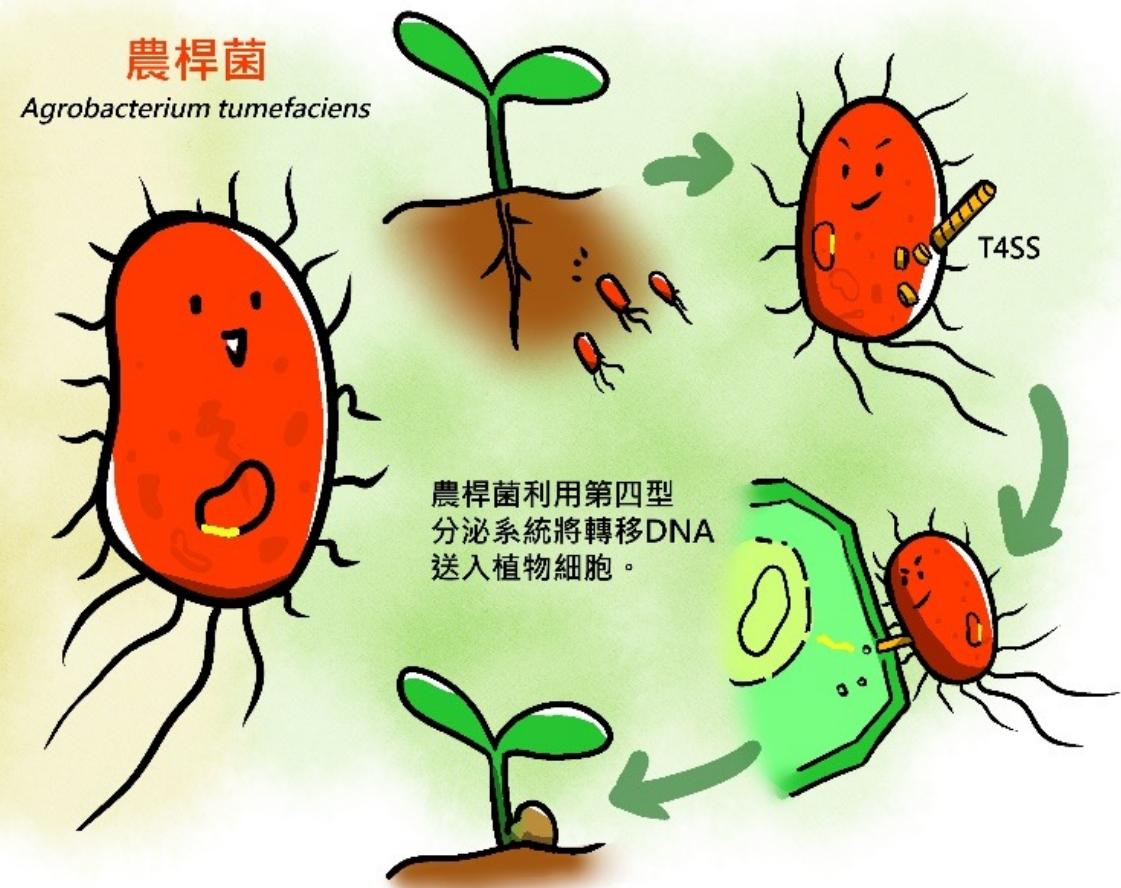
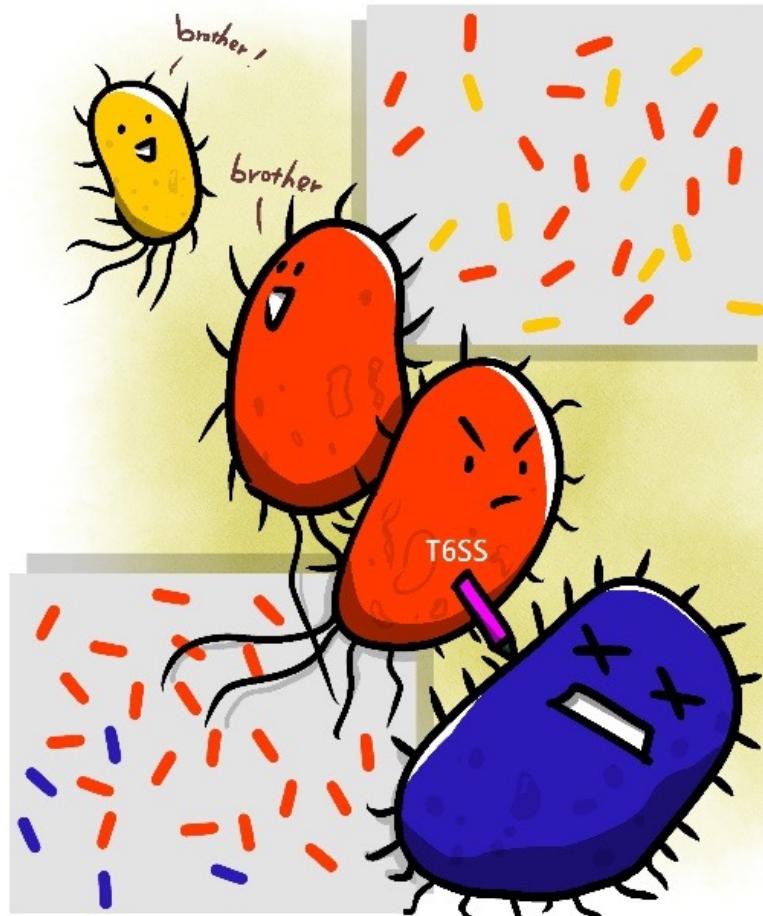


Grape vine

Several economically important crops suffer serious crown gall diseases and many plants resistant to *Agrobacterium*-mediated transformation!!!

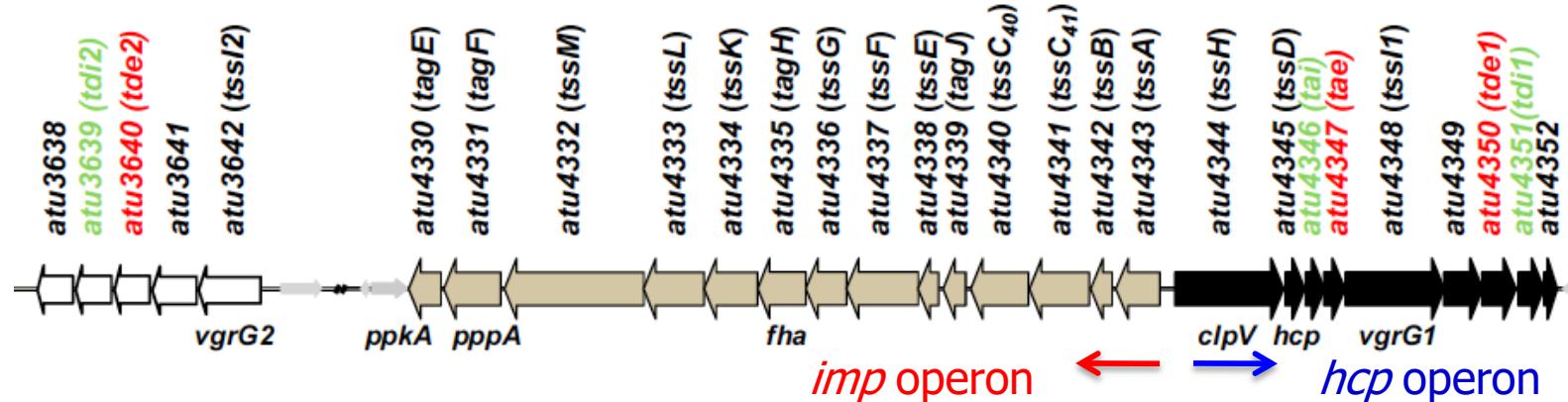
# 農桿菌生存競爭及感染植物宿主的策略

農桿菌辨識出親緣關係相近的菌株，和平共存。



# 農桿菌C58菌株具有三個T6SS細菌毒素效應分子

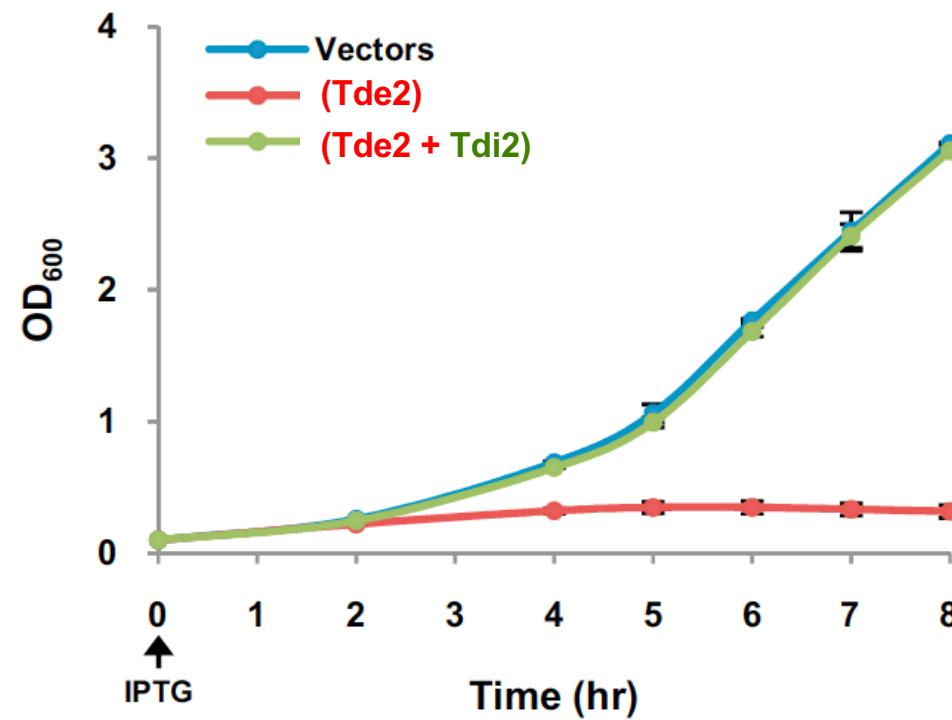
*Agrobacterium* strain C58 produces three toxins



**Tae-Tai:** 細胞壁分解酶-免疫蛋白質  
**type VI secretion peptidoglycan amidase effector and immunity**

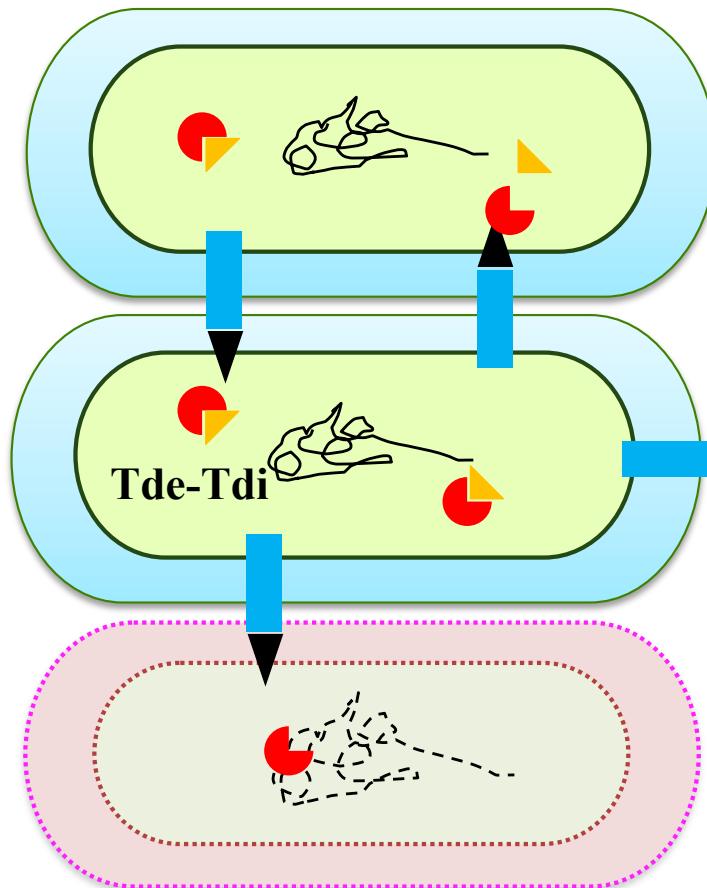
**Tde1-Tdi1:** 核酸分解酶1-免疫蛋白質1  
**type VI DNase effector and immunity protein 1**

**Tde2-Tdi2:** 核酸分解酶2-免疫蛋白質2  
**type VI DNase effector and immunity protein 2**

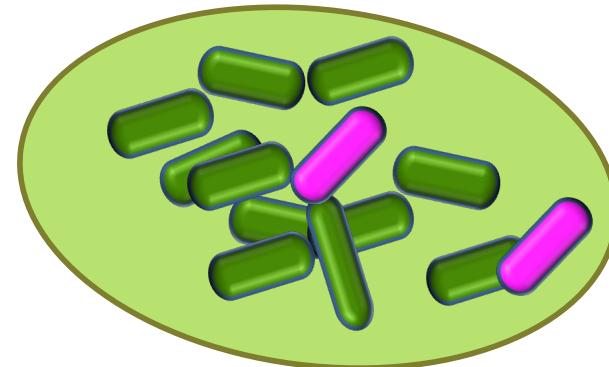


Bacterial growth inhibition assay

# 農桿菌第六型分泌系統為細菌攻防戰的新武器 T6SS as a weapon for interbacterial competition



存活: 同源免疫蛋白質 Tdi 與 Tde DNA 分解酶結合以保護自身的存活

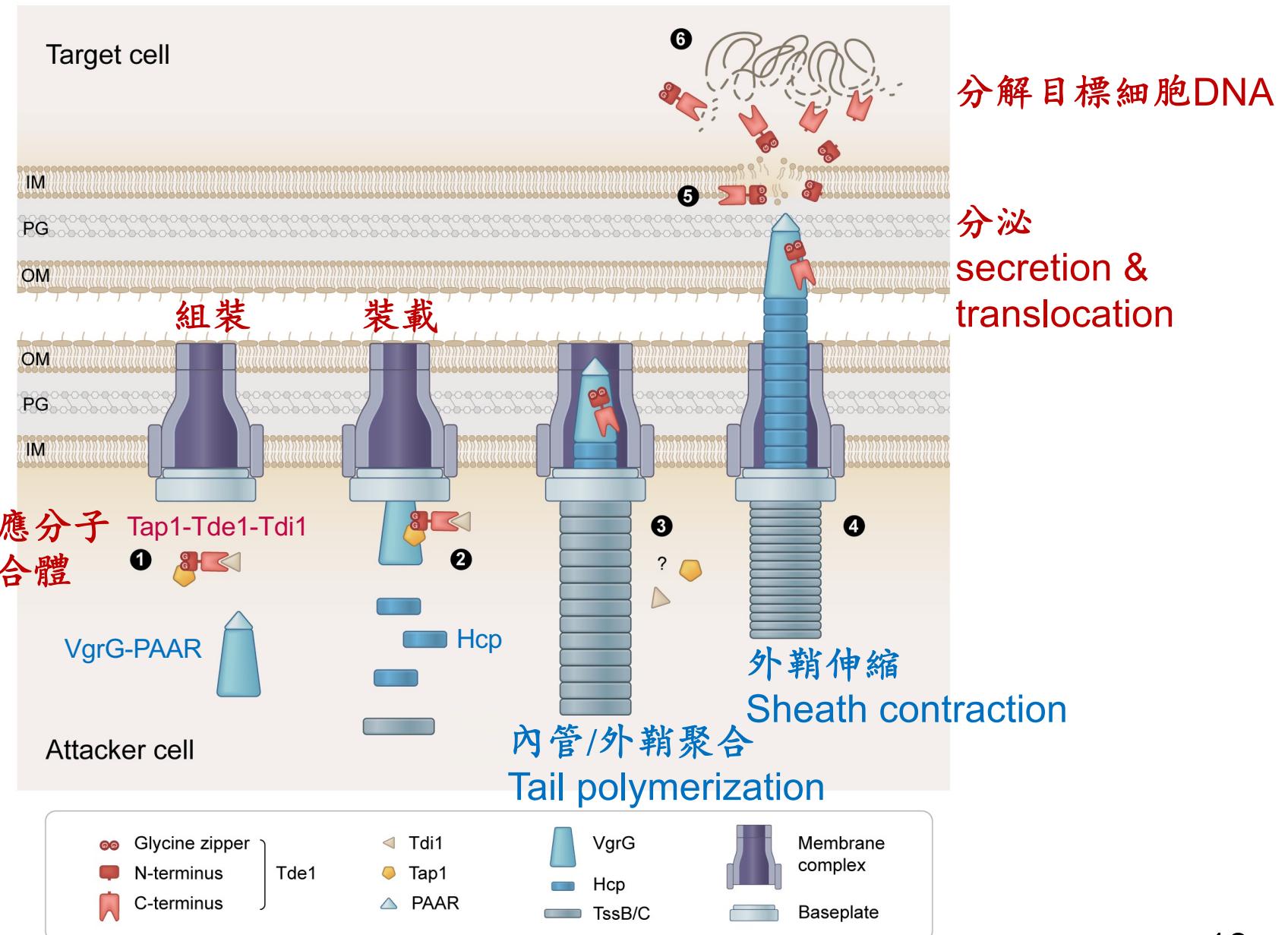


死亡: Tde 注射至所接觸的細菌競爭對手胞內並分解競爭對手細胞內的DNA分子

**Tde-Tdi:** type VI DNase effector and immunity protein

# 第六型分泌系統效應分子的裝載、活化及運輸機制

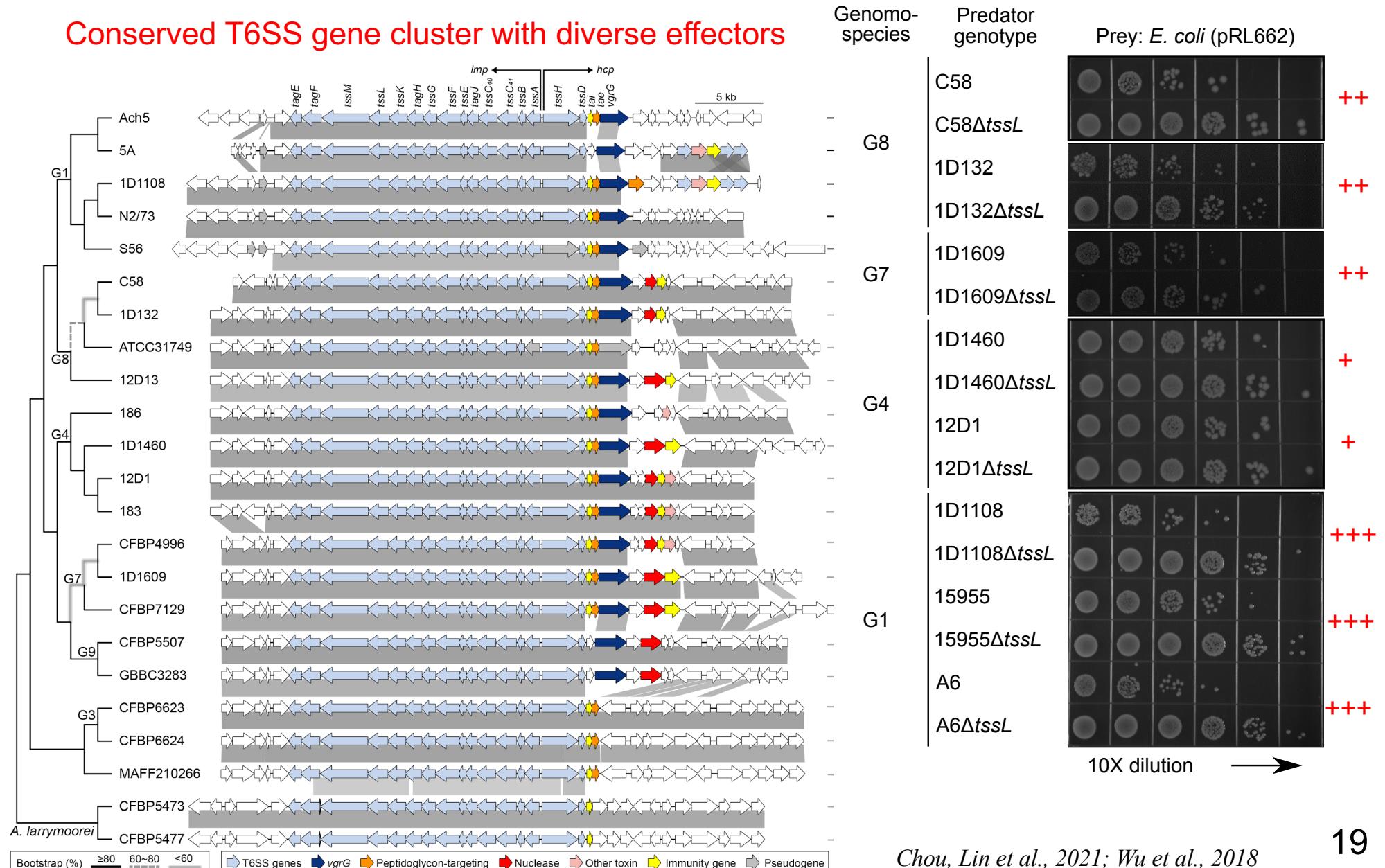
## Tde1 loading, firing, and translocation to target cells



# 農桿菌物種複合體普遍具有第六型分泌系統殺菌武器

## T6SS is widespread across *A. tumefaciens* species complex and functions as an antibacterial weapon

### Conserved T6SS gene cluster with diverse effectors

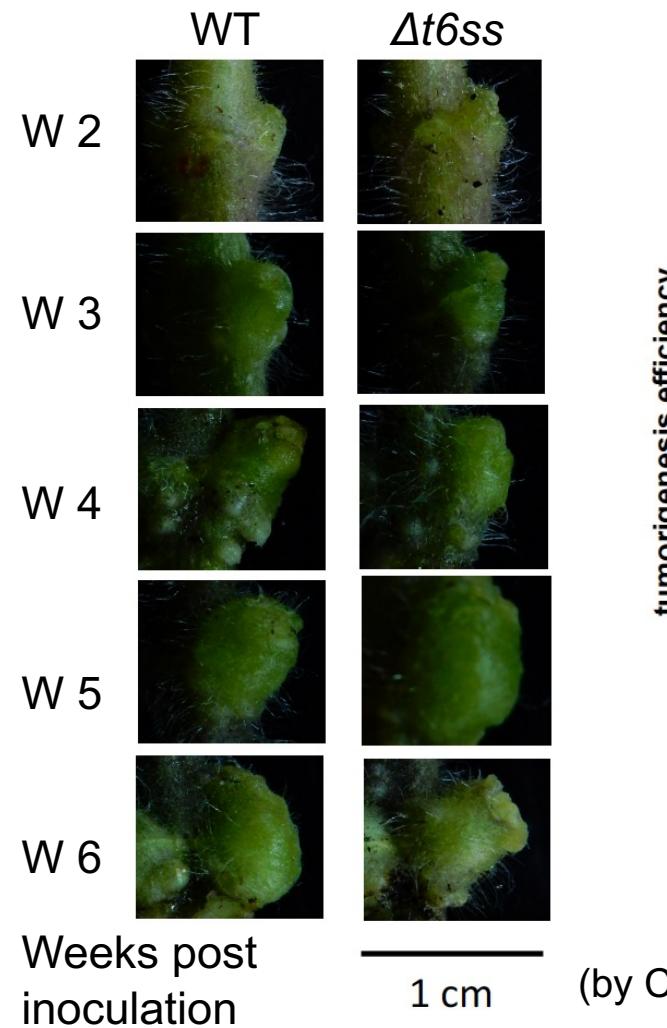


Chou, Lin et al., 2021; Wu et al., 2018

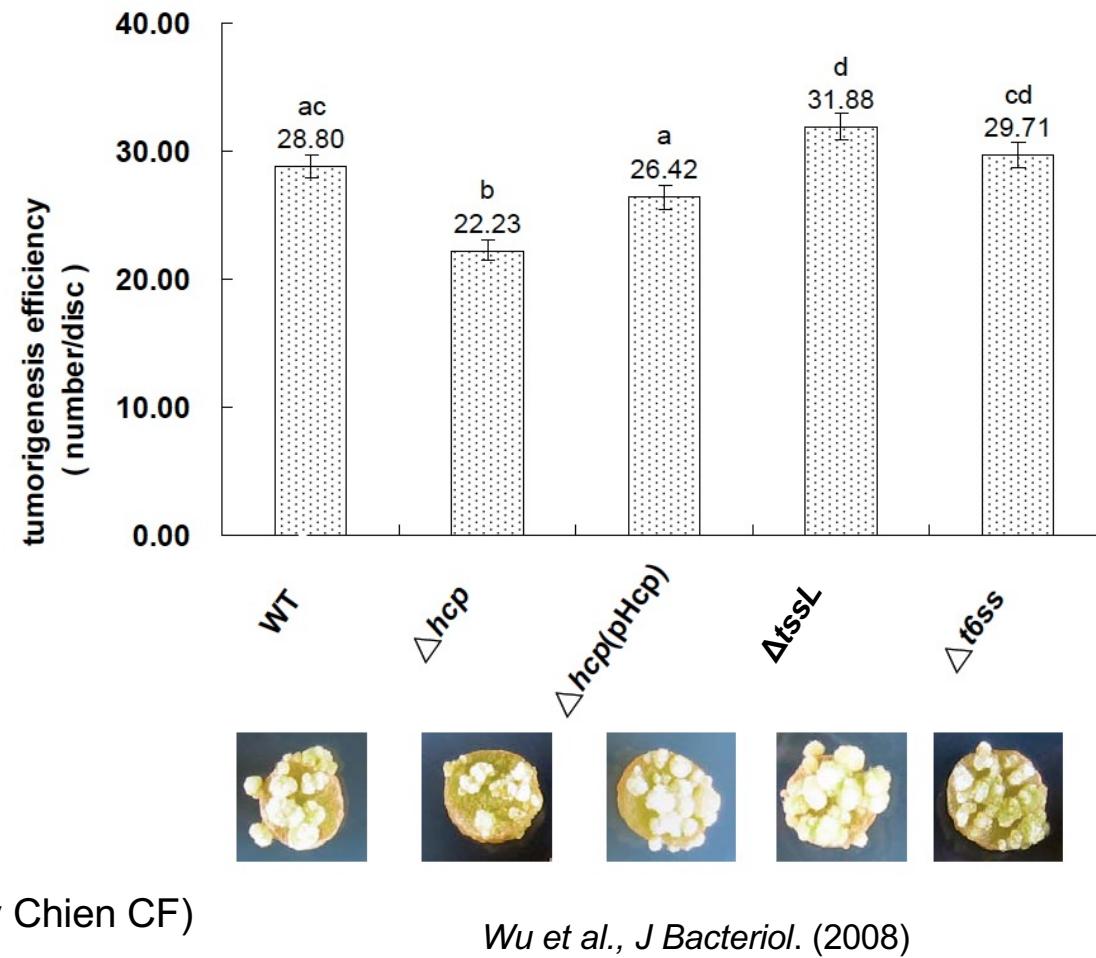
# 第六型分泌系統的有無不影響農桿菌的致病能力

T6SS is not required for gall formation when inoculated directly on plant wounding sites

Tumor assay on tomato stems



Tumor assay on potato tuber disc

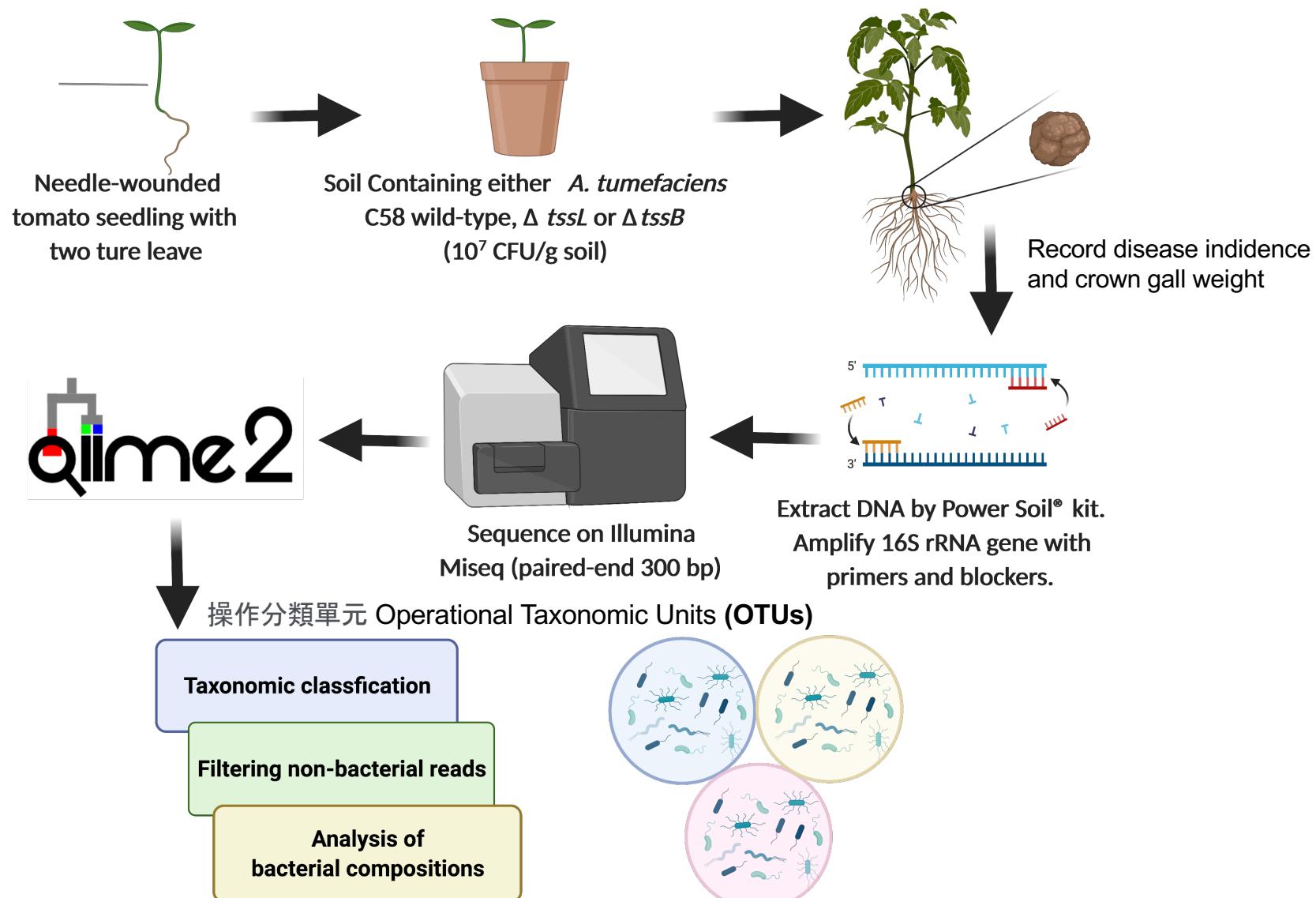


- We tested the role of T6SS in :

- Tumorigenesis under a more natural setting
- *A. tumefaciens*-associated microbiota in crown gall (termed as gallobiome)

# 農桿菌土壤接種法及腫瘤微生物相分析流程

## Workflow of soil inoculation and gallobiome analysis



# 模擬自然感染的土壤接種法可以觀察腫瘤發生率及多樣性

## Diversity of crown galls generated through soil inoculation

WT

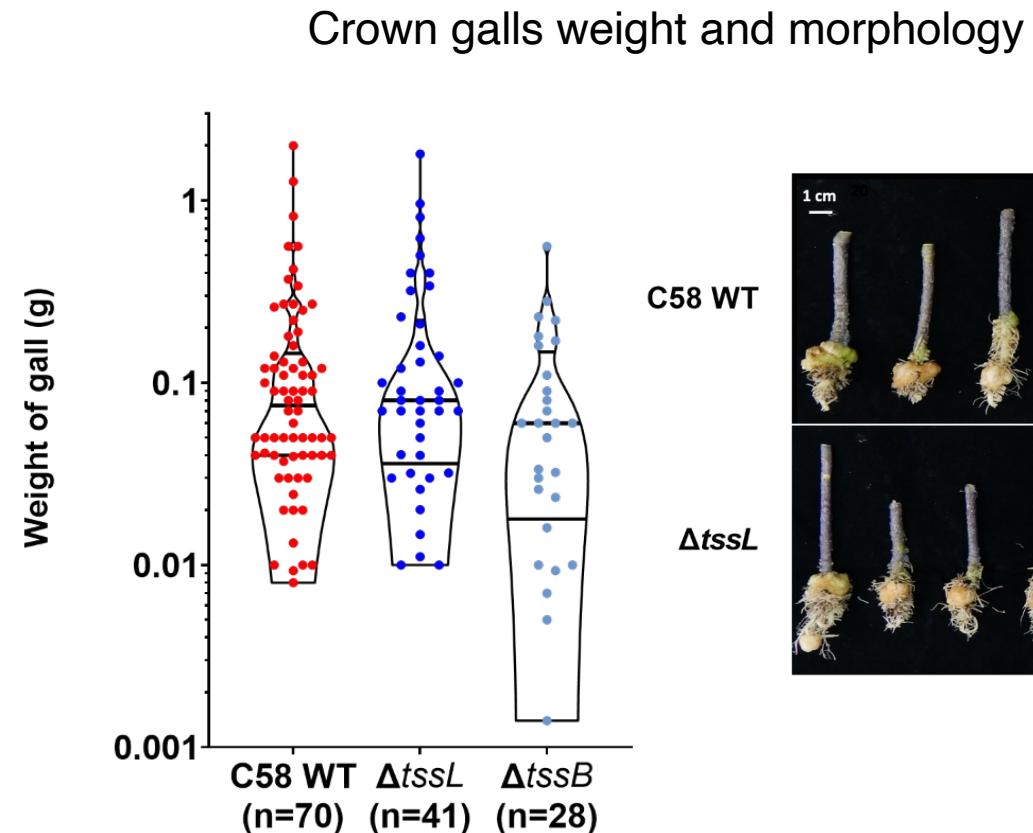
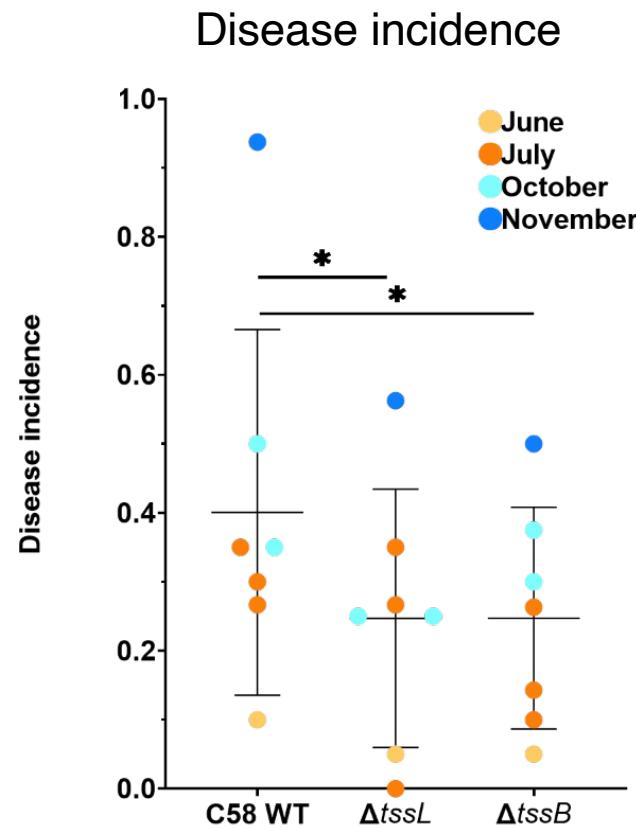


$\Delta tssL$



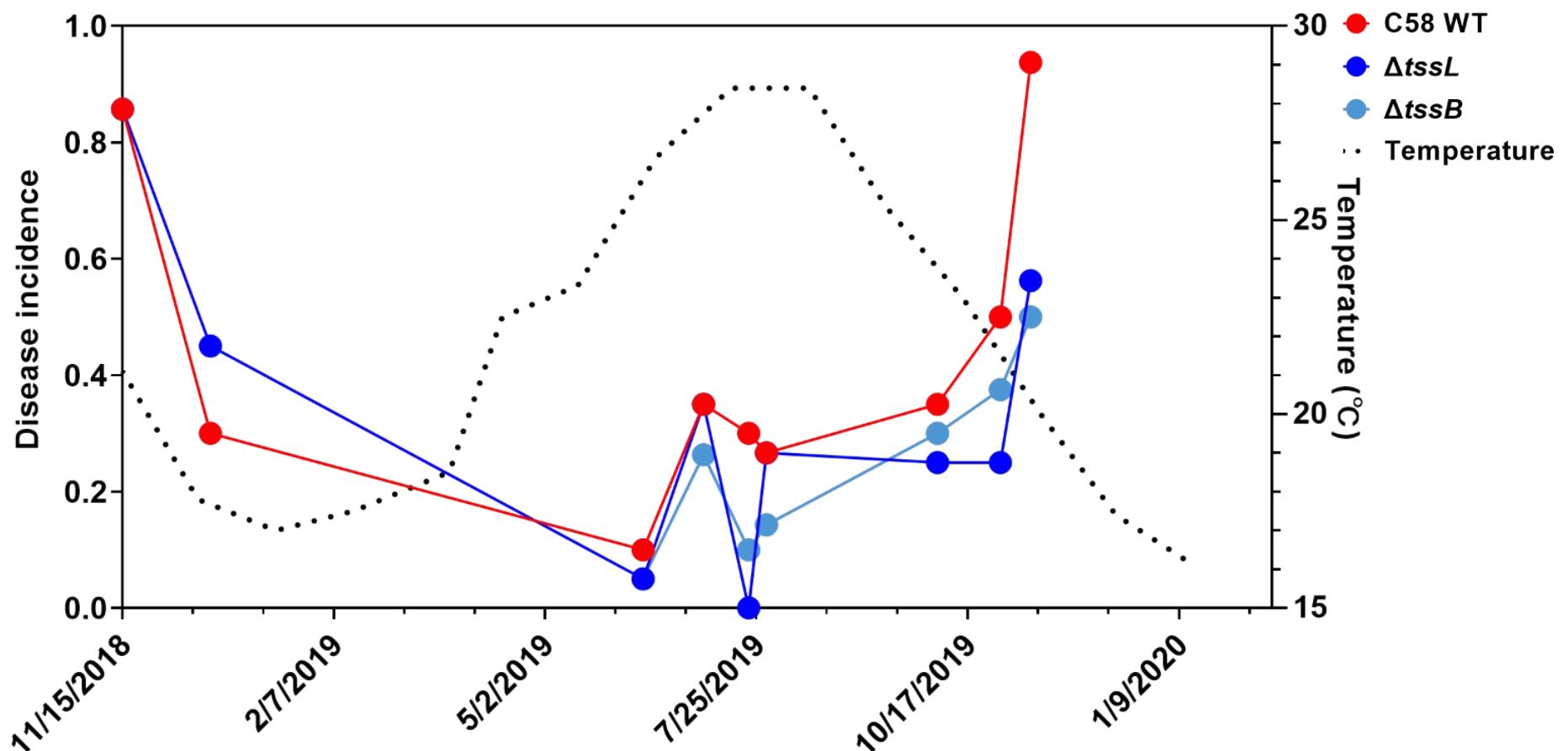
Not all infected plants produce tumors, in contrast to 100% disease incidence when inoculated directly on wounded stems.

# 第六型分泌系統缺失的突變株誘導較低的腫瘤發生率 T6SS mutants induced lower crown gall disease incidences



# 腫瘤發生率受環境因子的影響

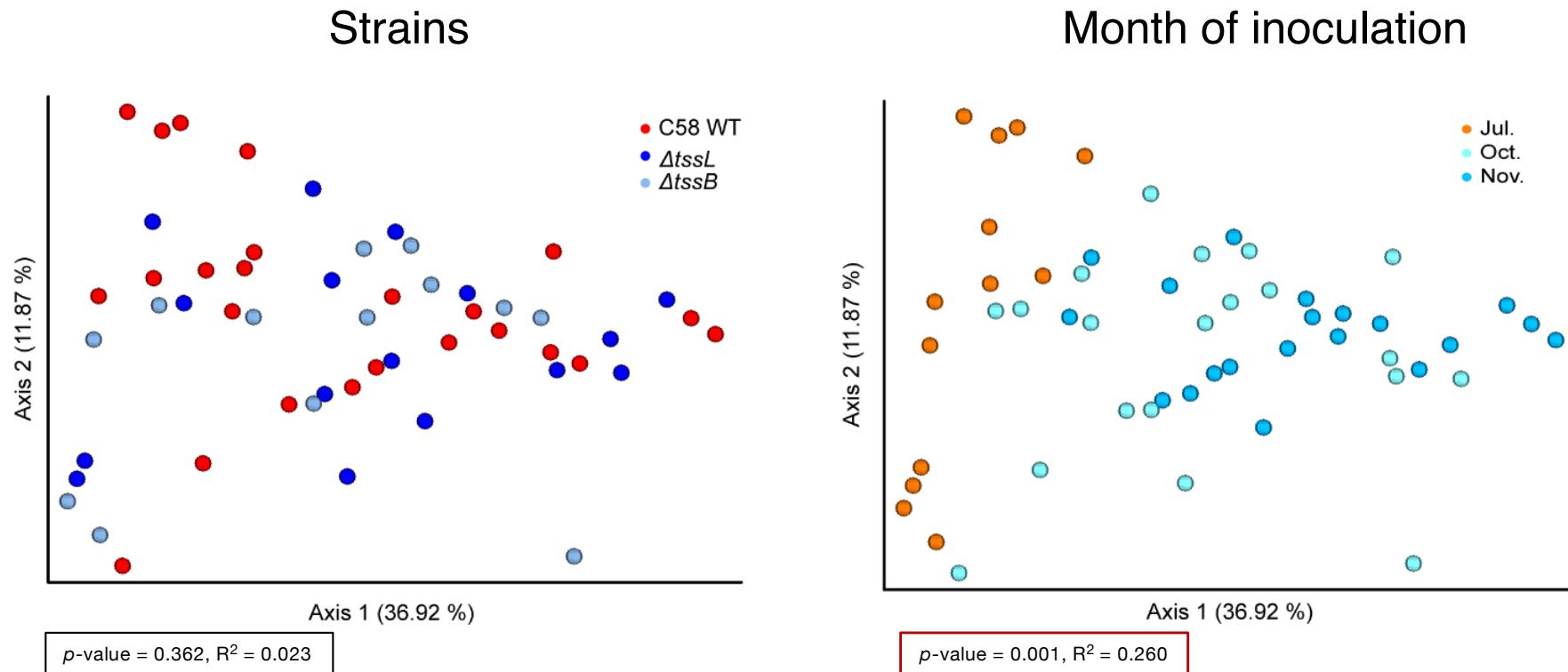
## Tumorigenesis is affected by environmental factors



- An inverse correlation between disease incidence and temperature

## 第六型分泌系統對腫瘤細菌相的主要組成沒有顯著影響

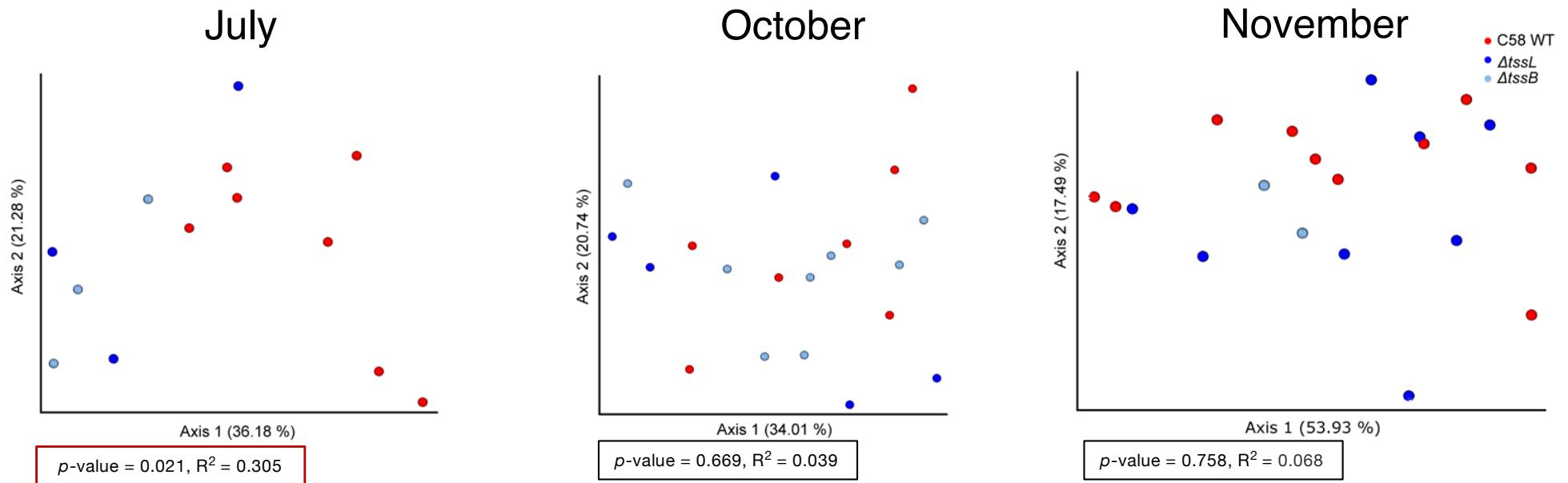
Gallobiomes induced by T6SS mutants were not significantly different  
- PCoA analysis of 53 gall microbiota on OTUs (operational taxonomic units)



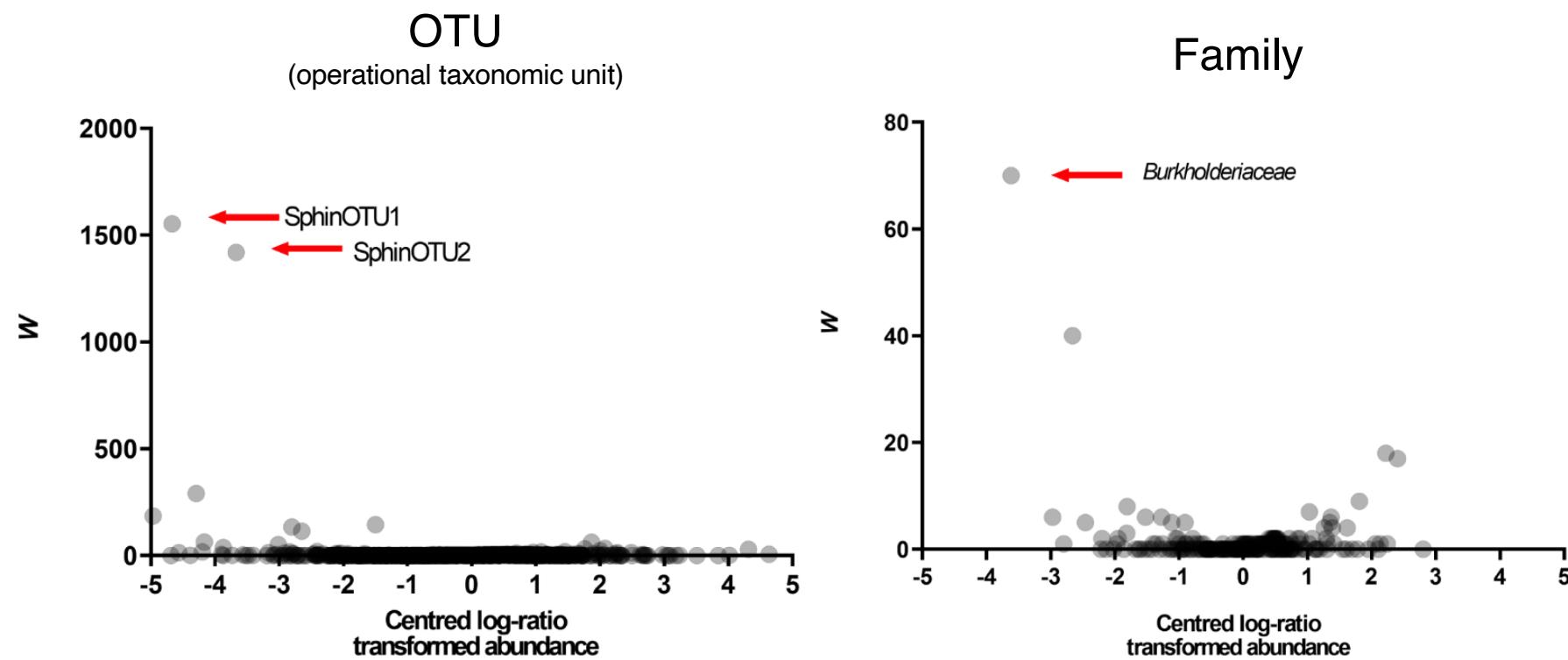
- 24 induced by WT, 16 by  $\Delta tssL$ , and 13 by  $\Delta tssB$ .
  - Most of the variation between samples were contributed by different seasons (July vs. October/November).

# 第六型分泌系統對七月接種的腫瘤細菌相有影響

## Distinct gallobiome compositions associated WT and T6SS mutants in July



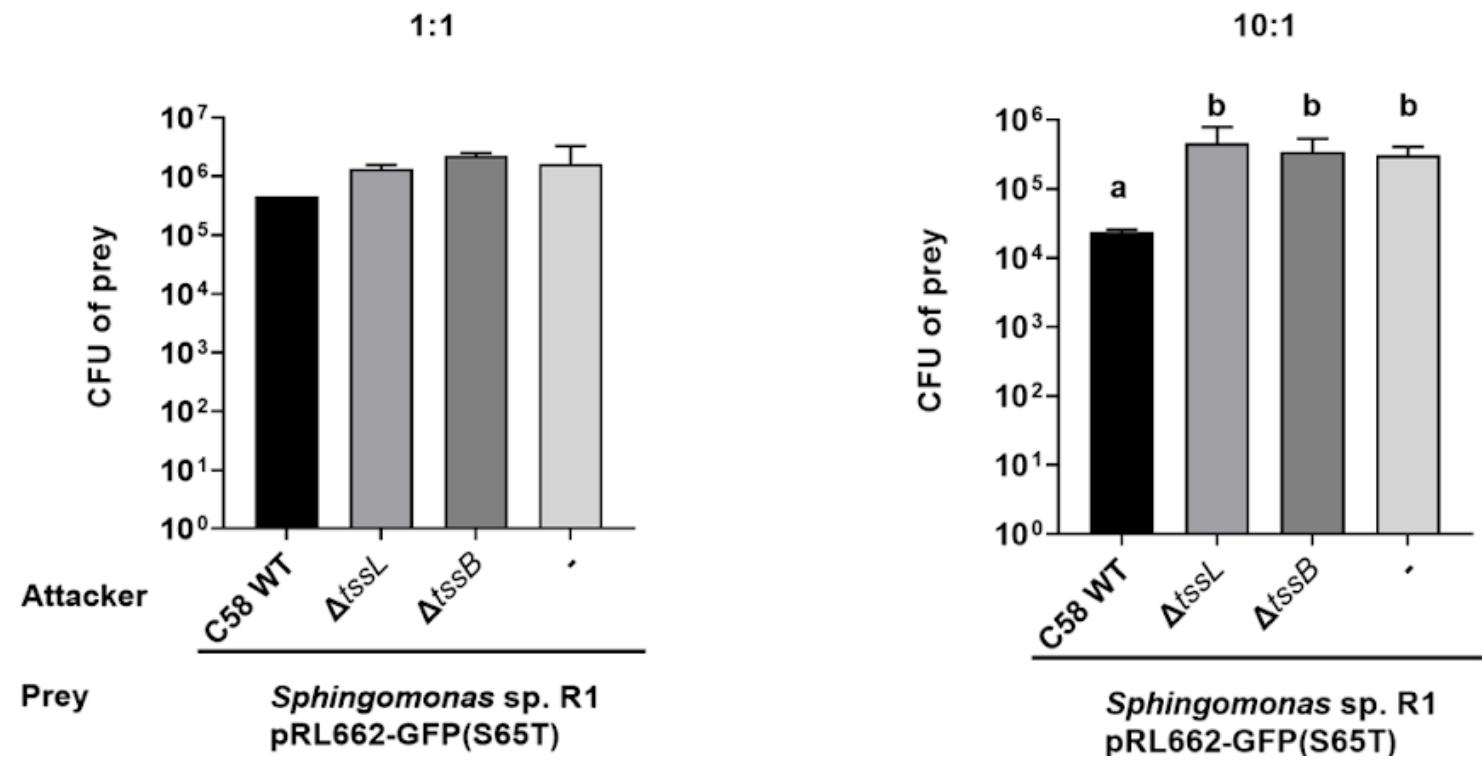
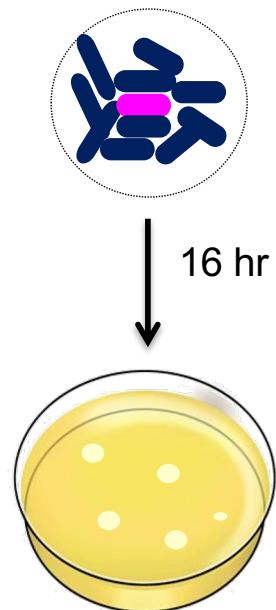
第六型分泌系統的缺失使腫瘤細菌相之特定物種有顯著較高的相對量  
*Sphingomonas* OTUs and Burkholderiaceae were more abundant in the gallobiomes induced by the T6SS mutants in July



# 農桿菌第六型分泌系統會抑制蕃茄根圈細菌的生長 *Agrobacterium* exhibits T6SS antagonism to a tomato isolate *Sphingomonas* sp. R1

Attacker (10 or 1)

Prey (1)

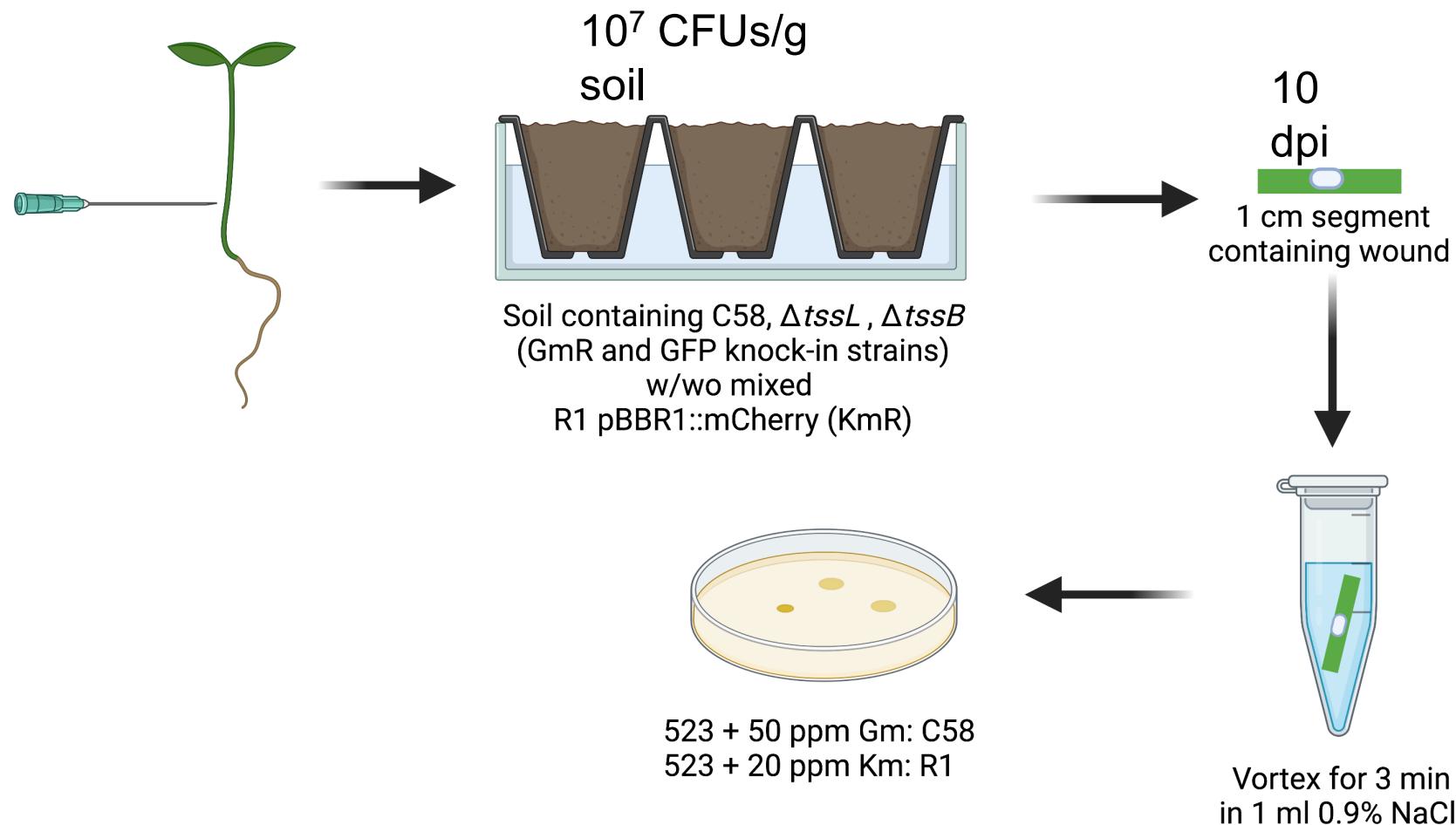


Prey survival by counting  
 CFU (colony forming unit)

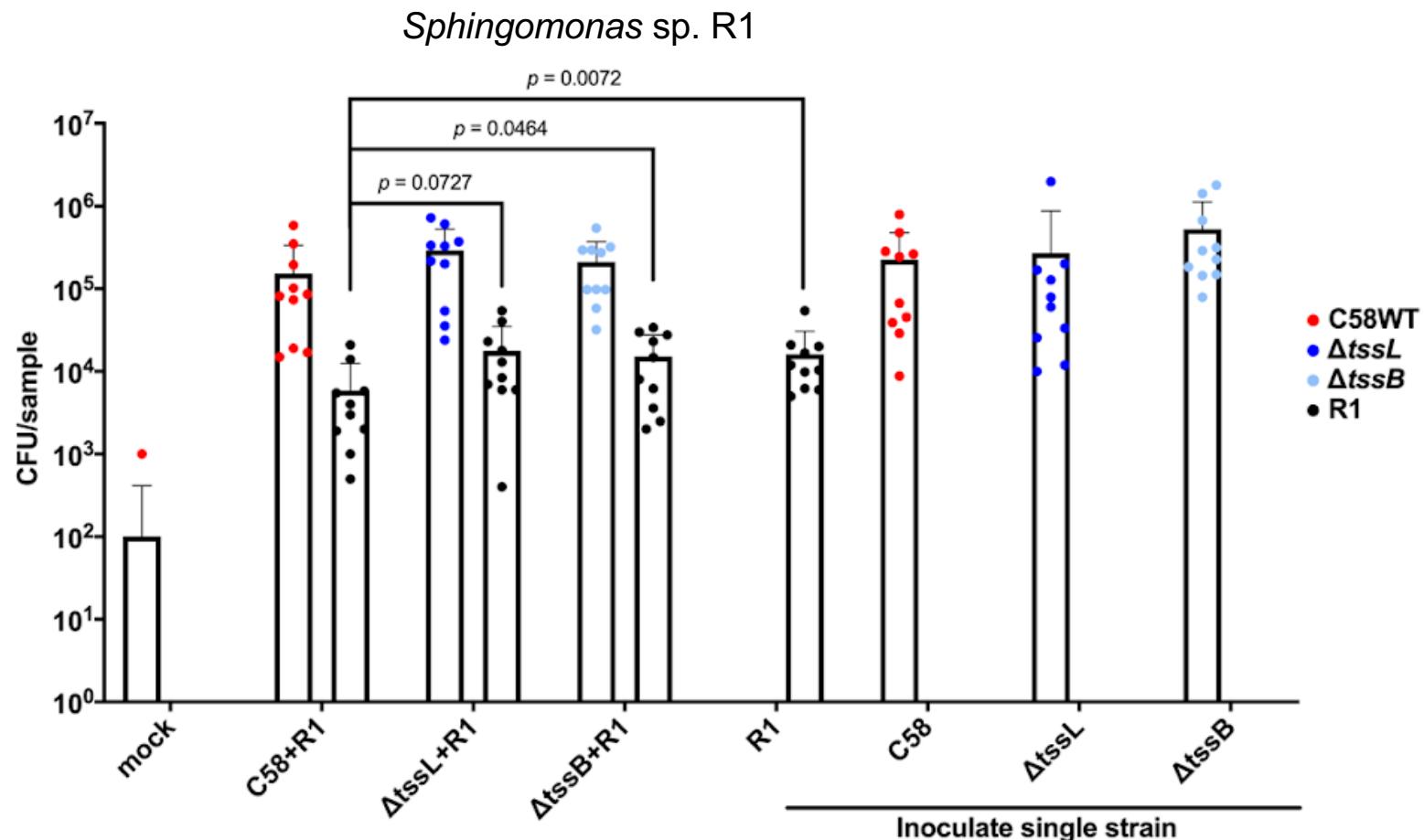
-*In vitro* interbacterial competition

# 農桿菌土壤接種法在蕃茄小苗植物傷口纏據試驗流程

## Colonization on wounded site of tomato seedlings after co-inoculation in soil

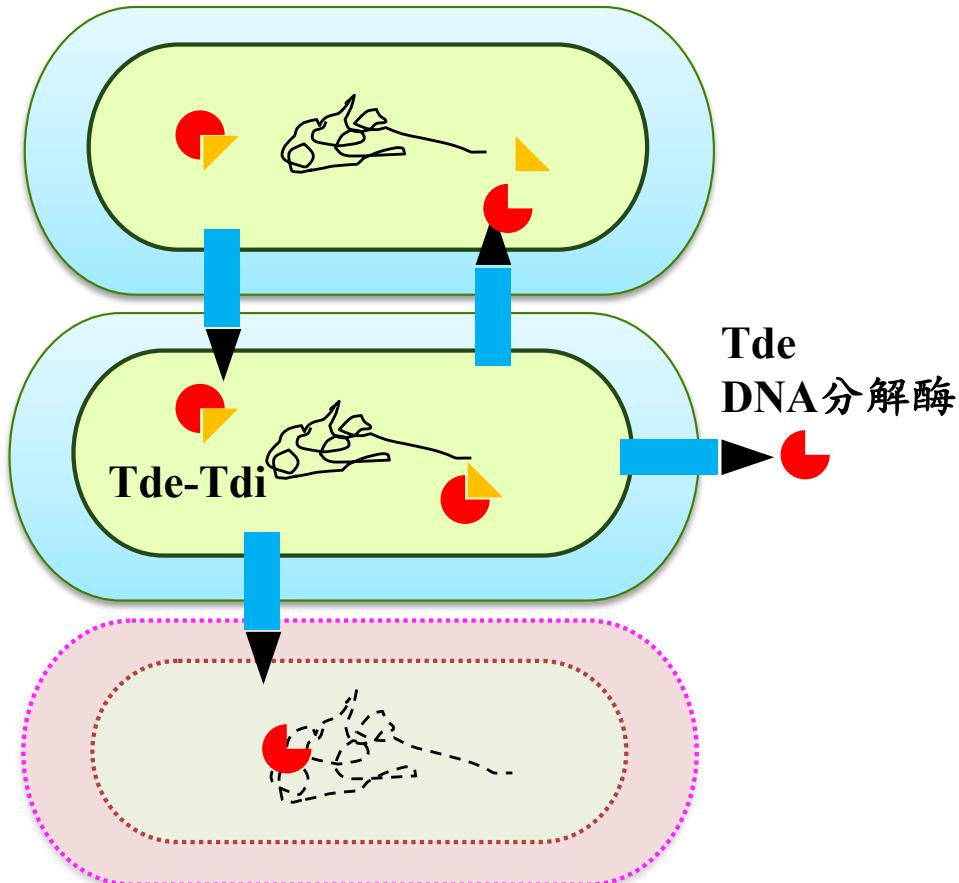


# 第六型分泌系統提升農桿菌對蕃茄根圈細菌的生存競爭優勢 *Agrobacterium* exhibits T6SS antagonism to *Sphingomonas* sp. R1 during plant colonization

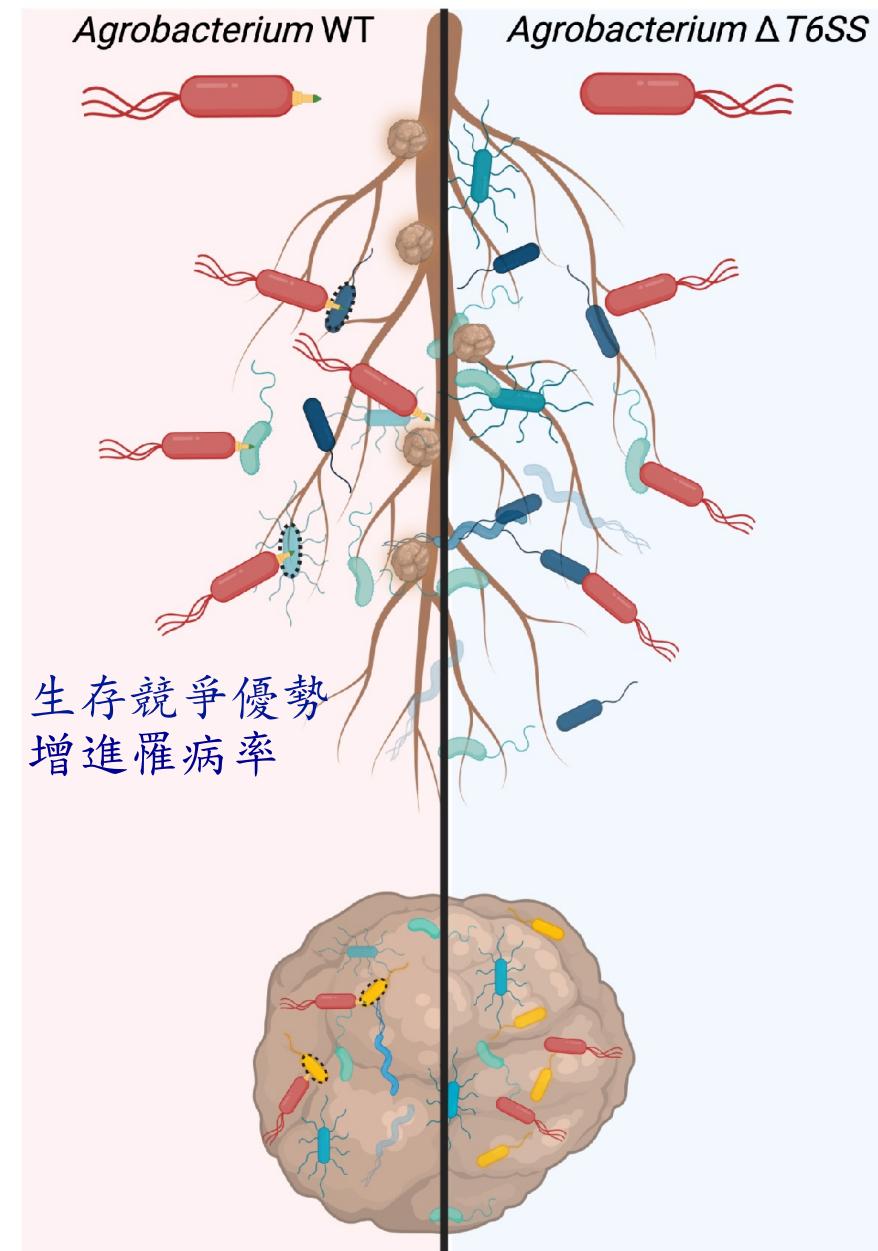


# 農桿菌第六型分泌系統為細菌攻防戰的武器

存活:同源免疫蛋白質Tdi與Tde  
DNA分解酶結合以保護自身的存活

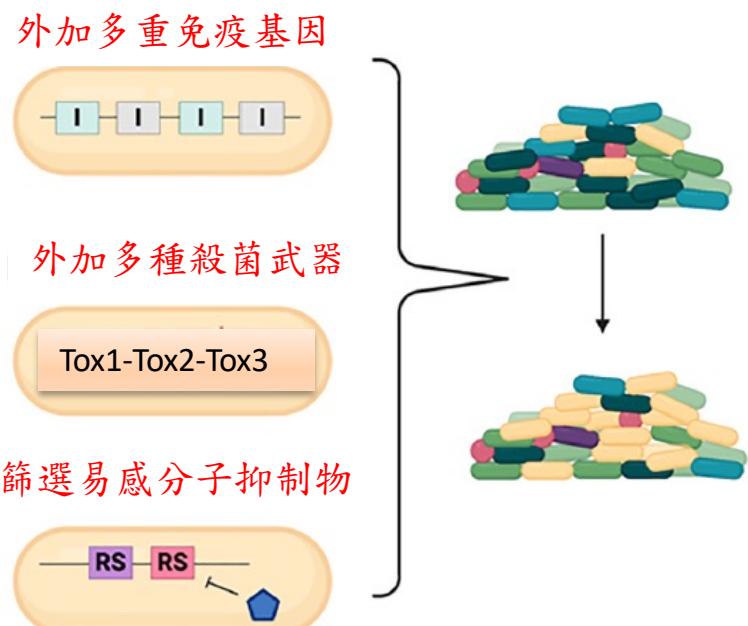


死亡: Tde注射至所接觸的細菌競爭對手  
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# 生物防治改良新思考

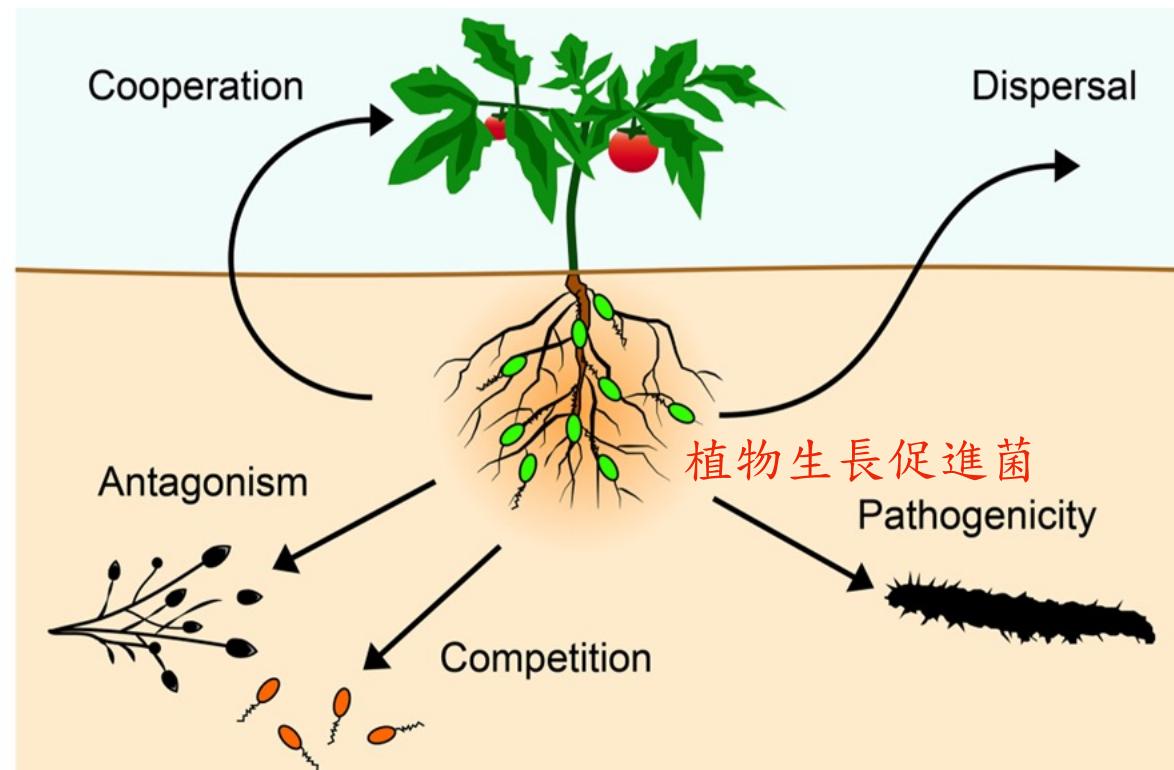
- 以合成生物學的方式在植物生長促進菌或益生菌的基因組中加入不同的殺菌武器或篩選具多樣性抗菌武器的細菌，或可增進生物防治或益生菌的存活及其效應的強度及廣泛性。



I: Immunity gene (免疫基因)

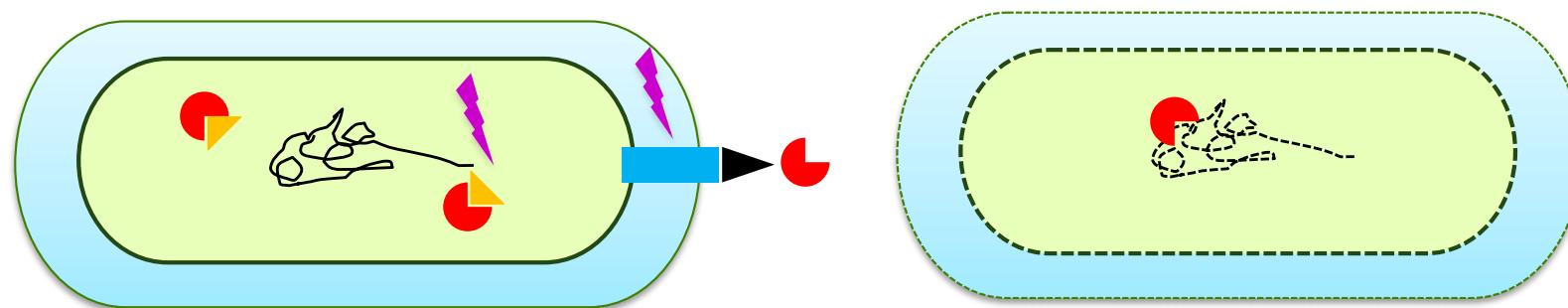
Tox: Bacterial toxin/effectector

RS: Recipient susceptibility gene (受體易感基因)



# 醫藥改良新思考：篩選新抗生素？

- 分泌系統裝置或同源免疫蛋白質*immunity protein*或許可作為發展新藥的攻擊對象來抑制**特定**病原細菌的族群生長。



● DNA分解酶 DNase toxin  
▼ 免疫蛋白質 Immunity protein