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## Abstract

The spirochete bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi* is the causative agent of Lyme borreliosis, the top vector-borne disease in the United States. *B. burgdorferi* is transmitted by hard-bodied *Ixodes* ticks in an enzootic tick/vertebrate cycle, with human infection occurring in an accidental, “dead-end” fashion. Despite the estimated 300,000 cases that occur each year, no FDA-approved vaccine is available for the prevention of Lyme borreliosis in humans.

Development of new prophylaxes is constrained by the limited understanding of the pathobiology of *B. burgdorferi*, as past investigations have focused intensely on just a handful of identified proteins that play key roles in the tick/vertebrate infection cycle. As such, identification of novel *B. burgdorferi* virulence factors is needed in order to expedite the discovery of new anti-Lyme therapeutics. The multitude of lipoproteins expressed by the spirochete fall into one such category of virulence factor that merits further study. These lipoproteins play diverse roles in the organism and localize to different membrane-peripheral cellular compartments.

The overarching goal of the current study was to further define the structure-function of the *B. burgdorferi* cell envelope by comprehensively and conclusively defining the localization of the bacterium’s predicted lipoproteome, using an epitope-tagged lipoprotein expression library. The data show that the majority of *B. burgdorferi* lipoproteins are surface-exposed, and that the plasmids of *B. burgdorferi* are enriched in surface lipoprotein genes relative to the chromosome. The study also establishes and validates a high-throughput proteomics approach that can be used in future studies to assess localization of endogenously expressed untagged lipoproteins. Finally, an analysis of the lipoproteome using data mining and *in silico* fold recognition algorithms

demonstrates potential roles for several uncharacterized lipoproteins and identifies new targets for vaccine development.

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## Chapter 1: Background

### 1.1 History of Lyme borreliosis (Lyme Disease)

Although Lyme borreliosis has only recently been described and the etiologic agent determined to be the spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi*, evidence exists that humanity has been afflicted with this disease for much longer. European researchers had long known that the bite of certain hard-bodied ticks could result in a disease with dermatological and neurological complications (1). One of the first documented presentations of possible Lyme borreliosis came from Arvid Afzelius, a founder of the Swedish Society of Dermatology, in 1909. He presented the case of an elderly woman with the now-characteristic expanding annular erythema, which he termed “erythema migrans”, at the site of an *Ixodes redivius* tick bite. Subsequent clinical observations of tick-bitten patients found similar dermatological manifestations and occasionally observed pathology of the central nervous system (lymphocytic meningitis). The 1922 findings of Garin & Bujadoux are believed to be the first recorded description of Lyme neuroborreliosis, although a retrospective diagnosis of their patient has led to speculation that he may have been co-infected with other tick-borne pathogens (2, 3). Researchers in Europe eventually concluded that a causal link existed between the disease and ticks, with speculation that a tick salivary gland toxin or tick-associated pathogen was ultimately responsible (4). Evidence exists that human infection by *B. burgdorferi* may even predate these published accounts. PCR analysis of DNA present in the Tyrolean Iceman “Ötzi”, a 5,000-year-old preserved mummy from the Italian Alps, showed that he had been infected with *B. burgdorferi* and is the oldest known human to have had Lyme borreliosis (5).

In 1975, the Connecticut State Health Department was contacted concerning an epidemic of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis in Lyme, Connecticut, with an unknown etiology. Dr. Allen

Steere, working on behalf of a joint investigation between the Yale University School of Medicine and Connecticut State Health Department, published his observations of oligoarticular arthritis in both children and adults (6). Investigation showed that juvenile rheumatic arthritis was not the cause of the observed symptoms, as the incidence of reported arthritis was 100 times the expected prevalence, and consequently the new affliction was termed “Lyme arthritis”. Many patients also developed expanding erythematous lesions reminiscent of those observed in Europe, and a further subset of patients also developed cardiological and/or neurological complications (7). Although the causative agent of Lyme arthritis was still known, it was demonstrated that early administration of antibiotics could ameliorate the symptoms of the disease (8). Epidemiological studies implicated *Ixodes* ticks with the transmission of disease, similar to the previous findings in Europe (9).

The identification of the spirochete *B. burgdorferi* came later, during 1978 and 1979 investigations into outbreaks of the tickborne Apicomplexan parasite babesiosis in the Northeast. Serosurveys conducted in Shelter Island, New York, identified a number of individuals who did not have babesiosis but instead reported symptoms resembling patients from Lyme, Connecticut. Sera from these patients were reactive to spirochetes grown in Kelly’s Medium from ticks collected on Shelter Island, demonstrating a connection between these spirochetes and the disease from Lyme (10). These spirochetes were also later isolated directly from patients with Lyme disease, further strengthening the evidence that this bacterium was the causative agent (11, 12). The organism was named *Borrelia burgdorferi* to honor Dr. Willy Burgdorfer’s efforts in the organism’s discovery, with its accompanying disease renamed “Lyme borreliosis” (13). Today, Lyme borreliosis is the most common vector-borne disease in the United States, and an estimated 300,000 cases occur each year (14). There is no FDA-approved vaccine currently



available for the prevention of Lyme borreliosis. Lyme borreliosis is considered an emerging disease and research into the pathogenesis of *B. burgdorferi*, as well as prophylaxis and treatments, is ongoing (15).

## 1.2 The Enzootic Cycle of *B. burgdorferi*

In nature, *B. burgdorferi* exists in a complex relationship with its tick and vertebrate hosts, transitioning between the two at different stages of the tick life cycle. Only certain hard-bodied ticks of the genus *Ixodes* can become infected with *B. burgdorferi*, and the molecular specificity of the tick-spirochete interaction suggests that *B. burgdorferi* has evolved to utilize this genus of tick as the means by which it spreads between vertebrates. *B. burgdorferi* is not transmitted transovarially in ticks, and newly hatched larvae acquire the bacterium from a previously infected host (16, 17). The transmission cycle typically begins with an uninfected tick larva feeding on an infected vertebrate host, typically a small bird or mammal. The white-footed mouse, *Peromyscus leucopus*, is especially notable as an important natural reservoir of *B. burgdorferi* in North America. Interestingly, laboratory infected adult *Peromyscus* mice can become persistently infected with *B. burgdorferi* but do not develop many of the pathologies associated with human infection, suggesting that host factors may modulate the severity of *B. burgdorferi* infection (18). Spirochetes can be detected in the feeding tick within 12 hours from the start of feeding, and bacterial colonization of the tick continues for the full extent of the feeding period (typically 72-96 hours) (16, 17). *B. burgdorferi* takes up residence in the tick midgut, wherein it can persist for several months while the larval tick molts into a nymph. During this time, the tick does not feed and displays limited metabolic activity. The molecular mechanisms by which *B. burgdorferi* senses host feeding and transits to the tick, as well as how

it survives in the nutrient-depleted midgut for months, are unclear at this time. Microarray studies examining the transcriptome of *B. burgdorferi* in larvae, nymphs, and dialysis membrane chambers have shed light on which genes are important for certain stages of the tick/vertebrate cycle; however, many of these genes encode proteins without identifiable functions or homologs in non-spirochetes, thus preventing full understanding of the molecular mechanism behind the *B. burgdorferi* tick/vertebrate life cycle (19).

After molting, the unfed nymph then proceeds to feed on a second host, usually of the same variety chosen by the unfed larvae (16, 17). Transmission of *B. burgdorferi* to the uninfected vertebrate host occurs at this stage and replenishes the *B. burgdorferi* reservoir in small animals. Accidental transmission to humans, dogs, and other “accidental” hosts also occur at this stage. The steps leading to transmission of *B. burgdorferi* have been well-characterized. During the first 36 hours of tick feeding, *B. burgdorferi* in the tick midgut is immersed in undigested blood from the host and begins a period of rapid cell division and dissemination. The bacteria penetrate the tick gut and migrate to the salivary gland, wherein they pass into the vertebrate host and begin further dissemination. Interestingly, this process of transmission can take up to 72 hours for *B. burgdorferi* but can occur in less than an hour for relapsing fever *Borrelia* spirochetes, which colonize fast-feeding soft-bodied ticks (20). Tick salivary gland proteins are thought to play a beneficial role in *B. burgdorferi* transmission based on gene expression and bacterial surface binding studies (21, 22). The fed nymphs then detach from their hosts and, after several months, molt into male and female adult ticks. Adult ticks seem to play little role in the transmission of *B. burgdorferi* to humans, although they play an important role in nature through perpetuation of the tick population.

### 1.3 The Fundamental Role of *B. burgdorferi* Lipoproteins

Lipid-modified proteins, or “lipoproteins”, are ubiquitous in both Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. *B. burgdorferi* is noteworthy in that it dedicates a large percentage of its genome to the expression of lipoproteins, with one estimate placing the number of lipoprotein encoding-genes at about 8% of all reading frames (23). This is especially significant considering that the *B. burgdorferi* genome is highly reduced at approximately 1.314 MBp (24).

Lipoproteins are peripheral membrane proteins, anchored to either the inner or outer membrane through a conserved, acylated cysteine residue at the N terminus (also see **2. Lipoprotein Biosynthesis in *B. burgdorferi***) (25). Following the acylated cysteine is a span of disordered residues (the “tether”) which, in Proteobacteria, contains the necessary information for lipoprotein sorting at the inner membrane (26). Preliminary evidence shows that, although this region can modulate surface exposure of outer membrane lipoproteins, it does not seem to play a role in the release of outer membrane lipoproteins at the inner membrane (27-30). In *B. burgdorferi*, tether regions are highly variable in both length and amino acid content, with no obvious correlation existing between a lipoprotein’s localization and its tether length/biochemical properties (**Table 3**) (27). However, the length of surface lipoprotein tethers may act to position the lipoprotein in a distinct spatial setting relative to other membrane proteins, with its positioning possibly tied to the biological role of the lipoprotein (25). Following the tether region is a more constrained region of the protein that is believed to be responsible for the lipoprotein’s biological function.

The lipoproteins of *B. burgdorferi* play diverse roles in the organism, with identified functions ranging from housekeeping duties to host interactions, and consequentially these lipoproteins are necessary for both *in vitro* growth using artificial culture medium as well as the

more complex tick/vertebrate transmission cycle found in nature. Many lipoproteins also have no identifiable function or homology, yet are indispensable to *B. burgdorferi* at a specific stage in its life cycle. Here, the various archetypes of lipoproteins will be discussed using well-researched, prototypical examples.

Certain *B. burgdorferi* lipoprotein play important housekeeping functions to the organism and are among those that show the most homology to proteins in other bacteria (31, 32). These lipoproteins often act as nutrient uptake factors and are frequently found as part of inner membrane ATP-binding cassette (ABC) transporters. These lipoproteins, called substrate-binding proteins, are responsible for coordinating the binding and ATP hydrolysis-driven uptake of specific solutes from the periplasm into the cytoplasm (33). Of these substrate-binding lipoproteins, some of the most prominent belong to the Oligopeptide Permease (OppA) family of substrate-binding proteins. These proteins facilitate the transport of small peptides from the periplasm into the cytoplasm through interaction with the ABC transport subunits OppB/C/D/F. *B. burgdorferi*, interestingly, expresses five copies of *oppA*: three on the linear chromosome, one on the mini-chromosome cp26, and one on the dispensable linear plasmid lp54 (34, 35). These copies seem to have arisen from paralogous gene duplication, as they are homologous in amino acid sequence ( $\geq 44\%$  pair-wise identity) but show different peptide binding affinities (34, 36). Transposon mutagenesis screens suggest that these genes are not individually essential, implying that there may be some overlap or redundancy in their substrate specificity that permits growth of *B. burgdorferi* *in vitro* (37). The authors of this study also came to the conclusion that the OppA homologs in *B. burgdorferi* could complement each other *in vitro*. The *B. burgdorferi* gene *oppA-1* (BB0328) was found to be able to complement an *E. coli*  $\Delta oppA$  strain, further supporting the conservation of these proteins between disparate bacterial lineages (38). The

OppA proteins also show individual transcriptional regulation patterns based on environmental cues and host species, indicating that their expression may correlate with different nutritional demands at various phases of the tick/vertebrate cycle through their dissimilar peptide binding. Further research of their transcription showed that *oppA-1* (BB0328), *oppA-2* (BB0329), and *oppA-3* (BB0330) can be transcribed tricistronically, bicistronically, or individually, and that these genes were not regulated by temperature (34). In contrast, the gene *oppAV* (BBA34) is under control of the alternative sigma factors RpoN (BB0450) and RpoS (BB0771), implicating the expression of this gene in the vertebrate stage of infection and supporting previous findings that this OppA gene is the only one regulated by temperature (34, 39, 40). Similarly, the gene *oppAIV* (BBB16) showed regulation by the *B. burgdorferi* BosR/Fur homolog (BB0647), a transcriptional regulator that has been associated with expression of virulence genes in vertebrates (41). These data suggest that the genes *oppAIV* and *oppAV* may be upregulated during transmission of *B. burgdorferi* from the tick to the vertebrate host. Despite this evidence implicating *oppAIV* and *oppAV* in the infection cycle, transposon mutagenesis studies and gene deletion experiments have not conclusively demonstrated that either gene is required for infection in the mouse model (37, 42). In addition to OppA homologs, other substrate-binding proteins have been identified in *B. burgdorferi*. The protein ProX (BB0144) is a predicted L-proline/glycine betaine substrate-binding protein and is situated in a likely operon with putative ABC transporter components (31, 32). Based on homology, it likely functions in transport of osmoregulatory molecules into the cell; however, this has not been demonstrated experimentally. The protein PstS (BB0215) is also predicted to be a substrate-binding protein, with homology to characterized phosphate-binding proteins. Similar to ProX, PstS exists in a possible operon with predicted ABC transporter proteins. Surprisingly, binding assays performed with soluble,

recombinant PstS show that the protein binds to sulfate anions with at least 20-fold greater affinity than for phosphate, suggesting that PstS may be involved in the transport of both anions into the cytoplasm (43). Transposon mutagenesis assays suggest that both ProX and PstS are essential for *in vitro* cultivation of *B. burgdorferi*, consistent with their predicted role in substrate transport (37). One interesting observation of *B. burgdorferi* substrate-binding proteins is that they appear to be lipoproteins, based on conserved cysteine residues and a putative lipobox motif (23). The structure of these proteins in *B. burgdorferi* contrasts with that of substrate-binding proteins in *E. coli* and other diderms, in which they are soluble periplasmic proteins rather than peripheral, membrane anchored proteins (33). In this regard, the substrate-binding proteins of *B. burgdorferi* are more similar to those of Gram-positive bacteria, which also express substrate-binding proteins as lipoproteins. However, the presence of outer membrane biogenesis machinery, such as the Bam and Lol complexes, suggests that the most recent common ancestor of *B. burgdorferi* with non-spirochetes was Gram-negative, a conclusion supported by 16S rRNA sequencing and alignment (44). Although the evolution of *B. burgdorferi* is unclear based on the early divergence of the phylum Spirochaetes, it is most likely that convergent evolution is responsible for the observation that the substrate-binding proteins of both *B. burgdorferi* and Gram-positive organisms are lipoproteins.

In addition to such metabolic roles, certain *B. burgdorferi* lipoproteins are also mediators of pathogenicity. These lipoproteins have been shown to be important in various stages of the tick/vertebrate infectious cycle, with data showing that their loss interrupts the cycle at a point that corresponds to the biological function of the protein. One such way that lipoproteins mediate pathogenicity is through acting as surface adhesion proteins. Expression of such lipoproteins facilitates survival in the tick vector and infection of the vertebrate host. OspA

(BBA15), an abundant surface lipoprotein, was one of the first *B. burgdorferi* adhesins to be discovered. OspA was first reported as a shared antigen on both human- and tick-isolated *B. burgdorferi* based on affinity of a monoclonal antibody H5332, and it was later determined through [3H]-palmitate metabolic labeling and radioimmunoprecipitation that OspA was lipidated in *B. burgdorferi* (45, 46). Lipidated OspA was also found to be highly immunogenic in mice, and inoculation with lipidated OspA could result in a protective immune response against subsequent intradermal challenges with live *B. burgdorferi* (47). This study and others were the foundation for the first FDA-approved anti-Lyme vaccine, LYMERix, which was based on recombinant OspA as the immunogen (48). The discovery of OspA as an adhesin was preceded by findings that OspA was selectively expressed in the tick vector and downregulated upon transmission to the vertebrate host, leading to speculation that OspA plays a role in tick colonization (49). Further work using tick gut extracts and yeast two-hybrid experiments determined that OspA binds to a tick gut epithelium protein called TROSPA (Tick Receptor for OspA) (50, 51). Studies using infectious *B. burgdorferi* isolates found that OspA is not required for infection or persistence in the mouse model, but the loss of OspA prevents re-acquisition of *B. burgdorferi* by uninfected feeding ticks (52). These results show that OspA acts to adhere *B. burgdorferi* to the midgut epithelium during tick colonization and that it is essential for completion of the natural tick/vertebrate infection cycle. OspA exists in a bicistronic operon with OspB, a lipoprotein with similar amino acid sequence and structure to OspA (53-55). Tick acquisition assays suggest that OspA and OspB are functionally and that spirochetes expressing solely OspB can colonize and survive in larval ticks (56). Likewise, expression of OspA alone has been shown to permit survival of *B. burgdorferi* in nymphal ticks after microinjection (52). Expression of both OspA and OspB, though, has been shown to permit a greater extent of tick

colonization that expression of just OspA, suggesting that these two proteins play complementary, but distinct, functions *in vivo* (52). The current working hypothesis is that OspA and OspB arose from a gene duplication event and have diverged to some extent; however, their precise biological function in relation to each other still has yet to be fully understood. Besides OspA and OspB, other lipoproteins have been shown to act as *B. burgdorferi* adhesins in the vertebrate host. These lipoproteins presumably facilitate the dissemination of *B. burgdorferi* throughout various tissues. One prominent surface adhesin is the fibronectin binding protein P47 (FBP; BBK32). Fibronectin, a large mammalian glycoprotein, is a component of the extracellular matrix and binds a variety of biological polymers such as heparin and collagen. *B. burgdorferi* cell lysates were shown to bind fibronectin after transfer to nitrocellulose membranes, resulting in a single unique band corresponding to FBP (57). Adhesion of *B. burgdorferi* onto fibronectin-coated glass slides was also competitively inhibited by pre-incubation with purified FBP, showing that fibronectin binding is solely due to FBP. Despite these results, disruption of FBP was shown to have no effect on *B. burgdorferi* pathogenicity (58). These results suggest that fibronectin binding is not essential to infectivity, likely due to the actions of other *B. burgdorferi* adhesins. These other adhesins include the decorin-binding proteins A and B (DbpA/B, BBA24/25). Decorin, a proteoglycan that associates closely with collagen, was shown to facilitate the adhesion of *B. burgdorferi* to the wells of microtiter plates and, through radiolabeling, was also shown to be specifically bound by the spirochetes (59). *B. burgdorferi* that had their *dbpAB* genes disrupted were nevertheless able to fully complete the tick/vertebrate infection cycle, suggesting that, like FBP, other surface adhesins may be able to compensate for the lack of decorin binding *in vivo* (60). Finally, it has been established that the putative lipoprotein ErpX (BBQ47) binds laminin, a family of large glycoproteins that are



components of the mammalian extracellular matrix (61). ErpX belongs to a family of paralogous, plasmid-encoded lipoproteins (Erp) that are up-regulated during transmission to the vertebrate host and are immunogenic (62). As the authors demonstrated, *B. burgdorferi* selectively bound to laminin-coated slides and that this binding could be diminished through addition of soluble, recombinant ErpX. Although the role of ErpX in the infection cycle of *B. burgdorferi* has not been investigated, it is highly probable that it, like the other *B. burgdorferi* adhesins, is singularly dispensable for infection in the mouse model due to compensation effects.

Other lipoproteins are associated with transmission of *B. burgdorferi* and the establishment in the vertebrate host. These lipoproteins play a critical role in the natural tick/vertebrate enzootic cycle of *B. burgdorferi*, and their absence results in a noticeable impediment to infection. The surface lipoprotein OspC is the prototypical example of such a protein. It is selectively up-regulated by an increase in temperature or pH, that is, a shift to conditions that mimic those of the vertebrate host (49, 63). Examination of the temporal regulation of OspC *in vivo* has revealed that it is rapidly induced during tick feeding, with immunofluorescence assays showing that 75% of spirochetes expressed the lipoprotein after 48 hours of tick feeding (64). Interestingly, the expression of OspA appeared to be somewhat reciprocal to that of OspC, in which OspA-expressing cells decreased to 40% of the total population by 96 hours (49, 64). The increase in temperature and pH flux appears to be the driving factor of OspC expression, as spirochetes that are continually maintained at the temperature and pH of a vertebrate host slowly down-regulate expression of OspC (64). OspC has been shown to bind the tick salivary gland protein Salp15, an immunomodulatory factor that is believed to allow *B. burgdorferi* to establish itself in the host. Salp15 has been shown to inhibit the activation of CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cells through binding of the CD4 receptor and has also been

demonstrated to modulate the action of dendritic cells through binding to the C-type lectin DC-SIGN, ultimately resulting in lower dendritic cell activation and lower levels of cytokine release (65-67). Salp15 has also been implicated in resistance to serum complement through inhibiting the deposition of membrane attack complex factors (as have other lipoproteins, see next section) (68). In addition to Salp15, OspC has been shown to bind serum plasminogen, which is subsequently converted to enzymatically active plasmin (69). This plasmin, still bound to the surface of *B. burgdorferi*, has been demonstrated to enhance penetration of the endothelium by *B. burgdorferi* and allow it to disseminate beyond the site of tick feeding (70). Corresponding to these identified biological roles, inactivation of OspC in *B. burgdorferi* abrogated infectivity in the mouse model either through needle inoculation or through tick feeding, demonstrating the necessity of this lipoprotein for the transmission of *B. burgdorferi* (71).

In order for *B. burgdorferi* to establish a persistent infection in the vertebrate host, it must tirelessly evade the host's immune defenses. These defenses compose a variety of distinct anti-bacterial responses that interact with specialized *B. burgdorferi* immune evasion proteins. One way that *B. burgdorferi* evades the immune response so is by avoiding destruction by the host's complement system. The surface lipoprotein CRASP-1 (CspA; BBA68) is noteworthy in this regard as it binds the complement regulatory proteins Factor H and Factor H-like protein 1 (FHL-1), soluble plasma proteins that are implicated in endogenous regulation of the alternative complement pathway (72, 73). Factor H and FHL-1 bound in this way were found to be biologically active, and expression of CRASP-1 correlated with resistance to serum complement *in vitro* (73, 74). CRASP-1 was also found to be upregulated during infection of the vertebrate host and downregulated during tick acquisition, further supporting the role of this lipoprotein in host complement evasion (75). In addition to CRASP-1, *B. burgdorferi* has been shown to

expresses one additional Factor H/FHL-1 binding protein CRASP-2 (CspZ; BBH06) and three additional Factor H binding proteins CRASP-3 (ErpP; BBN38), CRASP-4 (ErpC, no locus tag available), and CRASP-5 (ErpA; BBL39) (76). In addition to binding Factor H, CRASP-3 and CRASP-5 have been shown to bind CFHR-2 and CFHR-5, two additional complement regulatory proteins (77). A recent study also found that recombinant, soluble CRASP-1 and CRASP-3, but not other CRASPs, could inhibit hemolysis of rabbit erythrocytes by the alternative complement pathway (78). CRASP-1 was further shown to inhibit all three complement pathways through binding of the terminal complement factors C7 and C9, thereby directly preventing assembly of the membrane attack complex and avoiding complement-mediated lysis. These functional differences are possibly one reason why CRASP-2-deficient *B. burgdorferi* remained resistant to complement and retained full infectivity in mice (79). Interestingly, *B. burgdorferi* could still infect mice deficient in Factor H, further supporting the hypothesis that certain CRASPs may bind complement regulatory proteins somewhat promiscuously (80). Taken together, these results suggest that the interplay between CRASP proteins and the complement system is complex and dynamic, and it can be surmised that these lipoproteins evolved to have complementary, but distinct, functions in preventing complement-mediated lysis of *B. burgdorferi*.

Besides neutralization of the host's complement system, *B. burgdorferi* is also able to evade the humoral immune response so that it can persistently infect its host. Although various anti-*B. burgdorferi* antibodies can be detected in Lyme borreliosis patients, the bacterium is nevertheless able to survive in the face of a targeted humoral response. One important way that *B. burgdorferi* evades the host's humoral defense is through expression of the surface lipoprotein Vmp-like sequence E (VlsE; BBF0041). VlsE undergoes homologous recombination *in vivo*

with 15 neighboring, silent *vls* cassettes that results in antigenic variation of the lipoprotein (81). Lipidation of VlsE was confirmed through [<sup>3</sup>H]-palmitate metabolic labeling of *B. burgdorferi* and radioimmunoprecipitation. This antigenic variation allows for evasion of previously generated anti-VlsE antibodies, keeping *B. burgdorferi* one step ahead of the host and forcing adaptation of the antibody response against the new VlsE antigen. Deletion studies of the *vls* genetic locus showed that not only is expression of the VlsE lipoprotein necessary for persistence of infection in the mouse model, but recombination of VlsE with the silent *vls* cassettes is indispensable as well (82). It was also observed that recombination of VlsE occurred continuously throughout the infection of mice by *B. burgdorferi*, and the study's authors hypothesized that VlsE recombination does not cease while *B. burgdorferi* persists in the vertebrate host and would result in an immense number of VlsE serotypes (83). A subsequent study found that VlsE does not undergo recombination in the tick vector, conclusively demonstrating that VlsE recombination is a vertebrate-specific phenomenon (84). The importance of VlsE antigenic variation was further shown in experiments conducted with severe combined immunodeficient (SCID) mice, which lack an adaptive immune response, versus immunocompetent controls (85). *B. burgdorferi* recovered from immunocompetent mice showed VlsE recombination at a higher frequency and with a greater amount of complexity as compared with spirochetes from SCID mice, suggesting that the adaptive immune response places selection pressure directly on VlsE to maintain an antigenically novel façade. These results, in total, show that the lipoprotein VlsE is a novel means by which *B. burgdorferi* evades the host immune system in order to establish a persistent infection.

Finally, certain uncharacterized proteins are important for the tick/vertebrate enzootic cycle. These proteins have been shown to be crucial for certain steps of infection, yet lack

characterization of their molecular function and have no identifiable non-spirochete homologs. One such lipoprotein is the small, abundant protein Lp6.6 (BBA62). Lp6.6 was first identified as mitogenic, low molecular weight protein with pronounced abundance in *B. burgdorferi*, accounting for about 2% of the cell dry weight (86). [<sup>3</sup>H]-palmitate labeling of *B. burgdorferi* and subsequent radioimmunoprecipitation with the monoclonal anti-Lp6.6 antibody 270.7 demonstrated that Lp6.6 is indeed a lipoprotein. Localization assays revealed that Lp6.6 localized to the inner leaflet of the outer membrane, and is one of only a few lipoproteins to localize in such a way (27, 86, 87). Lp6.6 was found to be up-regulated during tick acquisition and down-regulated during transmission to the vertebrate host (88). Interestingly, *B. burgdorferi* cells lacking Lp6.6 retained full infectivity in mice by needle inoculation, and uninfected ticks that fed on these mice acquired the bacteria equally to those expressing Lp6.6. However, the absence of Lp6.6 led to reduced spirochete load in mouse tissues when transmission occurred by tick feeding, and qRT-PCR analysis of tick tissues showed that bacterial populations in the gut and salivary glands were reduced 5- to 10-fold as compared with wild-type cells. It was also found that Lp6.6 exists in outer membrane complexes with other pathogenesis-associated lipoproteins, such as OspA (88, 89). Structural analysis of Lp6.6 showed that it exists primarily in aggregation-prone  $\alpha$ -helices and disordered stretches, and it is hypothesized that its unconstrained tertiary structure may be important for its biological role (90). Another similarly uncharacterized factor is the lipoprotein (Ip)LA7 (P22; BB0365). LA7 was first identified based on reactivity with Lyme patient sera: it appeared as an approximately 22 kilodalton protein with an acidic pI (5.7) that was chromosomally encoded and lipidated, based on [<sup>3</sup>H]-palmitate assays (91, 92). Further studies determined that it localized primarily to the inner membrane of the periplasm and that its expression could be induced by a temperature shift, pH shift, or through

addition of the autoinducer-2 precursor 4,5-dihydroxy-2,3-pentanedione (27, 93). This regulation may be due to a putative binding site 5' of *la7* for the DNA-binding protein EbfC (BB0462), which has been implicated in the vertebrate host-induced expression of other plasmid-encoded lipoproteins (94, 95). Correspondingly, expression of LA7 in tick midguts declined significantly as compared with expression in the mouse model, suggesting that LA7 is specifically expressed in the vertebrate host (93). Recent studies also found that LA7 expression spiked during tick feeding, and deficiency of LA7 in *B. burgdorferi* resulted in pronounced inability to both transmit to mice and re-colonize uninfected ticks (96, 97). LA7-deficient spirochetes were also significantly impaired in their ability to migrate to tick salivary glands following the initiation of feeding. The combined results of LA7 expression and inactivation data suggest that LA7 may play a role in chemotaxis of the organism, allowing it to recognize the need to disseminate to a new host. The absence of LA7, in turn, would impair the spirochete's recognition of chemotaxis or dissemination signals. This hypothesis is supported by data showing that inactivation of LA7 does not impair *B. burgdorferi*'s ability to maintain itself within the tick or to establish infection in the mouse after needle inoculation (96, 97). Further support is found in that inactivation of a *B. burgdorferi luxS* homolog also does not interfere with infection of mice by needle inoculation, which then suggests that chemotaxis proteins in general may not be essential for establishing a persistent infection in vertebrates (98).

#### 1.4 Development of Anti-Lyme borreliosis Vaccines

There is currently no FDA-approved vaccine to prevent Lyme borreliosis, despite the 300,000+ cases of the disease that occur each year (14). The lack of preventative measures against *B. burgdorferi* infection has numerous implications, the economic burden of which has been

estimated at over \$16,000 for a single late-stage/chronic Lyme patient (14). A vaccine would be highly beneficial to areas where *B. burgdorferi* is endemic, as 95% of 2015 Lyme borreliosis cases occurred in just two geographic foci comprising 14 U.S. states (14). Past research has demonstrated that numerous *B. burgdorferi* proteins are naturally immunogenic; however, the majority of natural *B. burgdorferi* immunogens occur on the spirochete's plasmids, which are naturally less stable and more dynamic than the chromosome (99, 100). However, it has also been observed that the plasmids cp26 and lp54 are highly conserved in all clinical *B. burgdorferi* isolates, and therefore it is no surprise that the immunogenic proteins from these genetic elements were among the first to be examined for potential as vaccine candidates (101, 102). OspA, as noted in the previous section, plays an indispensable role in the tick/vertebrate transmission cycle and has been thoroughly investigated for potential as a vaccinogen. It has been observed that pre- or co-administration of an OspA-based antibody to mice inhibited the transmission of *B. burgdorferi* from feeding ticks (103). Specifically, migration to tick salivary glands and spirochete multiplication in the feeding tick were disrupted due to passive immunization with anti-OspA antibodies. These results suggest that a pre-established immune response against OspA may prevent the transmission of *B. burgdorferi* from feeding ticks. Further experiments also found that a high titer of passive OspA immunization was necessary to expunge the spirochetes from a feeding tick, but a significantly lower titer was nevertheless protective against infection in the mouse model (104). These studies eventually led to the development of the first FDA-approved vaccine against *B. burgdorferi*, LYMERix, which used recombinant, lipidated OspA as its immunogen (105, 106). To compensate for the noted heterogeneity of the OspA protein, the most common North American OspA sequences were used as the basis for the vaccine (107). Initially, the outlook for LYMERix was promising.

However, some reports of neurological and rheumatological adverse effects were reported by users. Although it was determined that these adverse events of OspA vaccination were below background based on a comparison with the clinical trials, the subsequent unpopularity of the vaccine and the need for yearly booster vaccines led to its voluntary withdrawal in 2002 (108, 109). Investigation of the OspA epitope has revealed that the potential for cross-reactivity exists between it and the immune cell surface molecule LFA-1, which could promote the development of autoimmunity (110). The correlation of *B. burgdorferi* infection and autoimmune disorders has been previously observed in individuals with certain HLA-DR alleles (e.g. HLA-DR4) (111). These results suggest that certain genetic backgrounds are more susceptible to OspA-promoted autoimmunity, and this hypothesis is being addressed in the future generation of OspA-based vaccines through the engineering of OspA sequences to lack the molecular mimicry of the LFA-1 epitope (112). In addition, investigations into chimeric OspA sequences are being conducted so as to improve protection against multiple *B. burgdorferi* serotypes (113). Still other proteins are currently being investigated as potential vaccinogens. OspC, a lipoprotein essential for the transmission of *B. burgdorferi* to vertebrates, elicits an early, type-specific antibody response *in vivo*, suggesting potential role as a human immunogen (114). In contrast to OspA, however, is the diversity of OspC serotypes (115, 116). This remarkable diversity impedes development of OspC-based vaccines by preventing broad coverage based on immunization with a single serotype of the lipoprotein. To overcome this, chimeric OspC lipoproteins have been constructed based on conserved regions between different serotypes and are undergoing investigation for potential as vaccinogens (117, 118). These have the potential to convey broad coverage against *B. burgdorferi* without the pitfalls of OspA vaccines, although further testing is still needed to assess their efficacy in human subjects. Finally, other researchers are



investigating the novel avenues of tick salivary gland proteins or  $\Delta ospAB$  *B. burgdorferi* cell preparations to induce protective immune responses (119, 120). In any case, it is undeniable that an anti-Lyme vaccine is needed and that future research should focus on development of prophylaxes against this disease.

## Chapter 2: Lipoprotein Biosynthesis in *B. burgdorferi*

The understanding of lipoprotein biosynthesis in *B. burgdorferi* is primarily based on that of *E. coli*. Like *B. burgdorferi*, *E. coli* is a diderm bacterium that localizes lipoproteins to both its outer and inner membranes (25, 26, 121). Although *E. coli* does not express the multitude of surface lipoproteins characteristic of *B. burgdorferi*, recent studies have shown that some lipoproteins are indeed surface-exposed in this organism (122-126). The primary biochemical research in which the function of various biosynthetic enzymes was also conducted, for the most part, in *E. coli*. Therefore, the lipoprotein biosynthetic pathway will be described using *E. coli* as a model and, where appropriate, clarifications will be made for differences observed in *B. burgdorferi*. The lipoprotein biosynthesis genes in *B. burgdorferi* are given using the standard nomenclature in parentheses following the accepted *E. coli* common name (31, 32, 127).

Lipoproteins are first translated in the cytoplasm without lipid modification. The translated protein contains an N-terminal signal sequence, a characteristic region of amino acids that directs the unfolded protein to the Sec translocase for export into the periplasm. In some bacteria, certain lipoproteins are translocated in a folded conformation via the Tat (Twin arginine translocation) machinery; however, this system appears to be absent from *B. burgdorferi* and will not be discussed further (31, 32, 128). The signal sequence region typically contains three sub-regions: an N-terminal region containing positively charged amino acids, a central hydrophobic region with uncharged amino acids, and a C-terminal region containing a characteristic consensus sequence termed the “lipobox” (25, 26). In *E. coli*, the lipobox consensus sequence is typically Leu-[Ala/Ser]-[Gly/Ala]-Cys, with the final cysteine absolutely conserved in all lipoproteins and acting as the site of lipid modification (25, 26). *B. burgdorferi*, however, has been found to contain a much more degenerate lipobox (23). Based on comparisons of

experimentally verified lipoproteins, the *B. burgdorferi* lipobox likely includes one additional amino acid at the N-terminal side and tolerates a larger variety of residues at each position with the exception of the final cysteine residue, which is absolutely conserved in all lipoproteins. This degeneracy of the *B. burgdorferi* lipobox has complicated *in silico* calculation of the lipoprotein proteome (lipoproteome), and the identity of the *B. burgdorferi* has yet to be conclusively established.

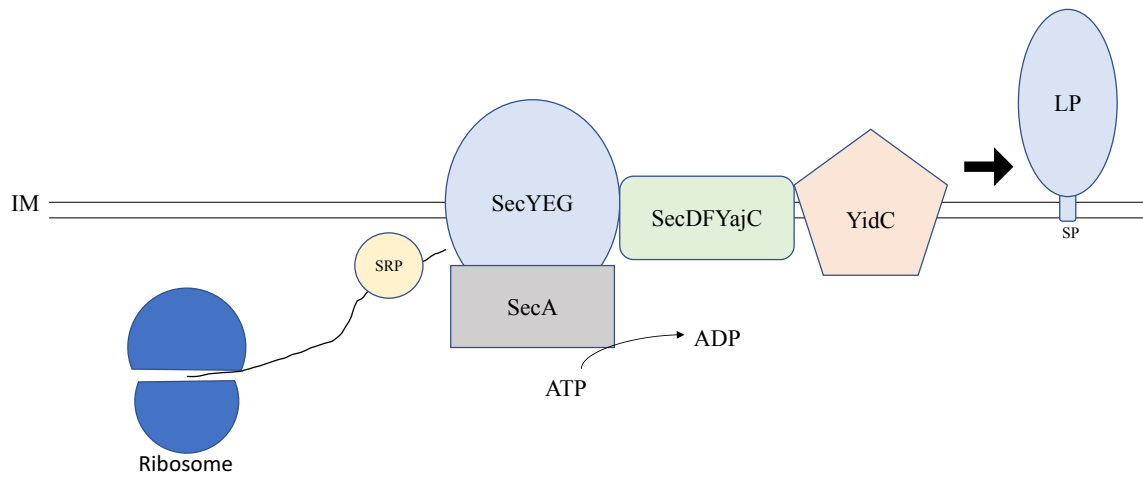
After translation, the unmodified lipoprotein peptide (“prelipoprotein”) is then directed to the Sec translocase for secretion to the periplasm (**Figure 1**) (25, 26, 121). Evidence exists that, in *E. coli*, lipoproteins are exported by Sec in a co-translational manner mediated by signal recognition particle (SRP; BB0694) and the inner membrane SRP receptor FtsY (BB0076) (129). The Sec translocase is composed of a primary heterotrimer of the channel-forming, integral inner membrane proteins SecY (BB0498), SecE (BB0395), and SecG (BB0054). The ATPase SecA (BB0154) provides the driving force for protein translocation through ATP hydrolysis. In addition, the integral membrane protein YidC (BB0442) assists with the lateral transfer of the hydrophobic signal sequence region into the inner membrane, anchoring the prelipoprotein to the outer leaflet of the inner membrane (129). The accessory factors SecD (BB0652), SecF (BB0653), and YajC (BB0651) form an inner membrane complex that serves to assist protein translocation by coordinating YidC and SecYEG (130). These accessory proteins, unlike the other members of the Sec translocase, are nonessential (121). In addition, certain other bacteria (primarily the  $\alpha/\beta/\gamma$ -proteobacteria) express the soluble cytosolic chaperone SecB (no homolog in *B. burgdorferi*) that presumably serves to prevent premature folding in proteins that are secreted post-translationally (131). Its absence from *B. burgdorferi*, and indeed many other bacterial classes, suggests that other means of preventing premature folding of secreted

proteins have evolved. The necessity of these genes in *B. burgdorferi* is suggested indirectly through transposon mutagenesis assays; no cells were recovered containing disruption of any of the above listed components of the Sec translocase (37). This suggests that, in contrast to *E. coli*, the SecDFYajC complex is essential in this organism.

After translocation, the prelipoprotein is anchored at the outer leaflet of the inner membrane through the hydrophobic region of its N-terminal signal sequence. The prelipoprotein is then modified through the addition of diacylglycerol to the thiol group of the absolutely conserved cysteine by a thioether linkage. This reaction is catalyzed by the inner membrane protein prolipoprotein diacylglyceryl transferase (Lgt; BB0362), with the diacylglycerol group derived from phosphatidylglycerol, an abundant membrane phospholipid (**Figure 2**) (132). The prolipoprotein is then liberated of its signal peptide through the action of lipoprotein signal peptidase (Lsp; Signal Peptidase II; BB0469). Lsp cleaves the prolipoprotein on the N-terminal side of the acylated cysteine, leaving the lipoprotein still embedded in the membrane through its diacylglycerol modification. It has been shown that cleavage of the signal sequence peptide is dependent on protein modification by Lgt, possibly due to the action of the diacylglycerol group in coordinating the Lsp-prolipoprotein interaction (133). *E. coli* Lsp is reversibly and noncompetitively inhibited by the cyclic peptide antibiotic globomycin, preventing signal peptide processing and subsequent export of outer membrane lipoproteins (134, 135). Although data are limited, there is evidence that globomycin similarly inhibits Lsp homologs in the genus *Borrelia*, lending support to the notion that lipoprotein biogenesis proteins are highly conserved in diderm bacteria (136).

Cleaved signal peptides are then digested by an inner membrane protease, though the identity of this protease is currently unclear. Initially, the atypical serine protease SppA (no

**Figure 1. Sec-dependent translocation of lipoproteins.** Secretion of lipoproteins occurs co-translationally through the binding of signal recognition particle (SRP) to the N-terminal hydrophobic signal peptide (121, 129, 130). Translocation occurs through the SecYEG channel and is driven by SecA-catalyzed ATP hydrolysis. Insertion of the lipoprotein's signal peptide into the inner membrane is mediated by the integral membrane protein YidC, which associates with SecYEG through the SecDFYajC complex. IM = "inner membrane." LP = "lipoprotein." SP = "signal peptide."



homolog in *B. burgdorferi*) was thought to be responsible for this digestion, as it was shown that SppA, also called Protease IV, could digest signal peptides in detergent extracts (137). Later studies instead pointed to RseP (BB0118), a member of the site-2 metalloprotease family I-CLiP, as the protein responsible for signal peptide degradation (138). RseP also plays a role in the regulation of the extracytoplasmic stress response through targeted cleavage of RseA (no homolog in *B. burgdorferi*), the anti-sigma factor for *E. coli*  $\sigma^E$  (139). While *sppA* is not an essential gene, *rseP* (*yaeL/ecfE*) is only dispensable when *rseA* is also deleted (140, 141). These results suggest that the accumulation of cleaved signal peptides may be tied to the bacterial extracytoplasmic stress response, and that multiple proteins may ultimately be responsible for degradation of cleaved signal peptides. The *rseP* gene could be disrupted by transposon mutagenesis in *B. burgdorferi*, suggesting that this gene is nonessential for *in vitro* growth (37). This is not surprising, as the *B. burgdorferi* genome does not contain RseP's cognate RseA nor does it contain a  $\sigma^E$  homolog, with only three (*rpoD* (BB0712), *rpoN* (BB0450), *rpoS* (BB0771)) sigma factor genes present in the genome (31, 32, 142). The dispensability of *rseP* in *B. burgdorferi* suggests that this organism possesses other, undiscovered means of degrading cleaved signal peptides.

The final step of lipoprotein biosynthesis is acylation of the newly liberated amino group on the N-terminal S-acylated cysteine through an amine bond (143). This is performed by the inner membrane protein apolipoprotein N-acyltransferase (Lnt; BB0237) using phosphatidylglycerol as the preferred acyl donor, although other phospholipids can be utilized (144). This final acylation step is primarily only found in Gram-negative bacteria, although exceptions do exist (notably, *Mycobacterium*) (145). Acylation by Lnt is a prerequisite for release of lipoproteins from the inner membrane, as in depletion of the otherwise-essential Lnt

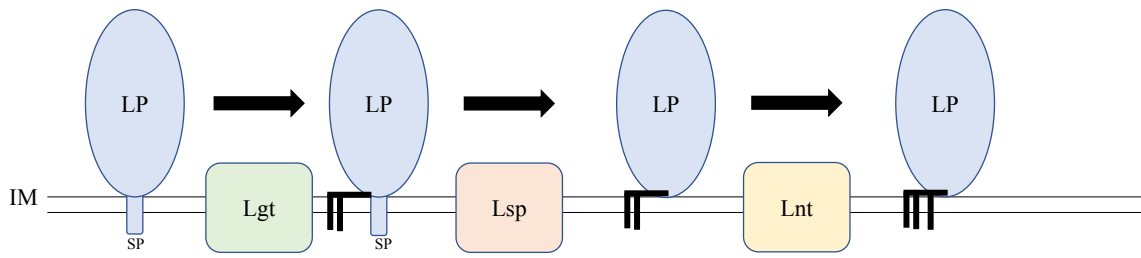
protein in *E. coli* results in lethal retention of Lpp (no homolog in *B. burgdorferi*) in the inner membrane (146). Subsequent studies found that deletion of *lnt* could be tolerated by *E. coli* only when both the lipoprotein localization complex LolCDE was overexpressed and either Lpp or Lpp-peptidoglycan transpeptidases were absent (147). The other genes of lipoprotein biosynthesis, *lgt* and *lsp*, have likewise been found to be essential in *E. coli* (140). Interestingly, the gene for *lnt* is not essential in the Proteobacteria *Francisella tularensis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (148). The deletion of *lnt* in these bacteria had no major effects on cell physiology, suggesting that lipoprotein transport to the outer membrane was not dependent on *N*-acylation. The authors of this study suggest that the dispensability of *lnt* in these bacteria is linked to expression of a homodimeric, hybrid LolC/LolE protein (termed “LolF”, see next paragraph) and speculate that bacteria expressing this hybrid protein may not require *N*-acylation of their lipoproteins. Regulation of lipoprotein processing could also be a means by which pathogenic bacteria regulate interactions with their host, a hypothesis which merits further inquiry in future studies (149). *B. burgdorferi* contains two distinct genes for LolC and LolE; therefore, it is believed that all lipoproteins are *N*-acylated and that this step is required for release of lipoproteins to the outer membrane. Supporting this are transposon mutagenesis experiments showing that no mutants could be recovered when *lgt*, *lsp*, or *lnt* were disrupted (37).

Lipoproteins are initially all situated at the outer leaflet of the inner membrane following the final processing step by Lnt. In order for these proteins to perform their proper biological function, they must then be sorted to an appropriate destination. In *E. coli*, most lipoproteins are either sorted to either the inner leaflet of the outer membrane or retained in the outer leaflet of the inner membrane, although some exceptions have recently been found (126). Proper sorting of lipoproteins is key to their biological role in the cell and, indeed, lipoprotein mislocalization



**Figure 2. Post-translational modification of lipoproteins.** After Sec-mediated secretion, lipoproteins undergo a sequential series of modifications in which the absolutely conserved N-terminal cysteine residue is lipidated and the N-terminal signal peptide is removed (25, 26, 143, 147). OM = “outer membrane.” IM = “inner membrane.” LP = “lipoprotein.” SP = “signal peptide.”

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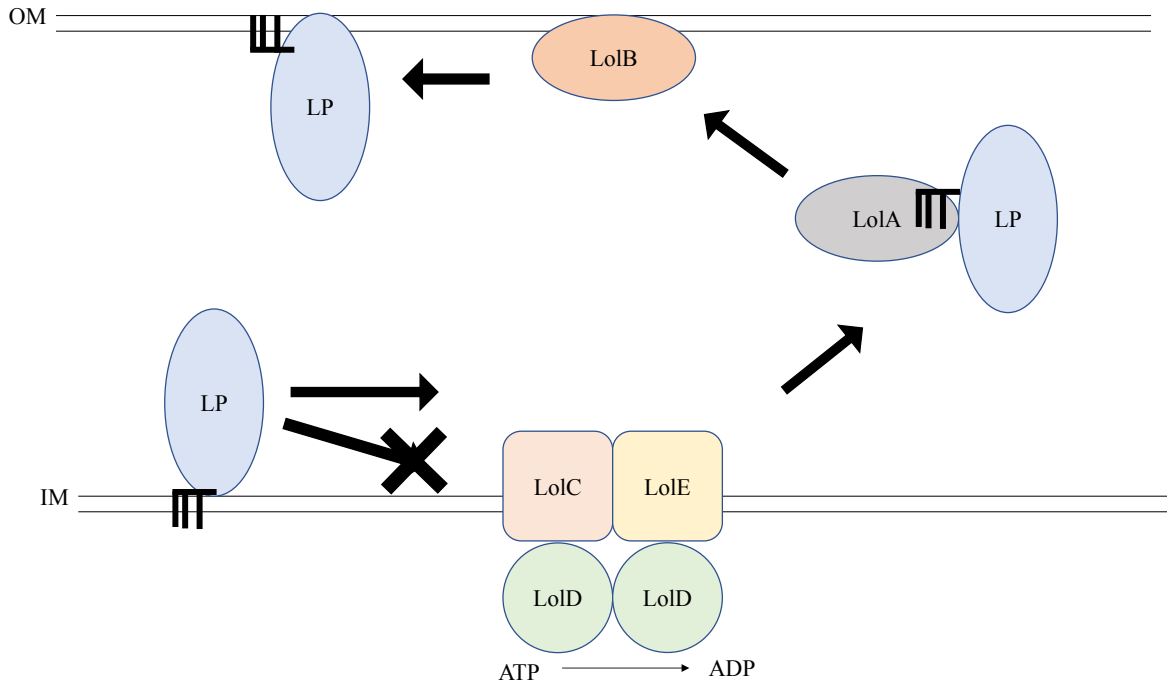


can often prove detrimental to bacterial viability. In *E. coli*, for example, mislocalization of the major outer membrane lipoprotein Lpp to the inner membrane as a result of *lnt* deletion is toxic to the cell due to aberrant peptidoglycan crosslinking (147). Sorting of lipoproteins to the outer membrane is accomplished by the Lol machinery (25, 26, 121). The Lol sorting machinery is composed of an inner membrane protein complex of LolCDE, the periplasmic lipoprotein chaperone LolA, and the outer membrane lipoprotein acceptor LolB. Initially, lipoproteins either associate with the inner membrane LolCDE complex or “avoid” association with it based on whether the lipoprotein is destined to sort to the outer membrane or remain in the inner membrane. In *E. coli*, discrimination between inner and outer membrane lipoproteins is achieved through recognition of amino acid residues immediately following the acylated cysteine. Initially, it was found that an aspartic acid at the “+2” position, where the acylated cysteine represents “+1”, causes lipoprotein retention in the inner membrane (150). It was later discovered that the amino acid identity at +3 can also affect inner membrane retention of lipoproteins in *E. coli* (151, 152). The mechanism behind this retention has been shown to be possibly the result of steric and electrostatic interactions of the +2 and +3 amino acids with the abundant membrane phospholipid phosphatidylethanolamine (153). Similar studies in the related bacterium *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* showed that the amino acids at +2/+3/+4 could all influence lipoprotein sorting in this organism (154, 155). However, in *B. burgdorferi* results have shown that retention of inner membrane lipoproteins is not strictly dependent on the amino acid identities at +2/+3/+4, and the exact logic by which *B. burgdorferi* retains lipoproteins in the inner membrane remains unknown (27-30, 156). In *E. coli*, the complex LolCDE is composed of the integral inner membrane proteins LolC (BB0078/0079, region originally mis-sequenced in B31) and LolE (BB0081), as well as a homodimer of the ATPase LolD (BB0080). The

homodimer of LolD binds two ATP molecules on the cytoplasmic face of the inner membrane, utilizing ATP hydrolysis to drive the transfer of lipoproteins from the inner membrane to the periplasmic chaperone LolA through the actions of LolC and LolE (**Figure 3**) (157). The proteins LolC and LolE show remarkable similarity to each other; however, despite their similarity they seem to play distinct roles in the cell (158). Site-directed crosslinking studies have shown that LolE is responsible for binding lipoproteins at the inner membrane whereas LolC binds LolA in the periplasm, with ATP hydrolysis driving a conformational change in the proteins that results in “mouth-to-mouth” transfer of lipoproteins from LolE to LolC and, finally, to LolA in the periplasm (159, 160). Studies in *E. coli* have shown that expression of the LolCDE complex is essential for cell viability, and that disruption of the complex results in the lethal accumulation of lipoproteins at the inner membrane (161). Likewise, transposon mutagenesis studies in *B. burgdorferi* have supported the hypothesis that expression of LolCDE is necessary for cell survival (37).

The periplasmic chaperone LolA (BB0346) is responsible for transport of lipoproteins between the inner and outer membranes. Originally termed “p20”, it was first discovered in *E. coli* as the factor responsible for the release of soluble Lpp from spheroplasts (162). The solved crystal structure of LolA revealed that the protein contains a distinct hydrophobic cavity formed by an 11-stranded, antiparallel  $\beta$ -sheet in an unclosed  $\beta$ -barrel configuration with an  $\alpha$ -helical “lid” (163). This hydrophobic cavity was proposed to contain the insoluble lipid moiety of the cargo lipoproteins, although to this date no LolA-lipoprotein co-crystals have been achieved. A subsequent crystallization of the *P. aeruginosa* revealed that it contains additional hydrophobic surface patches that, when mutated, reduce or eliminate lipoprotein transport function of LolA (164). The authors speculate that the surface hydrophobic patches of *P. aeruginosa* may

**Figure 3. The sorting of lipoproteins via Lol machinery.** Lipoproteins, after lipidation of the conserved cysteine residue and cleavage of the signal peptide, are sorted through the inner membrane LolCDE complex, the periplasmic chaperone LolA, and the outer membrane receptor LolB (25, 26, 157, 162, 165). Lipoproteins either interact with the LolCDE complex or avoid the complex based on bacterial species-specific sorting signals as described in the text.



accommodate lipoprotein acyl chains, and that the entire lipid moiety may not be contained within the central hydrophobic cavity. In *E. coli*, LolA is essential for the survival of the bacterium and its depletion results in the toxic buildup of lipoproteins at the inner membrane (166). In *B. burgdorferi*, the homolog of LolA appears to be likewise essential for cell viability (37).

Integration of lipoproteins into the outer membrane is achieved by transfer from LolA to the outer membrane lipoprotein acceptor LolB (no homolog in *B. burgdorferi*), which is itself a lipoprotein (165). Depletion of LolB was lethal for cells and prevented the incorporation of outer membrane lipoproteins into *E. coli* total membrane fractions. Further, a soluble form of LolB was found to be able to accept lipoproteins from LolA *in vitro*. These results also show that lipidation of LolB is dispensable for transfer of lipoprotein from LolA *in vitro*. Further experimentation revealed that soluble periplasmic LolB could compensate for loss of lipidated LolB *in vivo*, with the corresponding localization of lipoproteins to the outer membrane (167). Transient mislocalization of outer membrane lipoproteins to the inner membrane was noted, though, and showed that soluble LolB incorporated LolA-delivered lipoproteins into cell membranes indiscriminately. These results show that lipidation of LolB is dispensable for its function and primarily serves to assist LolB in properly integrating lipoproteins into the outer membrane. Site-directed crosslinking studies have shown that LolA transfers lipoproteins to LolB in a “mouth-to-mouth” fashion, wherein the lipid moiety moves from one hydrophobic cavity to the other while being constantly shielded from the hydrophilic periplasm (160). LolB has been crystallized in a soluble form and shows distinct structural similarity to LolA, despite a notable lack of primary sequence homology (163). It too has an unclosed  $\beta$ -barrel structure composed of 11 antiparallel  $\beta$ -strands and an  $\alpha$ -helical lid, with a distinct hydrophobic cavity that

accepts the lipid group of transported lipoproteins from LolA. However, structural comparison of crystallized LolA and (soluble) LolB proteins shows that the central cavity of LolB is more hydrophobic than that of LolA (163). This difference in hydrophobicity results in an irreversible transfer of lipoproteins from LolA to LolB due to the difference in affinity of the lipid moiety for the two hydrophobic cavities (168). This allows for an energy-independent transfer of the lipoprotein cargo, a necessity in the ATP-devoid periplasm. Other structural differences between LolA and LolB also contribute to their different functions (169). The mechanism by which LolB releases bound lipoproteins and integrates their lipid moiety into the outer membrane, however, is currently unknown.

Unlike the other members of the Lol machinery, which are widely conserved in Gram-negative bacteria, LolB seems to be found only in the  $\beta$ - and  $\gamma$ -proteobacteria (170). This raises the interesting question of how other bacteria integrate lipoproteins into their outer membrane, as the insolubility of the lipid modification of lipoproteins implies that some outer membrane receptor must accept the lipid moiety from LolA. In *B. burgdorferi*, the abundance of outer membrane lipoproteins suggests that a functional homolog of LolB exists (27). The identity of this outer membrane lipoprotein receptor in *B. burgdorferi*, and whether it can be found in other bacteria that lack an identifiable *lolB* gene, is currently under investigation. Studies of soluble periplasmic LolB in *E. coli* have shown that it could at least somewhat compensate for the absence of lipidated, outer membrane LolB *in vivo* (167). These results suggest that soluble periplasmic factors can receive lipoproteins from LolA and that future searches for the receptor of LolA-lipoprotein complexes should not be limited solely to outer membrane proteins.

The majority of lipoproteins in *E. coli* are localized to the periplasmic face of the outer membrane or retained at the inner membrane. However, recent evidence suggests that surface



**Figure 4. Alignment of the *B. burgdorferi* OppA homolog tether sequences.** The tether sequences of the five OppA homologs were aligned using the Clustal Omega program using the default settings (173). The OppAIV (BB\_B16) tether was defined based on its crystal structure, PDB# 4GL8. Other OppA tethers were extrapolated based on the OppAIV tethers. OppA homologs are annotated using the standard *B. burgdorferi* genetic locus notation (31, 32).

BBA34	CSAMSKPKDDI
BBB16	CVNESNRNK-L
BB0329	CNNKERKEG-V
BB0328	CISNAKKEK-I
BB0330	CNNNSEKEK-L
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exposure of lipoproteins is a more common phenomenon than once thought. The major outer membrane lipoprotein Lpp has been known for some time to exist in both a peptidoglycan-bound form and an unbound form, and it was recently shown that the unbound form spans the periplasm and is exposed on the bacterial surface (122). This was the first recorded example of a membrane lipoprotein possessing two distinct cellular localizations. Subsequent studies also found that the membrane lipoprotein RcsF (no homolog in *B. burgdorferi*), the sensor protein of the Rcs envelope stress response system, was also found to adopt a unique bi-localization phenotype (123, 171). RcsF, after localization to the inner leaflet of the outer membrane, is “threaded” through the lumen of several  $\beta$ -barrel outer membrane proteins during assembly by the Bam Complex. This results in RcsF becoming localized on the bacterial surface at its N terminus, while the C-terminal signaling domain remains in the periplasm. RcsF seems to be able to utilize different outer membrane proteins, with interactions detected between RcsF and OmpA, OmpC, and OmpF. Finally, the pathogen *Neisseria meningitidis* expresses two noteworthy outer membrane proteins termed surface lipoprotein assembly modulators (Slam; no homolog in *B. burgdorferi*) (172). Slam proteins were shown to be responsible for export of the outer membrane lipoprotein TbpB to the bacterial surface and, when expressed in *E. coli*, Slam proteins were sufficient to reconstitute surface lipoprotein secretion. Conservation of Slam proteins in Proteobacteria genomes was also reported by the authors. Preliminary analysis of the *B. burgdorferi* genome shows that it does not contain an identifiable homolog to Slam. Because of the abundance of surface lipoproteins in *B. burgdorferi*, it would not be surprising for another membrane protein to be responsible for export of lipoproteins to the bacterial surface.

### Chapter 3: Previous Research of *B. burgdorferi* Lipoproteins

Although the *E. coli* proteins involved in the biosynthesis have identifiable homologs in *B. burgdorferi* (with the notable exception of LolB), lipoprotein sorting appears to obey a completely different set of rules in this spirochete than in Proteobacteria (27-30, 156). Notably, *B. burgdorferi* does not follow the above described +2/+3/+4 rule that is present in other bacteria. A review of previously localized lipoproteins shows that residues in these positions are highly variable and residues seem to be common between inner membrane, outer membrane sub-surface, and surface lipoproteins (27-30). It has also been shown that, in contrast to the functional regions of the protein, the N-terminal region can be highly variable even in homologous lipoproteins. For example, an alignment of the five OppA homologs in *B. burgdorferi* shows significant variability in the +2 through +9 positions, in contrast to the conservation seen in the C-terminal regions of the proteins (**Figure 4**). As this N-terminal region was previously thought to contain the information necessary for lipoprotein sorting, this variability suggests that other, unknown factors may dictate sorting. Finally, mutagenesis experiments of the prototypical surface lipoproteins OspA and OspC have shown that, although deletion or mutagenesis of tether residues C-terminal from the +2/+3/+4 positions can modulate surface localization of these lipoproteins, their export to the outer membrane remains largely unaffected through tether mutations (28-30). Currently, it is not well understood why inner membrane lipoproteins are retained and not exported to the outer membrane, although interesting, testable hypotheses can be formulated based on existing data.

In contrast to sorting at the inner membrane, surface exposure of outer membrane lipoproteins has been characterized to a fuller extent. Mutagenesis assays have shown that alteration of key residues in OspA and OspC, residues in so-called “essential tether” motifs, can

cause sub-surface retention of an otherwise wild-type protein. In addition, deletion of OspC tether regions C-terminal of the essential tether can likewise cause subsurface retention of the lipoprotein. These results suggest that the N terminus of a mature lipoprotein plays a role in surface localization and that alteration of this sequence can modulate a lipoprotein's surface exposure (28-30). In addition, experiments involving fusion of OspA to calmodulin, a protein whose folding is dependent on the binding of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , revealed that OspA containing "sub-surface" tether mutations could be exported to the surface in the context of an unstructured C terminus (174). In addition, a separate study found that a sub-surface mutant of OspA could be restored to the bacterial surface through fold-destabilizing mutations at the C terminus, indicating that lipoprotein secretion through the outer membrane may initiate at the C terminus (29). These results, taken together, suggest that lipoprotein surface exposure is an interplay between recognition of an N-terminal export signal and sufficient disorder at the C terminus. It has also been proposed that the driving force for export of lipoproteins to the surface is the potential energy gradient of protein folding outside of the cell, and that the N-terminal region is crucial in binding holding chaperones that prevent premature folding in the periplasm (25). This model would explain how lipoproteins are exported out of the periplasm in the absence of molecular energy sources such as ATP, as well as accounting for the retention of surface lipoprotein tether mutant that show sub-surface, premature folding (29, 174). However, the identity of the putative holding chaperone, the precise structure-function of the *B. burgdorferi* Lol homologs, the identity of a potential outer membrane LolA-lipoprotein complex receptor, and the outer membrane factors responsible for lipoprotein surface exposure all remain a mystery. Although evidence exists in *E. coli* that the outer membrane  $\beta$ -barrel assembly complex Bam can cause surface localization of lipoproteins by folding outer membrane proteins around them (see RcsF

in 1.3 The Fundamental Role of *B. burgdorferi* Lipoproteins, above), there is currently no evidence to support this function of the Bam complex in *B. burgdorferi*.

The development of a powerful “toolbox” of genomic and proteomic techniques, however, has put the field of *B. burgdorferi* research in a place to finally answer these questions. Although *B. burgdorferi* is not nearly as experimentally tractable as the model organism *E. coli*, endeavoring investigators have discovered ways to manipulate the bacterium in order to overcome many of the limitations inherent to the spirochete. *B. burgdorferi* can be cultured *in vitro* to high densities using artificial culture medium, in contrast to certain other spirochetes such as *Treponema pallidum* (175-177). *B. burgdorferi* can also be transformed with foreign DNA through electroporation, and the development of *E. coli*-*B. burgdorferi* shuttle vectors has facilitated cloning of spirochetal genes (178, 179). Techniques to localize proteins in *B. burgdorferi* are well-established and include surface “shaving” using a membrane-impermeable protease and fractionation of the outer membrane of the cell from the protoplasmic cylinder (180, 181). Analysis of the products of these assays is accomplished by Western Blot using antisera specific to characteristic proteins (27-30, 156). Finally, it was recently shown that *B. burgdorferi* detergent extracts of surface shaving assays are amenable to proteomics analysis by Multidimensional Protein Identification Technology (MudPIT) (27). This demonstrates that existing protocols can be applied to emerging, high-throughput technologies to expedite characterization of the *B. burgdorferi* proteome.

## Chapter 4: Localization of *B. burgdorferi* Lipoproteome

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### 4.1 Rationale for Study

It has been known for some time that certain proteins are indispensable for infection of vertebrates by *B. burgdorferi* (182). For example, the protein OspC is required to establish an infection in the mouse model of Lyme borreliosis, and the genetic locus containing the antigenic variation protein VlsE is necessary for persistence in immunocompetent mice (71, 82). It was also discovered early on that many of these critical proteins are lipoproteins and are immunogenic in humans (46, 99). Therefore, a significant portion of the past few decades of research has been focused on the clinical importance of lipoproteins in the prevention and treatment of Lyme borreliosis (112-114, 117, 118). These efforts yielded the first FDA-approved, anti-Lyme vaccine (LYMErix) at the end of 1998 (101, 105, 106). This vaccine was based on immunization against the *B. burgdorferi* lipoprotein OspA, which is expressed in the unfed tick prior to influx of the blood meal. However, the vaccine's perception by the public was tainted by reports of vaccine-related arthritis and other complications (108, 109). While the CDC and FDA evaluated all available data and concluded that no correlation exists between the vaccine and the reported adverse events, the vaccine was nevertheless perceived negatively by the public and sales declined. In addition, it was found that high anti-OspA titers are required in

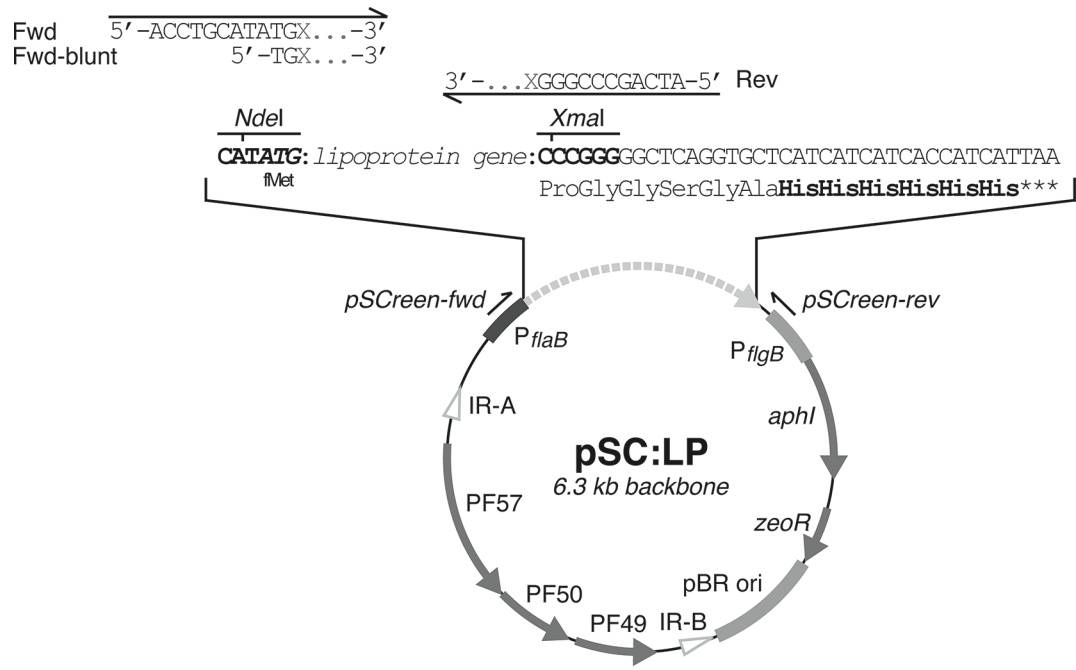
order to prevent *B. burgdorferi* transmission, further complicating adoption of LYMERix. For these reasons, the vaccine was voluntarily removed from the market in 2002, just a few years after its introduction.

Previous research has focused on just a limited subset of lipoproteins, with the focus on those that have a clear role in pathogenesis or application as a possible vaccinogen. This has left many lipoproteins under-studied, aside from cursory *in silico* homology analysis. One complication to the further study of *B. burgdorferi* lipoproteins is that, due to their comparatively degenerate lipobox region, it is difficult to predict lipoproteins based from primary sequence alone. The “gold standard” for identifying protein lipid modification, the detection of incorporated [<sup>3</sup>H]-palmitate into an immunoprecipitated protein, is low-throughput and ideally requires antisera to the protein of interest (46). As such, study of *B. burgdorferi* lipoproteins focused on a handful of “usual suspects” for some time and neglected a potentially large fraction of the remaining *B. burgdorferi* proteome.

In 2006, an algorithm was developed specifically for prediction of lipoproteins in spirochetal genomes. Utilizing experimentally verified lipoproteins as a training set, the SpLip algorithm identified the putative “lipoproteome” of the *B. burgdorferi* type strain B31 (23). Many of the proteins identified as lipoproteins in this study were “under-studied” and lacked the in-depth characterization that had been performed for other lipoproteins such as OspA. Using this *in silico* prediction, our group hypothesized that we could perform an initial characterization of this putative lipoproteome through localization of each protein to a specific cellular location. Based on our previous observation that lipoproteins seem to be secreted to the surface by default, we hypothesized that the majority of lipoproteins would be surface-localized (30). We also hypothesized that homologous lipoproteins would localize similarly, such as those encoded by



**Figure 5. Plasmid map of the *B. burgdorferi* lipoprotein expression library vector backbone pSC-LP.** pSC-LP is a derivative of the *B. burgdorferi*-*E. coli* shuttle vector pBSV2 (29, 179) that drives expression of cloned genes using the *B. burgdorferi* *flaB* promoter ( $P_{flaB}$ ) and provides a C-terminal hexa-histidine tag preceded by a flexible 6-amino-acid linker peptide. Restriction enzyme sites and primer sequences used for amplification and cloning of lipoprotein genes are indicated (see also **Table 1** and text).



the evolutionarily related cp32 family of plasmids (100, 183). Finally, we hypothesized that, after localizing the entire lipoproteome, sorting rules for *B. burgdorferi* could be established similar to those in Proteobacteria (150, 154).

## 4.2 Experimental Design

(Note: An unabridged version of experimental protocols can be found in **Chapter 5**)

### *4.2.1 Bacterial Strains and Culture Conditions*

*E. coli* strains TOP10 and DH5 $\alpha$  (Invitrogen) were used for plasmid cloning and propagation. *E. coli* was grown in LB-Miller broth or on LB-Miller agar plates (both from BD Difco) at 37°C, supplemented with 50  $\mu$ g/mL kanamycin (Sigma-Aldrich) as necessary. *B. burgdorferi* strain B31-e2, a high-passage noninfectious clone of the type strain B31 (95) (provided by Dr. Brian Stevenson, Univ. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY), was chosen due to its amenability to transformation and established use in lipoprotein localization assays (28-30). Additionally, low-passage infectious *B. burgdorferi* B31-A3 (184) (provided by Dr. Patti Rosa, NIH/NIAID Rocky Mountain Laboratories, Hamilton, MT) was used for proteomic analysis of cellular protein fractions by Multidimensional Protein Identification Technology (MudPIT) mass spectrometry. B31-A3 was confirmed to contain all linear and circular plasmids characteristic of strain B31 with the exception of lp5, using a set of multiplex-PCR-compatible oligonucleotide primers (185) (data not shown). *B. burgdorferi* B31-e2 and B31-A3 were maintained in BSK-II complete medium at 34°C, containing 300  $\mu$ g/mL kanamycin as necessary (175, 177). Recovery of *B. burgdorferi* transformants was performed using semi-solid BSK-II as described, with plates incubated at 34°C in a humidified 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere until the development of colonies (175, 177).

#### 4.2.2 Construction of an epitope-tagged *B. burgdorferi* lipoprotein expression library

A total of 127 *B. burgdorferi* type strain B31 lipoproteins were selected for the study based on the cumulative list of “probable”, “possible” and “false negative” lipoprotein genes identified by the SpLip algorithm (23) (**Table 2**); of note, this algorithm-based list omits some lipoproteins such the variable surface lipoprotein VlsE (81). Genomic DNA from cultured low-passage infectious *B. burgdorferi* B31-A3 was isolated (Promega Wizard gDNA Kit), and lipoprotein genes were amplified by PCR using Phusion HF enzyme (New England Biolabs) with gene-specific oligonucleotide primers (Integrated DNA Technologies) containing 5' NdeI and XmaI restriction site extensions, respectively (**Table 1**). The resulting PCR amplicons were digested with NdeI and XmaI and ligated into pSC:LP (**Figure 5**), a vector backbone derived from recombinant plasmid pSC1000 (29) by digestion with NdeI and XmaI. pSC1000, a derivative of the *B. burgdorferi*-*E. coli* shuttle vector pBSV2 (179), expresses the lipoprotein OspA (BBA15) under the constitutive flagellin promoter ( $P_{flaB}$ ) with a C-terminal his-tag; the NdeI (CA'TATG) and XmaI (C'CCGGG) sites are within the start codon and the his-tag linker, respectively. Due to *Borrelia* DNA being about 70% AT, this approach allowed for the direct amplification by PCR and in-frame cloning of 115 *Borrelia* lipoprotein genes. 10 lipoprotein genes containing internal NdeI sequences were amplified and cloned using a modified forward PCR primer that produced an amplicon with a 5' blunt-end compatible with the pSC:LP NdeI site filled in using Klenow (**Figure 5**). BB0352 and BBB16 (*oppA4*) were cloned under their native promoters, taken to be within about 150 bp upstream of their respective start codons. Recombinant plasmids were recovered from cultured *E. coli* transformants using the QIAprep Spin Kit according to the manufacturer's instructions (QIAGEN) and screened for the expected

**Table 1. List of oligonucleotide primers used for *B. burgdorferi* lipoprotein amplification.**  
Oligonucleotide sequences used to amplify and clone lipoprotein genes as described in the text.

<b>ORF</b>	<b>Cloning Primer Fwd</b>	<b>Cloning Primer Rev</b>
BB_A15	N/A - this is pSC1000	N/A - this is pSC1000
BB_0365	ACCTGCATATGTATAAAAATGGTTTTTTTAA AAAC	ATCAGCCC GGGATTTCGTTAACATAGG TGAAATTTT
BB_B19	ACCTGCATATGAAAAAGAATACATTAAGTG C	ATCAGCCC GGGAGGTTTTTTTTGGACTT TCTGC
BB_B16	CATGGAGGAATGACATATGAAAATATTGAT AAAAAGTTAAAG	ATCAGCCC GGGTTTAATTGGTTTTTATT TCAGATAAATT
BB_0328	ACCTGCATATGAAAAAGGAAAATCCCATGA AATAT	ATCAGCCC GGGTTTTTTTAGTTTTAATA TCTTCATATAAAT
BB_0329	ACCTGCATATGAAATTACAAAGGTCATTATT TTTA	ATCAGCCC GGGTTTATTTTTTAATTTT AGCTGAGATA
BB_0330	ACCTGCATATGAGCTTTAATAAAACTAAAA AAATC	ATCAGCCC GGGATTATGTTTTGCATTT TTAATTGG
BB_A24	ACCTGCATATGATTAATGTAATAATAAAA CTTT	ATCAGCCC GGGGTTATTTTTGCATTTT TCATCAG
BB_A16	GGAGGAATGACATATGAGATTATT	CCCCGGGTTTTAAAGCGTT
BB_P38	TGAATAAGAAAATGAAAATGTTTAT	ATCAGCCC GGGTTTTAAATTTCTTTTA AGCTCTTC
BB_J09	ACCTGCATATGAAAAAATTAATAAAAATAC TACTG	ATCAGCCC GGGAGTATTTAACAAGGC CACAAC
BB_R42	ACCTGCATATGAATAAAAAAATAAAAATGT TTATT	ATCAGCCC GGGTCTTTTTTACCTTCT ACAGTTTC
BB_S41	ACCTGCATATGAATAAGAAAATGAAAAATT TAAT	ATCAGCCC GGGTTTTTTATCTTCTATA TTTTGAGG
BB_B08	ACCTGCATATGAAAAAAAAGTTTAATTTTAT TTTTC	ATCAGCCC GGGTTGTAAAAATTTTTCA ATTGC
BB_0028	ACCTGCATATGAAACAAAAATACGAAAAC	ATCAGCCC GGGTCTTTAGTTAATTTT CTGTTTTC
BB_0689	ACCTGCATATGAAAAAATTGATTATAATTTT TAC	ATCAGCCC GGGATTCTTATATTTTCTT TTTCAA
BB_0840	ACCTGCATATGAAGAATATTAATAGATTAA TATTATT	ATCAGCCC GGGACTTCTGAGCACCA G
BB_B27	ACCTGCATATGAAGAAGTTTTTAATATCCG	ATCAGCCC GGGAGTTAAAACTTTTT GAGTATATAT
BB_0324	ACCTGCATATGAAAAAGCTAATATTACTAA AC	ATCAGCCC GGGTTTTTTATTATTTTCT ATTTATTTAAT
BB_0832	ACCTGCATATGTAAAAACATTAACAAAAA TA	ATCAGCCC GGGGTTTGAATATTTGA AGCTAG
BB_0144	ACCTGCATATGTATAAATTATTTTTATTTTTT ATTAT	ATCAGCCC GGGATCAAATAAGGTCTT ATATTTTTT
BB_0382	ACCTGCATATGAGAATTGTAATTTTTATATT CG	ATCAGCCC GGGTAACTTTAATATTTGT TTTATAAAAAT
BB_0628	ACCTGCATATGAGAAAGTGTGTTTGTAG	ATCAGCCC GGGATAAACTAATCTAAG TTTTATTGG
BB_0141	ACCTGCATATGAATTTGATTTTTAATATTAA TTTAT	ATCAGCCC GGAATATTGCTTTCGGCT G
BB_B25	ACCTGCATATGAAATACTGTTTTTCTTTG	ATCAGCCC GGTAAAATTTTGTTTTTA AATGCAT
BB_0542	ACCTGCATATGGATAATTTAAATAGTATAA ATAGT	ATCAGCCC GGGACTCTTAAGAATAGA AGAAAC
BB_0227	ACCTGCATATGCTAAATCCAAGAACAA	ATCAGCCC GGGTTTTACAAATTGTGCT ATTTC

BB_0460	ACCTGCATATGAAAACACTAGAATAATCATTTC TC	ATCAGCCCAGGAGACTGAGAGTGAAG G
BB_0298	ACCTGCATATGAAAATTTTGTGGTTAATAA	ATCAGCCCAGGCTTCAAATTAATCATG ATCC
BB_0215	ACCTGCATATGAAAAAAGTTATTATCTTAAT TTT	ATCAGCCCAGGTGTTTTTATCCCTAAA AAGC
BB_0385	ACCTGCATATGTATTATGAGATCTATTTTT G	ATCAGCCCAGGATTTTCCATTTGCAAA ACA
BB_0323	TGAATATAAAGAATAAATTAATATCGC	ATCAGCCCAGGTTTGGCAGGAATTAT TATCTC
BB_0664	ATAATCATATGTTACATAATAACAATGC	ATCAGCCCAGGTTGGGCTTTGATTTCT TG
BB_0398	ACCTGCATATGAATCTATTGGTCAAATTG	ATCAGCCCAGGTTTTTACCTAAATAC ACGC
BB_0155	ACCTGCATATGAAAAAACACTATAAAGCTC	ATCAGCCCAGGTAATTTTAATAATGC ATTTAAATTCC
BB_0384	ACCTGCATATGTTTAAAAGATTTATTTTTAT TAC	ATCAGCCCAGGTAACTTTGATTTAAAT AAATCAAATG
BB_0158	ACCTGCATATGGTATTTAGAACATATAAAC	ATCAGCCCAGGTATATCTTCAAATAA ATCTCCAG
BB_0806	TGAAATTTGTTTTGAATAATTTATTTAAAG	ATCAGCCCAGGTAACTGTTTTTAATA TTTTCATC
BB_0758	ACCTGCATATGCTGCAAAAAAGTATGG	ATCAGCCCAGGATTGATAACTATTTTT TGAGG
BB_0844	ACCTGCATATGAAAAAATAATTTATCAA TTTAC	ATCAGCCCAGGTTACTCGTCTCTAAA AAATC
BB_0193	ACCTGCATATGTCTGGCCCTAAAAAAC	ATCAGCCCAGGTTGTTTATAAATGTTA AATTCATATTG
BB_0823	ACCTGCATATGAATACAAAAACATTATATT AATA	ATCAGCCCAGGTTAGAATGATCAAT TATTAATTG
BB_0652	ACCTGCATATGAAAAAAGGATCTAAGC	ATCAGCCCAGGATTACTCTTTGCATAT TTGAAC
BB_0536	GGAGGAATGACATATGAATTATCAAAG	TGAGCCCCAGGTTTCAGGTATTAG
BB_0224	ACCTGCATATGCCTGGAAGAAAGG	ATCAGCCCAGGATTGTATTGGTAATTA AAGCA
BB_0475	ACCTGCATATGATGAAAGCTCAAAAATTTA	ATCAGCCCAGGTTGTTTTCAAAAATG TATAATG
BB_0213	ACCTGCATATGCAGAGCGGATTAATA	ATCAGCCCAGGGCCAACTTTAAAAAA AAGATT
BB_0171	ACCTGCATATGGGACGAAACTTTTTAG	ATCAGCCCAGGGCAATCTTCTTTTGA ACAG
BB_0456	ACCTGCATATGAAGCAAAAATTAAGTTG	ATCAGCCCAGGAATTCAGGCGATAA AAC
BB_0352	ACCTGCATATGAATAATTTTATGAGAATAA AAAAT	ATCAGCCCAGGATTTTTATTTTTTTTT AGATTATTAGC
BB_B09	ACCTGCATATGAAATACCTTAAAAACATTC	ATCAGCCCAGGAAATTTATGCCTACTT GATTG
BB_A62	ACCTGCATATGACAAAATTAATGTACGC	ATCAGCCCAGGCTTTTTTCATTGACTTT GTC
BB_A57	ACCTGCATATGAACGGCAAGCTTAG	ATCAGCCCAGGTTGATAATTTTTTTCT ACCAATAA
BB_A33	ACCTGCATATGAAGAGATATATTTATGTATA TATC	ATCAGCCCAGGTTTTTGAATTAGTGCT AAAGC
BB_A34	ACCTGCATATGATAATAAAAAAAGAGGAC	ATCAGCCCAGGTTCTTCTATAGTTTT ATTTCTG

BB_A05	ACCTGCATATGAATAAAAATAGGAATTGCAT	ATCAGCCCGGGACGCCTGCTAATCTCT TTTA
BB_A59	ACCTGCATATGGTTAAAAAATAATATTTAT TTC	ATCAGCCCGGGATTGCTCTGCTCACTC TC
BB_A69	ACCTGCATATGAAAAAAGCCAAACTAAATA T	ATCAGCCCGGGATAAAAAGGCAGATTG TAAAG
BB_A04	ACCTGCATATGAAAAGAGTCATTGTATCC	ATCAGCCCGGGGTTAATTAACGAATT AAATGC
BB_A64	ACCTGCATATGAAGGATAACATTTTGAAA	ATCAGCCCGGGCTGAATTGGAGCAAG AATA
BB_A07	ACCTGCATATGTGTGGGAGACGTATG	ATCAGCCCGGGAACGAAGCAGATGC ATC
BB_A68	ACCTGCATATGAAAAAAGCCAAACTAAATA T	ATCAGCCCGGGTAAAAGGCAGGTTT TAAAG
BB_A36	ACCTGCATATGATGCAAAGGATAAGTATT	ATCAGCCCGGGAACATTTCCATAATTT TTCAA
BB_A65	ACCTGCATATGAATAAAAATAAAATTATCAA TATTAAT	ATCAGCCCGGGATTATTATTAATTTA AATAATGTGTC
BB_A32	ACCTGCATATGAGAATTACCGGTCTTC	ATCAGCCCGGGAAGCTTTCTGTTTCTA CG
BB_A03	ACCTGCATATGAAAAAAACGATTATTGTAT T	ATCAGCCCGGGTATAGTGTCTTTAAGT TTATTAAGT
BB_A72	ACCTGCATATGCATAAGGAGAGTGTT	ATCAGCCCGGGTTCATTTTTCTGATCT TTAAC
BB_A14	ACCTGCATATGCAAATTA AAAATTTCCCC	ATCAGCCCGGGAGGTATATTTTTTGAG TATTTTTG
BB_P28	ACCTGCATATGAAAATCATCAACATATTATT	ATCAGCCCGGGGACCCATTGCCGCA G
BB_P39	ACCTGCATATGAATAAAAAACAATTATTA TTTG	ATCAGCCCGGGATCTTCTTCATCATAA TTATCC
BB_P27	TGAGAAATAAAAACATATTTAAATT	ATCAGCCCGGGATTAGTGCCCTCTTCG AG
BB_S30	ACCTGCATATGAAAATCATCAACATATTATT T	ATCAGCCCGGGGCCACCATTATTGCA GTT
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BB_M38	ACCTGCATATGGAGCAACTTATGAATAAG	ATCAGCCCGGGTCTTTTTTATTAGAA TCTTTAGAT
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BB_E31	TGAAATACCATATAATCGTAAG	ATCAGCCCAGGGAAGGTTGCTTATTGA CAA
BB_E04	ACCTGCATATGAAAAACCCCAAATCAA	ATCAGCCCAGGGATTTTGGTTATTTTCT GGA
BB_F20	ACCTGCATATGAACAAAAAATTTTCTATTTT	ATCAGCCCAGGGTGTCTTTTGCAATAT GAA
BB_F01	ACCTGCATATGAAATTATTAATAATTTAT GTGTG	ATCAGCCCAGGGACTTAAACCCTTTAC ACTT
BB_G25	ACCTGCATATGAAAAATTTAAAGACAAAA TT	ATCAGCCCAGGGTCTTCTGCTGTATTTT TTG
BB_G01	ACCTGCATATGAGAAAAAGTTTGTTTTAT	ATCAGCCCAGGGTTTTTTTATTGAGACTT TCTAAAC
BB_H18	GAGGAATGACATATGAAAATGAAGG	TGAGCCCCAGGGTAGGCTAATACC
BB_H32	ACCTGCATATGAAATATAATACGATTATAA GC	ATCAGCCCAGGGAAGGGTATATATTA AATTATCTCG
BB_H06	ACCTGCATATGAAAAAAGTTTTTTATCAAT	ATCAGCCCAGGGTAATAAAGTTTGTCT AATAGCT
BB_H01	ACCTGCATATGAACAAATTATTGATATTCAT	ATCAGCCCAGGGTAATAATGGTTGAA CGTG
BB_H37	ACCTGCATATGATTAAGGGAAAGGAGAG	ATCAGCCCAGGGAGACTTACTTAAAGC ATTTTTTG
BB_I28	ACCTGCATATGAAATGCCATATAATTGC	ATCAGCCCAGGGAATCCGACAGATCTG G
BB_I16	ACCTGCATATGAAATACCACATAATTACA	ATCAGCCCAGGGAAGTTTATATTTTGAC ACTATAAG
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BB_I29	ACCTGCATATGAAAAACAATAATTTTAT G	ATCAGCCCAGGGATTCGGCAGTGATAA TATG
BB_K50	ACCTGCATATGAATTTAATAATTAAGTGAT GTTG	ATCAGCCCAGGGTCTAGAGTCCATATCT TGC
BB_K07	ACCTGCATATGAGTAACTAATATTGGC	ATCAGCCCAGGGATTATTAAGCACAA ATGTATG

BB_K12	ACCTGCATATGAGTAAACTAATATTGGC	ATCAGCCCCGGGGCTTAAAGTTGTCAA TGTT
BB_K48	ACCTGCATATGAATTTAATTAATAAATTATT TATTCTA	ATCAGCCCCGGGTCTAGAGTCCATATCT TGC
BB_K19	ACCTGCATATGAAAAAATATATTATCAATTT AAGT	ATCAGCCCCGGGATTGTTAGGTTTTTCT TTCC
BB_K53	ACCTGCATATGAGGATTTTGGTTGG	ATCAGCCCCGGGTGTAGGTAATAATAGA AACTGG
BB_K52	ACCTGCATATGAAAAAGAACATATATATTT TG	ATCAGCCCCGGGTTCATCAGTAAAAAG TTTAATT
BB_K32	ACCTGCATATGAAAAAGTTAAAAGTAAAT ATTTG	ATCAGCCCCGGGTACCAAACGCCATT CTTG
BB_K01	ACCTGCATATGAGAAAAAGTTGTTTTTAT	ATCAGCCCCGGTTTTTTTATTGAGACTT TCTAAAC
BB_J36	ACCTGCATATGAAAAGGAAAAGCAATATAT G	ATCAGCCCCGGGAAGCGCAACTTTTTT ATAAC
BB_J34	ACCTGCATATGATAAAAGGCAATACGT	ATCAGCCCCGGTTTTATCTTTATTTTTA GGCTAAC
BB_J41	ACCTGCATATGAAAAACCTTAAATTAATA TTATT	ATCAGCCCCGGGATCAGCTTGGTTTAGT AGAT
BB_J01	ACCTGCATATGAAATACCATATAATCGTAA G	ATCAGCCCCGGGTCCTGACTAGCTGTT TC
BB_J47	TGAGGAATATTAGCAATTGTATC	ATCAGCCCCGGGGTAAGAACTATTCTC CTTTC
BB_Q46	ACCTGCATATGATTA AAAAATGTAATTTATAT TTTAC	ATCAGCCCCGGGTCCTACAATCCAAAT TTTG
BB_Q05	TGAAATACTATATATGTGTGT	ATCAGCCCCGGGAAGGTTACTTATTGA AAATATCTG
BB_Q03	ACCTGCATATGAGGATTTTGGTTGG	ATCAGCCCCGGGTAAAATTTTTCCATTA ATTGTATT
BB_Q47	ACCTGCATATGAATAAAAAAATGAAAATAT TTATT	ATCAGCCCCGGGCTGACTGTAAGTATGAT GTATC
BB_Q35	ACCTGCATATGAAAATCATCAACATATTATT	ATCAGCCCCGGGTTTTGCCAATTAGCT G
BB_Q89	ACCTGCATATGAACAAATTATTGATATTCAT	ATCAGCCCCGGGGTAATAATGGTTGAA CGTG
N/A	CCCAGGCTTTACACTTTATGC	GGCCTCTTCGCTATTACGC

insert by PCR using Taq polymerase and a primer pair complementary to pSC:LP sequences 5' of the NdeI site and 3' of the XmaI site, respectively (pSCreen-fwd, 5'-AAGGATTTGCCAAAGTCAG-3'; pSCreen-rev, 5'-GTAAAACGACGGCCAG-3')(Figure 5 and Table 1). PCR-positive clones were sequenced to verify the expected insert sequence (ACGT; Eton Bioscience). *E. coli* clones harboring the verified recombinant plasmids were stored in LB containing 15% (v/v) glycerol at -80°C.

Next, *B. burgdorferi* B31-e2 were transformed with the verified plasmids by electroporation (178), cloned by plating in semi-solid BSK-II and expanded in liquid BSK-II as described (30). Cultures of putative transformants were screened by both PCR using gene-specific primers (see Table 1) and by Western Blot of whole cell lysates with the HisProbe-HRP reagent (Thermo Fisher) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Clones that expressed epitope-tagged protein were then expanded in BSK-II and used in subsequent assays. Verified *B. burgdorferi* clones were stored in BSK-II containing 10% (v/v) DMSO at -80°C (177).

#### 4.2.3 Surface proteolysis of intact *B. burgdorferi* spirochetes

Proteolytic shaving of intact spirochetes with proteinase K was performed as described (28-30, 180), with minor modifications. Treatment of cells with Pronase (Roche) followed previously published protocols (186, 187) but used the manufacturer's currently recommended reaction conditions (Roche# 10165921001, Version 07). Briefly, cells were grown at 34°C to late-logarithmic phase in BSK-II and harvested by centrifugation at room temperature using a centrifugal force not exceeding 3,000 x g using a Sorvall Legend RT centrifuge. Cells were then washed once by resuspension in sterile, room temperature Dulbecco's phosphate buffered saline (dPBS) containing 5mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> (dPBS+Mg) and re-pelleted. Cells were then resuspended in

dPBS+Mg with either dH<sub>2</sub>O (mock), proteinase K (Invitrogen, 200 µg/mL final concentration) or Pronase (Roche Life Sciences, 1 mg/mL final concentration). Proteinase K-containing samples and respective controls were incubated for 1 hour at room temperature, and reactions were stopped after 1 hour by addition of PMSF to a final concentration of 5mM (188, 189). Pronase-containing samples and respective controls were incubated for two hours at 37°C, and reactions were stopped by addition of EDTA, PMSF, and Pefabloc SC to 1mM, 0.2mM, and 0.8mM final concentrations, respectively. Subsequently, cells were pelleted by microcentrifugation, resuspended in SDS-PAGE sample buffer containing 50mM dithiothreitol (DTT; final concentration), boiled for 5 minutes and stored at -20°C until analysis by SDS-PAGE (190).

#### *4.2.4 Isolation of B. burgdorferi OM Vesicles (OMVs)*

OMVs from spirochetes were isolated as previously described (28-30, 181). Briefly, cells were grown to early exponential phase, harvested, and washed with dPBS containing 0.1% (w/v) bovine serum albumin. Cells were then resuspended in 25mM sodium citrate, pH 3.2 containing 0.1% (w/v) bovine serum albumin (BSA) (citrate buffer+BSA). Cell suspensions were shaken for two hours at room temperature in a New Brunswick C24 incubator at 250 rpm to release OMVs, at which point the cell suspension was harvested, resuspended in citrate buffer+BSA, and loaded onto a discontinuous 56/42/25% (w/w) sucrose gradient in citrate buffer without BSA. Cell suspensions were centrifuged at 100,000 x g for 18 hours at 4°C in a Beckman-Coulter XPN-80 ultracentrifuge using a SW 32 Ti rotor and Beckman UltraClear tubes, and the resulting upper (OMV) bands and lower (protoplasmic cylinder, PC) bands were separated by needle aspiration. Fractions were diluted in cold dPBS, re-pelleted separately, and then resuspended in dPBS containing 1mM PMSF. A portion of the resuspended fractions was used to prepare SDS-

**Table 2. *B. burgdorferi* lipoproteome localization data.** Localization data from the current study were reconciled with previously published data and genome-wide studies of in vivo gene expression, protein immunogenicity and requirement for in vitro growth. Column 1 lists the assayed lipoproteins by ORF (open reading frame) nomenclature (31, 32); ORFs that were identical in mature sequence to other analyzed ORFs are marked with an asterisk (\*) (see **Fig. 6** and text). Column 2 lists common protein names used in the literature. Column 3 states the determined consensus localization of the assayed lipoproteins, as described in the text. S, surface; P-OM, periplasmic-outer membrane; P-IM, periplasmic-inner membrane; nd, not detected. Column 4 lists the determined localization of the C-terminally His-tagged proteins (**Figs. 6, 7 and 8**). Localizations followed with a dot (•) indicate that the His-tagged protein was resistant to proteinase K (**Fig. 6**), but not pronase (**Fig. 8**). Column 5 lists the dNSAF ratio (dNSAF pK<sup>-</sup>/dNSAF pK<sup>+</sup>) determined by MudPIT analysis (see text). nd, not detected. ∞, infinite value due to lack of detection of any peptides after pK treatment, i.e., division by 0. Column 6 lists the previously determined and published lipoprotein localization along with the PubMed ID (PMID) of the associated publication. Columns 7 and 8 list the predicted and observed molecular masses (in kilodalton, kDa) of each protein. nd, not detected. Column 9 lists the paralogous family with key member and number according to Casjens et al. (31). Column 10 lists the observed in vivo expression pattern according to Iyer et al (19). Transcripts that showed significant elevation in the fed larval stage relative to at least one other stage were classified as important for tick acquisition (TA) or tick persistence (TP), as these genes were up-regulated in the transition from infected mice to naïve larvae. Transcripts that showed significant elevation in the fed nymph stage relative to at least one other stage were associated with vertebrate transmission (VT), based on their apparent importance for the spirochete's passage from the feeding nymph to the naïve mouse. Finally, transcripts that were significantly elevated in dialysis membrane chambers (DMCs) relative to at least one other stage were considered necessary for vertebrate persistence (VP), given their induction in a quasi-steady state mammalian environment. Column 11 lists protein immunogenicity as determined by Barbour et al. (99). A Microsoft Excel version of this table is available upon request.

ORF	Protein Name	Consens. Loc.	His-tag Loc.	dNSAF ratio	Prev. Loc. (ref)	Pred. MW [kDa]	Obs. MW [kDa]	Paralogous Family	<i>in vivo</i> Differential Expression	Immuno-genicity
BB0028		P-OM	S-	0.70	P-OM (56)	40	38			
BB0141	BesA	P-IM	P-IM	0.59		35	39			
BB0144	ProX	P-IM	P-IM	0.79		33	32			
BB0155		P-IM	P-IM	nd		44	41			
BB0158	S2	S	S	10.34		27	27	S2 44		
BB0171		S	S	nd		23	20			
BB0193		P-IM	P-IM	2.22		29	28			
BB0213		S	S	1.21		26	26			
BB0215	PstS	P-IM	P-IM	1.04		31	30			+
BB0224		P-IM	P-IM	nd		11	12			
BB0227		P-IM	P-IM	0.57	P-OM (57)	27	26			
BB0298		P-IM	P-IM	0.37	P (58)	26	26			
BB0323		P-OM	P-IM	0.47	P-OM (59)	44	14			+
BB0324		P-OM	P-OM	0.69	P-OM (56)	14	16			
BB0328	OppA1	P-IM	P-IM	0.57	S (60)	60	59	OppA 37		+
BB0329	OppA2	P-IM	P-IM	0.94	S (61)	61	60	OppA 37		+
BB0330	OppA3	P-IM	P-IM	0.92		62	57	OppA 37		
BB0352		S	S	nd		44	39			
BB0365	IpLA7	P-IM	P-IM	0.57	P-IM (62)	22	21		TA TP	+
BB0382	BmpB	P-IM	P-IM	1.16	S (63)	38	34	Bmp 36		
BB0384	BmpC	P-IM	P-IM	0.45		40	39	Bmp 36		
BB0385	BmpD	P-IM	P-IM	0.89		37	38	Bmp 36		+
BB0398		P-IM	P-IM	0.00		41	36			
BB0456		P-IM	P-IM	0.12		24	23			
BB0460		P-OM	P-OM	2.02		28	29		VT VP	
BB0475		P-OM	P-OM	nd		15	13			
BB0536		nd	nd	0.67		108	nd			
BB0542		P-IM	P-IM	1.26		22	19		VT	
BB0628		P-IM	P-IM	0.00		27	26			
BB0652	SecD	P-IM	nd	0.18		65	nd			+
BB0664		P-IM	P-IM	0.70		26	28			
BB0689		S	S	19.87	S (58)	18	17		VT	
BB0758		S	S	nd		25	26		VP	
BB0806		P-IM	P-IM	1.22		58	53			
BB0823		S	S	nd		14	17		VP	
BB0832		P-IM	P-IM	0.73		31	27			
BB0844		P-IM	P-IM	nd		37	38	BB0844 12	VP	+
BBA03		P-IM	P-IM	0.70	S (64)	19	17			+
BBA04	S2	S	S	∞		32	33	S2 44	VT	+

BBA05	S1	P-IM	P-IM	1.83	P	(65)	49	52												
BBA07	ChpAI	S	S	∞	S	(66)	18	21										VT	+	
BBA14		S	S	0.63			14	14	OrfD	143								VP		
BBA15	OspA	S	S	65.42	S	(67)	29	31	OspAB	53	TA	TP							+	
BBA16	OspB	S	S	185.84	S	(68)	32	34	OspAB	53	TA	TP	VT						+	
BBA24	DbpA	S	S	5.95	S	(69)	21	21										VT	VP	
BBA32		S	S	nd			8	13												
BBA33		S	S	nd	S	(70)	21	19											VP	
BBA34	OppA5	P-IM	P-IM	0.74	P	(71)	61	59	OppA	37									VP	+
BBA36		S	S	nd	S	(58)	24	23											VP	+
BBA57		S	S	0.62	S	(72)	47	56											VP	+
BBA59		S	S	2.93			9	18					TA	TP	VT					
BBA62	Lp6.6	P-OM	P-OM	0.59	P-OM	(73)	8	13					TA	TP	VT					
BBA64	P35	S	S	6.23	S	(58)	34	32	P35	54										+
BBA65		S	S	nd	S	(74)	32	26	P35	54										
BBA68	CspA	S	S	24.36	S	(75)	29	27	P35	54										
BBA69		S	S	∞	S	(58)	30	31	P35	54									VP	
BBA72		P-IM	P-IM	nd			9	13												
BBB08		S	S	0.61			25	27												
BBB09		P-OM	P-OM	nd			41	36											VT	+
BBB16	OppA4	P-IM	P-IM	0.61	P-IM	(76)	61	58	OppA	37										+
BBB19	OspC	S	S	7.86	S	(77)	22	22											VT	+
BBB25		S	S	0.52			19	18											VP	
BBB27		P-IM	P-IM	1.25	P-OM	(57)	22	21												
BBC10	RevB	S	S	nd			20	19	Rev	63										+
BBD10		S	S	1.83			23	21												
BBE04		S	S	nd			5	13		54										
BBE08		S	S	nd			6	8												
BBE31	P35	S	S	∞	S	(78)	28	27	P35	60									VT	
BBF01	ErpD	S	S	nd			37	50	ErpB	163										
BBF20		S	S	1.84			11	14												
BBG01		S	S	73.49			35	31	BB0844	12									VP	
BBG25		P-OM	P-OM	nd			15	15	OrfD	143										VP
BBH01		S	S	nd			8	13	BBH01	166										VP
BBH06	CspZ	S	S	0.74	S	(79)	27	26	CRASP-2										VP	+
BBH18		S	S	5.94			43	43												
BBH32	P35	S	S	8.36			29	22	P35	60										
BBH37		S	S	62.20			33	37	BB0844	12									VP	
BBI14		S	S	nd			4	8		60									VP	
BBI16	VraA	S	S	∞	S	(80)	54	75	P35	60										

BBI28		S	S	nd		22	21	P35	60				VP	
BBI29		S	S	8.94		26	27	P35	60	TA	TP	VT		
BBI36	P35	S	S	85.93		32	37	P35	54					
BBI38		S	S	0.00		32	38	P35	54				VP	
BBI39		S	S	56.21		33	37	P35	54				VP	
BBI42		S	S	nd	S (58)	21	20	BBI42	52				VP	+
BBJ01		S	S	nd		7	11	P35	60					
BBJ09	OspD	S	S	22.89	S (81)	28	29						VP	
BBJ34		S	S	142.70		40	41	CRASP-2	92				VP	
BBJ36		S	S	∞		40	35	CRASP-2	92					
BBJ41	P35	S	S	nd		33	37	P35	54				VP	
BBJ47		P-IM	P-IM	nd		27	26							
BBK01		S	S	97.29		34	38	BB0844	12				VP	
BBK07		S	S	∞	S (82)	28	31	BBK07	59					+
BBK12		S	S	nd		26	31	BBK07	59					+
BBK19		S	S	39.92		24	30							+
BBK32	Fbp	S	S	nd	S (83)	41	48							+
BBK48	P37	S	S	nd		33	40	P37	75					
BBK50	P37	S	S	10.42		37	46	P37	75					
BBK52	P23	S	S	nd		33	30	S2	44					+
BBK53		S	S	nd		21	20	BBI42	52			VT		+
BBL28	MlpH	S	S	∞		17	19	Mlp	113					
BBL39*	ErpN	S	S	10.87	S (84)	20	19	ErpA	162					+
BBL40*	ErpO	S	S	1.03	S (84)	44	nd	ErpB	163			VT		+
BBM27*	RevA1	S	S	0.93	S (85)	18	nd	Rev	63				VP	+
BBM28	MlpF	S	S	nd		17	15	Mlp	113					
BBM38	ErpK	S	S	nd	S (84)	29	37	ErpG	164					
BBN28	MlpI	S	S	nd		16	18	Mlp	113				VP	+
BBN38	ErpP	S	S	38.48	S (84)	21	20	ErpA	162					+
BBN39	ErpQ	S	S	∞	S (84)	39	55	ErpB	163					+
BBO28	MlpG	S	S	nd		16	16	Mlp	113					
BBO39	ErpL	S	S	nd	S (84)	26	29	ErpG	164					+
BBO40	ErpM	S	S	0.61	S (84)	42	40	ErpB	163					+
BBP27	RevA2	S	S	0.93	S (85)	18	18	Rev	63				VP	
BBP28	MlpA	S	S	3.16		16	19	Mlp	113				VP	
BBP38	ErpA	S	S	10.87	S (84)	20	18	ErpA	162					
BBP39	ErpB	S	S	1.03	S (84)	44	61	ErpB	163				VP	+
BBQ03		S	S	nd		21	19	BBI42	52				VP	+
BBQ05	P35	S	S	1.22		29	30	P35	60				VP	
BBQ35	MlpJ	S	S	1.83		24	21	Mlp	113					+



<b>BBQ46</b>		nd	nd	nd		4	nd				
<b>BBQ47</b>	ErpX	S	S	nd	S (84)	40	28	ErpB	163		VP
<b>BBQ89*</b>		S	S	nd		8	11	BBH01	166		
<b>BBR28</b>	MlpD	S	S	1.06		16	16	Mlp	113		VP
<b>BBR40</b>	ErpH	S	S	nd		4	9		162		VP
<b>BBR42</b>	ErpY	S	S	∞	S (84)	25	27	ErpG	164		VP +
<b>BBS30</b>	MlpC	S	S	6.55		17	16	Mlp	113		+
<b>BBS41</b>	ErpG	S	S	∞	S (86)	22	23	ErpG	164		VP +

PAGE samples and stored at -20°C after boiling. The remainder of the sample was stored at -80°C for later analysis.

#### *4.2.5 SDS-PAGE analysis and immunoblotting*

SDS-PAGE analysis and immunoblotting was performed as described (28-30). Protein samples were prepared as described above and separated using a 12% SDS-polyacrylamide gel (Bio-Rad). After transfer, gels were either Coomassie-stained for total protein (EZ-RUN Protein Gel Staining Solution, Fisher) or were transferred to nitrocellulose membranes (Amersham, GE Healthcare) using a Trans Blot SD apparatus (Bio-Rad). Membranes were then blocked post-transfer with either 5% (w/v) nonfat dry milk or 2.5% (w/v) BSA and probed with mouse anti-FlaB (H9724 (191); 1:300 dilution), mouse anti-OspA (H5332 (45); 1:1,000), rabbit polyclonal anti-OppAIV ((34); 1:1,500) , or the HisProbe-HRP reagent according to the manufacturer's instructions. H9724 and H5332 antibodies were a gift from Dr. Alan Barbour (Univ. of California at Irvine, CA), and anti-OppAIV antibody was generously provided by Dr. Patricia Rosa (NIH/NIAID Rocky Mountain Laboratories, Hamilton, MT). Blots were treated with corresponding AP-conjugated secondary antibodies (Sigma-Aldrich Cat. No's A3562, A3687, 1:30,000) and developed using LumiPhos (Thermo Fisher, now discontinued) or Immun-Star AP (Bio-Rad). Blots probed with HisProbe-HRP reagent were developed with SuperSignal West Dura reagent (Thermo Fisher). Signals were detected and captured using a Fujifilm LAS-4000 CCD imager and further processed with Adobe Photoshop CS6.

#### *4.2.6 Analysis of protein fractions by Multidimensional Protein Identification Technology (MudPIT)*

Localization of lipoproteins endogenously expressed under standard culture conditions was determined using multidimensional protein identification technology (MudPIT) mass spectrometry (192). *B. burgdorferi* B31-A3 cells were subjected to surface proteolysis with proteinase K as described above. Membrane-associated proteins were then enriched by overnight extraction of the mock and proteinase K-treated samples with Triton X-114 as described (186). The washed detergent extracts were then precipitated overnight using acetone (80% v/v), resuspended in 0.1M Tris-HCl, pH 8.5, and precipitated again overnight using TCA (20% v/v). The addition of acetone precipitation was in the protocol was necessary to effectively remove detergent prior to analysis by MudPIT. Two biological replicates of the resulting desiccated, frozen protein samples were then submitted for MudPIT analysis (Proteomics Center, Stowers Institute for Medical Research; Kansas City, MO). Resuspended protein samples were digested with endoproteases Lys-C (Roche) and Trypsin (Promega) at 0.1  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{L}$  final, each. The protease-digested samples were then analyzed by MudPIT on an LTQ linear ion trap (Thermo Scientific) coupled to a Quarternary Agilent 1100 series HPLC (193). Protein content in mock control vs. proteinase K-treated whole cell protein preparations were analyzed by comparison of the average dNSAF (distributed normalized spectral abundance factor) for each unique protein, which correlates directly with the relative abundance of a particular protein in the sample (194). A dNSAF ratio of control vs. protease-treated sample ( $\text{dNSAF}_{-pK}/\text{dNSAF}_{+pK}$ ) was calculated for each detected protein. Theoretically, a ratio of 1 indicates that the protein is as abundant after surface proteolysis as before, i.e., not susceptible to proteinase K due to either periplasmic localization or intrinsic resistance to protease. Conversely, a ratio greater than 1 indicates that a protein is less abundant after proteolytic shaving, i.e., surface exposed.

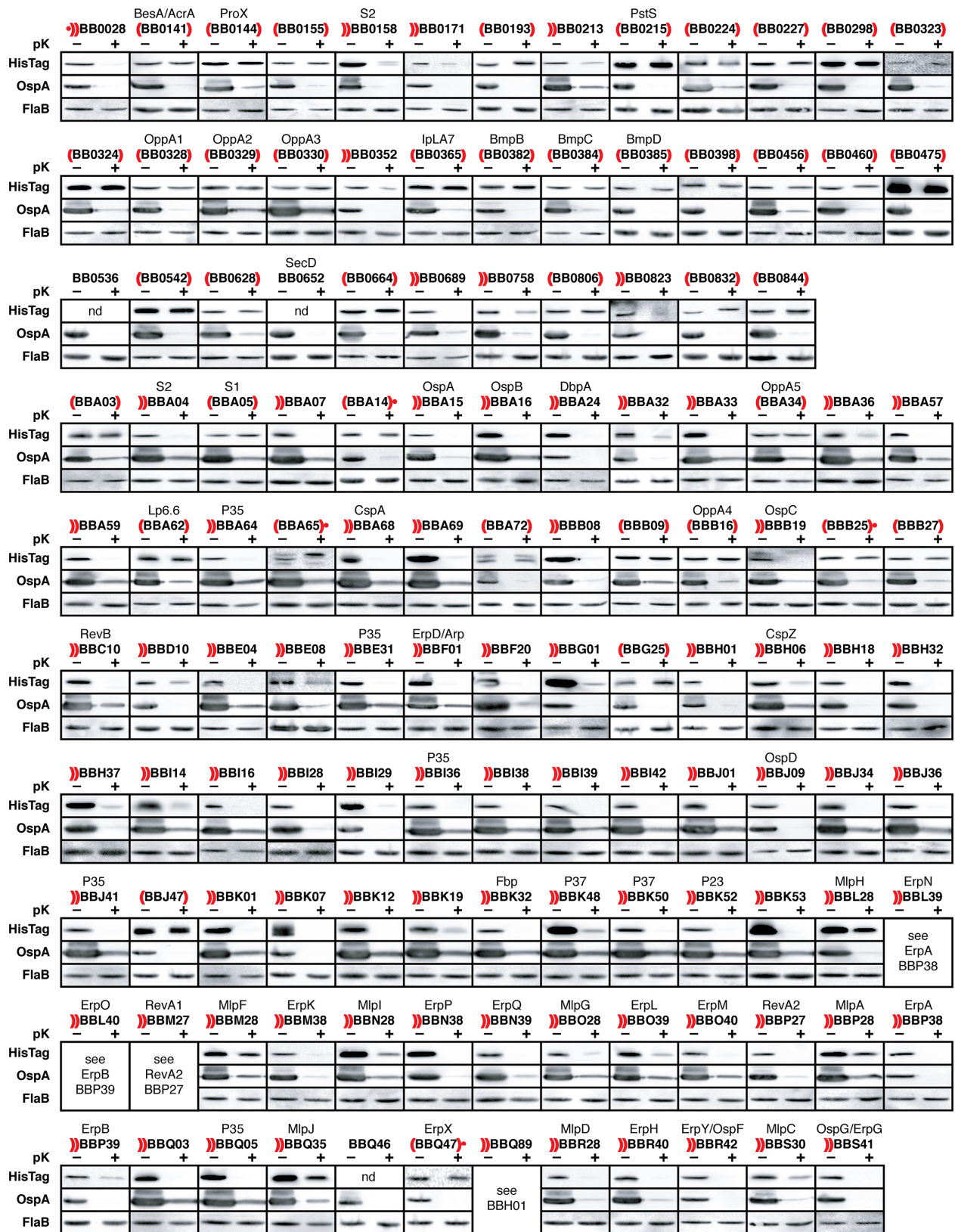
## 4.3 Experimental Results

### *4.3.1 Generation of an epitope-tagged lipoprotein expression library in *B. burgdorferi**

Our long-standing interest in understanding the biogenesis of spirochetal envelopes, particularly the sorting mechanisms for the numerous and abundant *B. burgdorferi* lipoproteins (25, 28-30, 156, 174, 195, 196), has been continually thwarted by the quite limited and biased data set of characterized lipoproteins. As shown in **Table 2**, 49 *B. burgdorferi* lipoproteins have been localized independently to date, with over two thirds of them found on the bacterial surface. We therefore set out to comprehensively localize the published list of proteins that are predicted to make up the *B. burgdorferi* lipoproteome (23). This list was compiled by training a computer algorithm (SpLip) on a set of spirochete proteins that had been experimentally verified to be lipidated, and then using that trained algorithm to scan the published genome of *B. burgdorferi* B31 (31, 32). A total of 127 putative open reading frames (ORFs) were annotated as “probable,” “possible,” or “false negative” lipoproteins (23). These 127 ORFs were used as our “working lipoproteome” for the creation of a C-terminally histidine-tagged expression library. This approach allowed us to use a single commercial blotting reagent (HisProbe-HRP) to probe the entire lipoprotein library, bypassing the need to generate individual and validated lipoprotein-specific antibodies.

*B. burgdorferi* B31-e2 clones expressing each individual epitope-tagged lipoprotein were obtained as described above. Of the 127 lipoproteins that were to be cloned, three (BB0536, BB0652 (SecD), and BBQ46.) showed no expression of his-tagged protein in multiple *B. burgdorferi* clones; all clones contained the respective recombinant plasmid when assayed by PCR and DNA sequencing, indicating that the lack of expression was not due to absence of plasmid or mutation of the promoter or coding sequence. These three ORFs were not pursued

**Figure 6. Surface proteolysis of *B. burgdorferi* strains expressing a his-tagged lipoprotein library using Proteinase K.** Intact cells expressing the his-tagged lipoprotein were treated with Proteinase K or mock-treated as described in the text. Cell lysates were then separated by SDS-PAGE, transferred to nitrocellulose, and analyzed by Western Blotting using anti-OspA or anti-FlaB mouse MAbs, or HisProbe-HRP reagent. Lipoproteins are organized according to open reading frame (ORF) nomenclature (31, 32), with the common name of the protein listed if applicable (**Table 2**). pK<sup>-</sup>, untreated mock control; pK<sup>+</sup>: proteinase K-treated sample. Red parentheses flanking the ORF designation indicate the determined lipoprotein localization as follows: ))ORF, surface; (ORF), periplasmic. A red dot (•) indicates proteins where the consensus localization was ultimately changed to the periplasm [(•)] or surface [)]•] due to independent data or follow-up pronase digestion (**Figure 8A**). Determined molecular weights of the his-tagged proteins are indicated in **Table 2**.



further. In addition, four pairs of lipoproteins were found to be 100% identical in their mature, processed sequences when analyzed by sequence alignment (T-COFFEE; <http://www.tcoffee.org/>) (197): BBP38 (ErpA) and BBL39 (ErpN), BBP39 (ErpB) and BBL40 (ErpO), BBP27 (RevA) and BBM27 (RevA), as well as BBH01 and BBQ89. As it is all but certain that proteins with identical primary sequences localize identically (25), each of these pairs is represented by a single member (the first ORF listed of the pair). This resulted in an assayed dataset of 120 unique lipoproteins covering 124 members (or 98%) of the predicted *B. burgdorferi* lipoproteome.

#### 4.3.2 Initial assignment of lipoproteins to the bacterial surface based on proteinase K accessibility

We used an established and validated stepwise experimental protocol to individually localize each epitope-tagged lipoprotein within the spirochetal cell envelope. As described, we first subjected each recombinant *B. burgdorferi* clone to *in situ* surface proteolysis (or “proteolytic shaving”) with proteinase K, a membrane impermeable, nonspecific protease that selectively digests surface lipoproteins in the context of an intact OM (28-30). Surface lipoprotein OspA was used as a positive control as it is readily degraded by proteinase K under the assay conditions. Conversely, the periplasmic flagellar protein FlaB was used as a negative control to ascertain OM integrity of the assayed cells. The His-tag epitope was used to assess the sensitivity of the tagged lipoprotein to Proteinase K, assuming that the localization of the C-terminal his-tag mirrors that of the lipoprotein itself. Of note, C-terminal processing of secreted proteins in *B. burgdorferi* is rather specific and limited to a small set of proteins (198, 199), and C-terminal tags are not known to alter lipoprotein localization (29, 200). Lipoproteins that lost

the his-tag signal upon proteolysis were considered to be surface-exposed (S), whereas lipoproteins that showed no loss in signal relative to the controls were considered to localize to the periplasmic (P) face of the OM (OM) or inner membrane (IM). Compiled Western blot results for each of the assayed lipoproteins are shown in **Figure 6**, organized by ascending ORF nomenclature. Of the 124 lipoproteins covered by the analysis, were classified as surface-exposed, while 41 were considered to localize to the periplasm. Interestingly, a subset of lipoproteins exemplified by the Mlp protein family showed only partial degradation of the his-tag after proteinase K treatment (**Figure 6**). This could indicate that only fractions of these lipoproteins are exported to the surface. Alternatively, it could reflect the lipoproteins' native folding, which may render their C termini less accessible to protease in the context of the spirochetal envelope.

#### *4.3.3 Initial assignment of periplasmic lipoproteins to the outer or inner membrane by membrane fractionation*

Recombinant *B. burgdorferi* clones that expressed epitope-tagged lipoproteins protected from surface proteolysis with proteinase K were subjected to membrane fractionation. OM vesicles (OMVs) and protoplasmic cylinder (PCs) fractions were obtained as described above by incubating harvested cells in a hypotonic citrate buffer followed by loading on a step-wise sucrose gradient. Note that due to the not entirely efficient separation of the OM during the process (181), the PC fraction should be interpreted as a partially OM-depleted whole cell protein fraction. Thus, the surface/OM control OspA is abundant in the OMV fractions, but also detected in the PC fractions (29, 30). In contrast, the inner membrane lipoprotein OppAIV can be used as a control to assess the purity of the OMV preparation, as it should be absent from an



ideal OMV preparation. A lipoprotein was scored as an OM component if the His-tag was detected in the OMV fraction in a ratio similar to the OspA control. Absence or only traces of a His-tag signal from the OMV fraction indicated that the lipoprotein was retained in the inner membrane. As shown in the Western immunoblots in **Fig. 7**, 31 of the 40 lipoproteins assayed showed an OppAIV-like fractionation pattern, i.e., they were retained in the IM. Conversely, 9 lipoproteins were detected in appreciable amounts in the OMV fraction, indicating that they were released to the OM.

#### *4.3.4 Reassessment of select OM lipoproteins for potential intrinsic proteinase K resistance*

The lipoprotein BBQ47 (ErpX) was previously established as a surface-exposed but intrinsically proteinase K resistant protein (187). Consequently, the ErpX-expressing *B. burgdorferi* clone was not subjected to membrane fractionation despite the protein's apparent resistance to proteinase K. Yet, this example raised the specter that other surface lipoproteins may have been erroneously scored as OM periplasmic lipoproteins due to their resistance to proteinase K. We therefore re-evaluated the 9 lipoproteins in our initial P-OM lipoprotein data set using pronase, a mixture of nonspecific proteases that has been shown to digest *B. burgdorferi* proteins that are otherwise protease-resistant (186, 187). ErpX was used as a control.

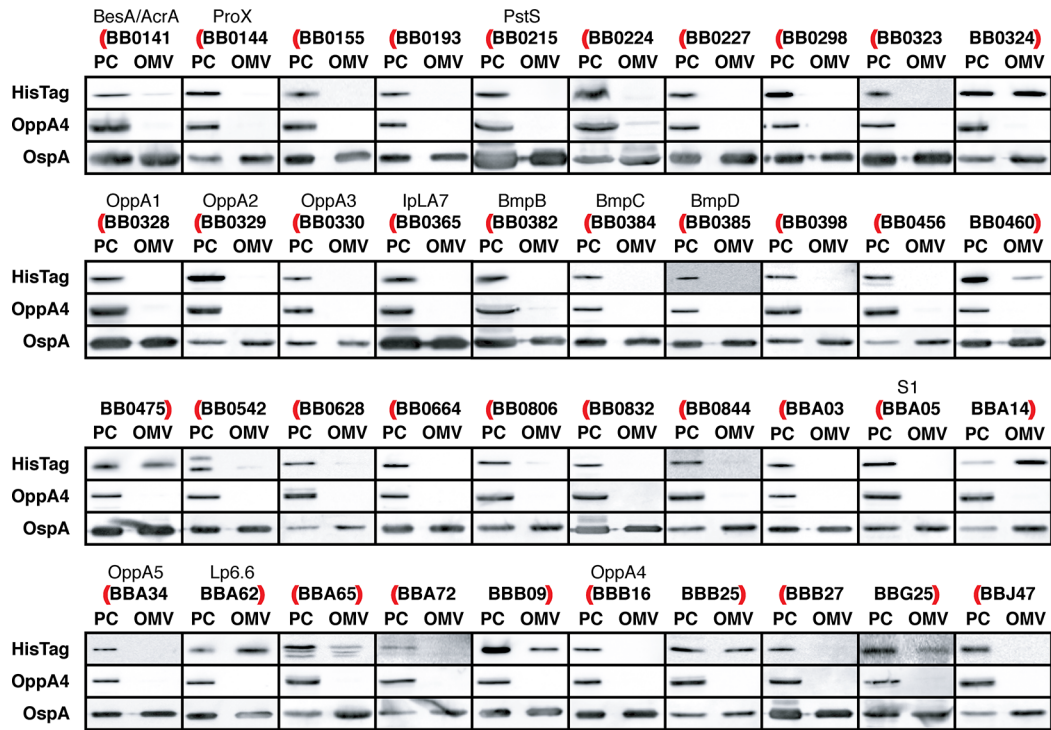
As shown in **Figure 8A**, pronase treatment led to complete degradation of OspA, while FlaB remained intact, indicating that assay conditions lead to selective removal of surface-exposed proteins. Parallel treatment of *B. burgdorferi* B31-A3 cells and staining of SDS-PAGE-separated protein samples by Coomassie (**Figure 8B**) indicated almost indistinguishable overall proteolysis patterns between pK and pronase; the only appreciable difference in the pronase-

treated sample was the absence of a 51 kDa band that has been attributed to a proteinase K-resistant fragment of the OM porin P66 (201). As expected, the control protein BBQ47 (ErpX) was largely susceptible to degradation by pronase. Three additional lipoproteins, BBA14, BBA65, and BBB25, showed selective degradation by pronase as well. The remaining 6 lipoproteins were found to be pronase-resistant in the context of intact cells (**Fig. 8A**), but readily digested and undetectable when the cells were permeabilized (not shown). This indicated that these 6 proteins are not intrinsically protease-resistant, but indeed localize to the periplasmic leaflet of the OM. In summary, this set of experiments localized BBA14 and BBB25 to the surface *de novo*. BBA65 had been localized previously (202). In that study, the authors found that BBA65 was susceptible to both pronase and proteinase K; the latter could be due to the higher concentration of proteinase K used (400 µg/mL). It also established BB0460, BB0475, BBB09, and BBG25 as additional *bona fide* P-OM lipoproteins and confirmed the previous localization results for both BB0324 and Lp6.6 (87, 203).

#### 4.3.5 Localization of endogenously expressed lipoproteins by quantitative mass spectrometry

To validate our lipoproteome expression library data with the localization of lipoproteins endogenously expressed by *B. burgdorferi*, we employed quantitative MudPIT mass spectrometry to analyse the lipoproteome of *B. burgdorferi* B31-A3 (184, 193). Our stock of B31-A3 was shown by multiplex PCR (185) to contain all linear and circular plasmids except for lp5, which is not predicted to encode for any lipoproteins (23) (data not shown). Cells were cultured and treated with proteinase K as above. To reduce the complexity of the samples, the mock control and proteinase K-treated samples were enriched for membrane-associated proteins by extraction with Triton X-114 as described (186). Peptide abundance, expressed as distributed

**Figure 7. Membrane fractionation of *B. burgdorferi* strains expressing a his-tagged lipoprotein library.** Strains that were found to express proteinase K-resistant recombinant lipoproteins were subjected to membrane fractionation using a hypotonic acidic citrate buffer and sucrose gradient to obtain OMVs. Lipoproteins were then localized based on presence or absence in OMV fraction relative to control proteins. OMVs and PCs were separated by SDS-PAGE, transferred to nitrocellulose, and analyzed by Western Blot using anti-OspA mouse MAb, anti-OppAIV rabbit polyclonal antiserum, or HisProbe-HRP reagent. Lipoproteins are organized by open reading frame with the common name listed, if applicable. OMV, outer membrane vesicle fraction; PC, protoplasmic cylinder fraction. Note that the PC fraction is equivalent of a whole cell protein preparation partially depleted of OM proteins (see text). Red parenthesis flanking the ORF designation indicate the determined lipoprotein localization as follows: (ORF, inner membrane; ORF), outer membrane. The localization of BBA65 remains undetermined [(ORF)] due to multiple isoforms with variable distributions. Determined molecular weights of the his-tagged proteins are indicated in **Table 2**.



Normalized Spectral Abundance Factor (dNSAF) (194), was captured from two biological replicates and averaged. A comparison of the MudPIT results with the results from our his-tagged lipoprotein assays can be seen in **Table 2** and **Fig. 9**. 86 of the predicted 127 lipoproteins were detectable in *B. burgdorferi* B31-A3 after growth at 34°C in BSKII-C. Among them were 2 of the 3 lipoproteins that were not detectable as His-tagged proteins, BB0536 and BB652 (SecD). The remaining 40 lipoproteins are most likely expressed below the levels detectable by MudPIT under the culture conditions used.

The relative abundance of proteins before and after proteolytic shaving, expressed as a ratio of dNSAF values in the mock control vs. the treated samples ( $\text{dNSAF}_{-pK}/\text{dNSAF}_{+pK}$ ), was calculated, ranging from 0.00 (BB0628) to 185.84 (BBA16/OspB). 11 lipoproteins were undetectable after proteolysis, resulting in an infinite ( $\infty$ ) ratio; for analysis purposes, the values of these proteins were capped at the highest calculated value (185.84). Plotting the dNSAF ratios for the surface and periplasmic lipoprotein cohorts identified in the expression library showed a clear separation (**Fig. 9**). The mean dNSAF ratio for periplasmic lipoproteins was 0.80 (range: 0.00-2.22), below but close to the expected ratio of 1.0. One explanation is that surface proteolysis yields a significantly less complex protein sample (see **Fig. 8B**), which may lead to the “unmasking” of previously undetectable/unassignable peptides. Consequently, the ratio’s numerator may be depressed relative to the denominator. The mean dNSAF ratio for surface proteins was 60.00 (range: 0.00-185.84 [capped; see above]). 12 surface-assigned lipoproteins had low dNSAF ratios around or below 1.0. Most of the proteins in this cohort were members of the paralogous Mlp, Rev, and Erp protein families that had shown at least partial resistance to proteinase K in our experiments (**Figure 6**) or prior studies (**Table 2**). Also, 4 of these proteins were subsequently shown to be accessible to *in situ* pronase digestion (**Fig. 8A**).

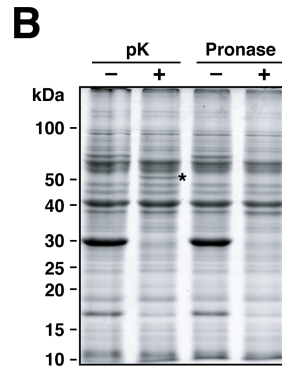
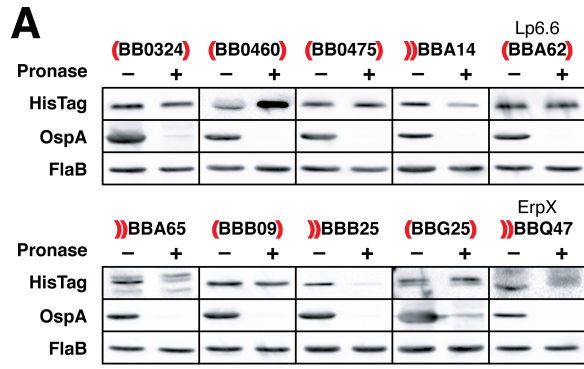
As shown in **Fig. 9**, a dNSAF ratio of 2 or above is a high-confidence predictor for surface exposure. This cutoff was statistically confirmed by a Mann-Whitney non-parametric U test using the OriginPro 9.1 software suite. Parallel analysis of sequence coverage, i.e., the % of protein sequence covered by detected peptides, before and after pK treatment also showed that a reduction of 10% or higher was a statistically valid predictor of surface exposure (see **Fig. S1** and **Table S1**).

All mass spectrometry data are available from the ProteomeXchange repository under accession number PXD005617. The complete MudPIT mass spectrometry dataset (raw files, peak files, search files, as well as DTASelect result files) can be obtained from the MASSIVE database via <ftp://MSV000080434@massive.ucsd.edu> (password ASD06166).

#### *4.3.6 Reconciliation of independent localization data produces a consensus localization catalog for the *B. burgdorferi* lipoproteome*

Our lipoproteome expression library contained 49 lipoproteins that had been independently localized prior to this study (**Table 2**). The main rationale for their inclusion in the present study was to use them as internal validation controls. For 41 lipoproteins, the current localization data were in unequivocal agreement with published data. Three lipoproteins, BB0298, BBA05/S1 antigen and BBA34/OppA5, were more precisely localized within the periplasmic compartment to the IM. Discrepancies with previously published localization data were found for 8 lipoproteins, but all disagreements could be reconciled: (i) A first set of 4 proteins was previously described as surface-exposed but was found to be restricted to the periplasm in our assays (see **Table 2**). BmpB (BB0382), like the other homologs of this protein family, was localized by us to the IM. An earlier study had detected BmpB on the surface by

**Figure 8. Surface proteolysis of *B. burgdorferi* strains expressing a his-tagged lipoprotein library using Pronase.** (A) Intact cells expressing his-tagged lipoproteins that were determined to be Proteinase K resistant but enriched in the OM were subjected to surface proteolysis with Pronase. Cell lysates were then separated by SDS-PAGE and analyzed by Western Blot as in **Fig. 6**. Pronase –, untreated mock control; Pronase +: Pronase-treated sample. Red parentheses flanking the ORF designation indicate the determined lipoprotein localization as in **Fig. 6**: ))ORF, surface; (ORF), periplasmic. (B) Coomassie-stained SDS-PAGE gel of *B. burgdorferi* strain B31-A3 whole cell protein preparations obtained before (–) or after (+) incubation with proteinase K or Pronase. Protein MWs in kDa, indicated to the left, were derived from a protein molecular weight marker (BioRad). An asterisk (\*) indicates a known proteinase K-resistant, but apparently Pronase-sensitive fragment of integral OM protein P66 (201).





immunofluorescence, albeit without controlling for accidental permeabilization of the fragile spirochetal OM (204). OppA1 and OppA2 were also localized to the IM, as were the other homologs of that oligopeptide-binding lipoprotein family. Again, prior studies had solely relied on immunofluorescence data without controlling for the integrity of the bacterial envelope (205, 206). The fourth protein in this set, BBA03, was also found solely in the IM in the present study. A prior well-controlled localization study remained equivocal in that BBA03 was found by immunofluorescence to be partially surface-exposed, but at the same time was protected from proteinase K in intact, but not permeabilized cells (207). (ii) Two IM lipoproteins, BB0227 and BBB27, were localized to the inner leaflet of the OM in one of our earlier studies (29); we now believe that these localization results were erroneous due to contamination of the OMV fraction and a less stringent interpretation of the data. (iii) BB0323 was localized by us to the IM but was identified by others as an OM periplasmic lipoprotein (208). BB0323 was shown to undergo multistep proteolytic processing in the periplasm (209). Consequently, upon protein maturation, any C-terminal epitope tag will partition together with a C-terminal soluble fragment. Accordingly, we detected only a 14-kDa fragment of the 44-kDa full-length protein in the PC fraction (**Table 2**). We therefore defer to the previous work on BB0323 as a more accurate reflection of this lipoprotein's localization. (iv) Our final, but probably most intriguing disagreement with a previous finding was BB0028. This lipoprotein was found to be at least partially surface-exposed in our work but has been previously described as a periplasmic OM associated with the OM Beta-barrel Assembly Machinery (BAM) complex (203). In other bacterial systems, BAM lipoprotein modules were shown to assume topologies that expose their C termini on the bacterial surface under certain experimental conditions (125, 210). Thus, we hypothesize that BB0028 transiently and partially (i.e., predominantly via its C terminus)

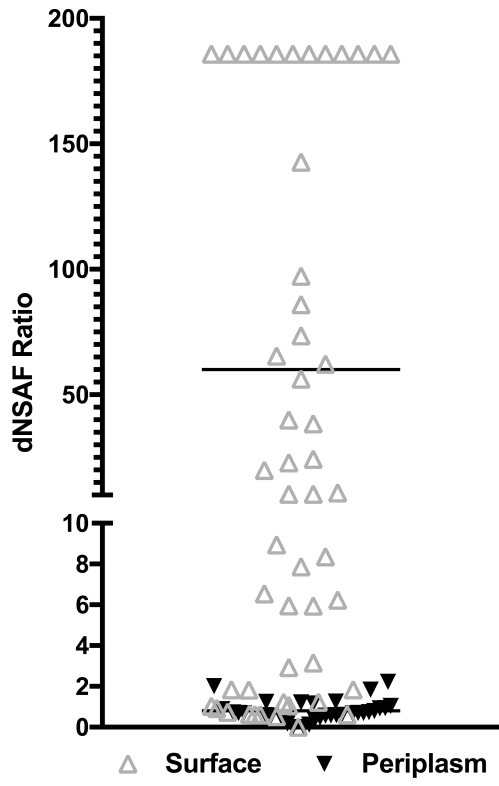
localizes to the surface. Any excess of BB0028 in the *B. burgdorferi* BAM complex may detectably shift the protein's topological equilibrium towards the cell surface.

The aggregation of the present and past data produces a comprehensive and internally validated consensus catalog of lipoprotein localization within the *B. burgdorferi* envelope (**Table 2**). Of the spirochete's 127 predicted lipoproteins within this set, 125 localize conclusively to either the surface (86), periplasmic leaflet of the OM (8), or the IM (31). The remaining two predicted lipoproteins remained undetectable as epitope-tagged proteins and could not be conclusively localized, but one (BB0536) was detected by mass spectrometry with a dNSAF ratio consistent with periplasmic localization.

#### *4.3.7 Reassessment of potential *B. burgdorferi* lipoprotein sorting motifs within the N-terminal tethers*

Our earlier studies indicated that lipoprotein tether peptides are structurally similar in that they are intrinsically disordered. Yet, they lack any significant peptide sequence homology beyond the N-terminal cysteine residue. Together with our extensive mutational analyses, this led us to conclude that there are no specific canonical peptide motifs that direct lipoproteins to the different envelope compartments of *B. burgdorferi* (29). With the lipoproteome localization data in hand, we decided to reopen this inquiry. Tether peptide sequences from the cohorts of surface, periplasmic OM and periplasmic IM lipoproteins were aligned and compared. Again, no compartment-specific peptide motifs emerged from this analysis (**Fig. 6**). A recent study of lipoprotein secretion in the Gram-negative pathogen *Capnocytophaga canimorsus* showed that N-terminal patches of negatively charged Asp and Glu residues in the proper sequential and positional N-terminal context can drive lipoprotein surface localization, and that this surface

**Figure 9. Scatter plot of MudPIT-derived dNSAF ratios of surface and periplasmic lipoproteins.** dNSAF ratios before and after proteinase K treatment ( $\text{dNSAF}_{-pK}/\text{dNSAF}_{+pK}$ ) were calculated for 87 lipoproteins detected by MudPIT and plotted using GraphPad Prism. Horizontal lines indicate the mean dNSAF ratios for surface and subsurface proteins. Note that (i) infinite dNSAF values due to undetectable protein after pK treatment were capped at the highest calculated value of 185.84 for BBA16/OspB, and (ii) surface-assigned proteins that are partially resistant to pK (see **Fig. 6** and text) cluster with subsurface proteins (see **Table 2** for specific dNSAF values).



lipoprotein secretion signal is conserved and recognized in other members of the phylum *Bacteroidetes* (212, 213). While we cannot fully exclude a similar charge-based sorting mechanism in *Borrelia* barring additional experimentation, we did not detect any positional conservation of negative charges in the 86 *B. burgdorferi* surface lipoproteins (**Fig. 10**).

#### 4.4 Discussion of Experimental Results

##### *4.4.1 Overview of results*

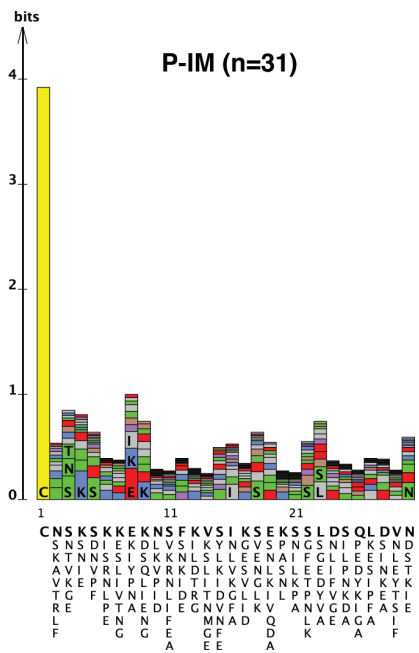
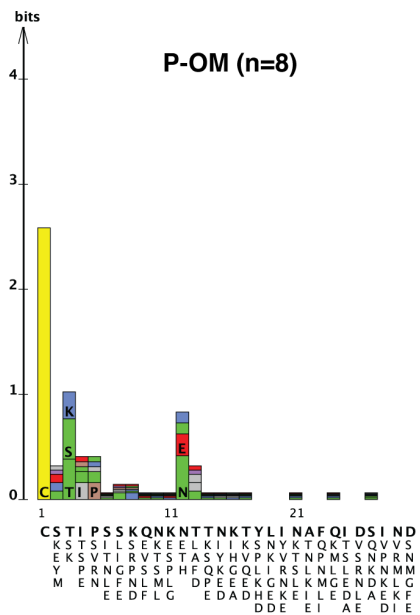
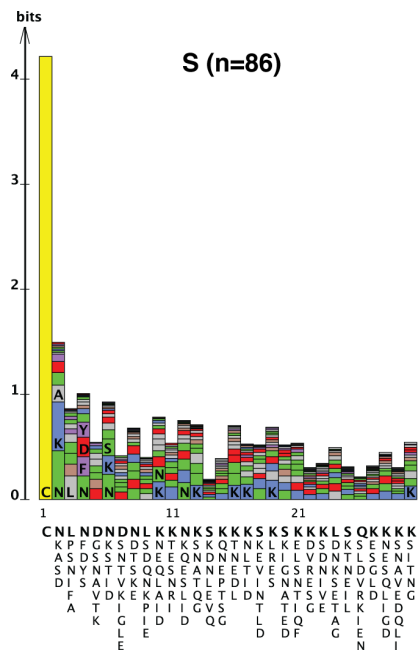
The lipoprotein repertoire of *B. burgdorferi* is exceptionally large, especially when taking into account the spirochete's small and fragmented genome. Compared to *E. coli*'s 4-Mb circular genome with about 90 lipoprotein genes (214, 215), *B. burgdorferi*'s 1.6 Mb genome spread across a linear chromosome and a collection of linear and circular plasmids encodes for over 120 lipoproteins. Since the initial identification of OspA and OspB as a common surface antigens of Lyme disease spirochetes (45, 216) three decades ago, numerous studies have shown that lipoproteins play an outsized and multifunctional role as virulence factors in the transmission, colonization, dissemination and persistence of *Borrelia burgdorferi* and the resulting pathology of Lyme disease. Following OspA's and OspB's precedent, much of the research focus has been on identifying additional surface lipoproteins that contribute to *B. burgdorferi*'s interface with the tick vector or host and could serve as vaccine targets. Thus, it may be not surprising that 36 of the 47 additional lipoproteins that were subsequently studied localized to the surface. Together, these studies yielded a rather limited and potentially biased data set, covering less than 40% of the predicted *B. burgdorferi* lipoproteome. In the present

study, we have closed this gap in our understanding of the complex cell envelope of *B. burgdorferi* by providing spatial information on 98% of its predicted lipoproteome.

#### 4.4.2 Correlation of gene and protein localization

It has been noted earlier that *B. burgdorferi*'s megabase linear chromosome, and to some degree the cp26 “minichromosome”, tend to encode for essential genes, while the remainder of the circular and linear plasmids appear non-essential for growth in culture (31, 37, 217-219). While this generalization at least partially extends to the lipoproteins encoded by these replicons, there is a remarkable correlation of gene localization and protein localization: 79 of the 90 plasmid-encoded lipoproteins (88%) are surface-exposed, while only 7 out of the 37 chromosomally encoded lipoproteins (19%) are found on the surface (**Table 2**). This dichotomy is understandable when considering the biological function and primary protein sequence. Many of the plasmid-encoded lipoproteins share significant homology, which has led to their organization into “paralogous gene families” (31). Instructive examples are the Erp, Mlp, and “Pfam54” lipoproteins encoded on the multiple prophage-related *B. burgdorferi* cp32/lp56 plasmids (31, 100, 183, 220). Overall, 62 of the 86 surface lipoproteins (72%) belong to a paralogous group. By contrast, only 14 of the 39 periplasmic lipoproteins (36%) have other paralogs (31) (**Table 2**). This well-titrated variability and redundancy in surface lipoproteins may stem from the need of *B. burgdorferi* to adapt to a multitude of environments during its enzootic cycle. Chromosomally encoded but surface-localized BB0352 and BB0689 were identified to possess putative sugar- and lipid-binding domains by the HHPRED algorithm (221). This suggests that surface lipoproteins encoded by essential genetic elements play housekeeping or metabolic roles. Similarly, sub-surface lipoproteins located on non-essential plasmids seem to

**Figure 10. Sequence alignment of *B. burgdorferi* surface, periplasmic OM or IM lipoprotein tether peptides.** A LogoBar (211) representation of the N-terminal sequence of known or predicted mature *B. burgdorferi* lipoproteins (23) illustrates the maintained complexity of surface (S), periplasmic OM (P-OM) and IM (P-IM) lipoprotein tether peptides. The height of each column, measured in bits, is proportional to the lack of complexity at a given position. The columns are stacked from the bottom starting with the most frequently occurring residue at that position and continuing upward. Below each column are the six most frequently occurring residues at each position, in order of frequency from top (bold) to bottom. Colors represent residues with similar characteristics (e.g., red for negatively charged Asp and Glu residues).





have a role in transmission and virulence. BBJ47, which we localized to the IM, was identified by HHPRED to belong to Pfam17044. This groups BBJ47 with the *B. burgdorferi* BptA proteins and suggests a role in tick persistence (222).

#### 4.4.3 Correlation of lipoprotein localization to in vivo expression and immunogenicity

To gain further insight into the biological significance of our data, we explored potential correlations of lipoprotein spatial compartmentalization with temporal expression and immunogenicity (**Table 2**). Our working lipoproteome data were first cross-referenced with a previous study that examined the reactivity of Lyme borreliosis patient vs. control sera to various *B. burgdorferi* proteins (99). 43 of the 127 lipoproteins were found in that study to be immunogenic (**Table 2**). Next, we referenced our data set against a study that looked at the transcription of *B. burgdorferi* genes at various stages of the spirochete's enzootic cycle, using an RNA-hybridized microarray assay that was validated through qRT-PCR (19). 53 lipoproteins, mostly plasmid-encoded and surface-localized, were found to have some variable role in the infectious cycle based on significantly different levels of transcripts during tick acquisition, tick persistence, vertebrate transmission and vertebrate persistence (**Table 2**). Of note, this data mining approach neglects any proteins that may be essential to the cell but are not differentially regulated between environments. Immunogenic surface lipoproteins expressed during tick acquisition, tick persistence or vertebrate transmission may work in a preventive setting, similarly to the FDA-approved but no longer available OspA vaccine (109). Within this group are BBA04 (S2 antigen), BBA07, BBA16 (OspB), BBB19 (OspC), BBK53, and BBL40 (ErpO). Both OspB and OspC have previously been shown to elicit protection when used to immunize laboratory mice (223, 224). Of the remaining four lipoproteins (BBA04, BBA07, BBK53, and

BBL40), BBA07 has been implicated in transmission from the tick to vertebrate host and BBL40 is part of the Erp protein family, a group of lipoproteins implicated in Factor H binding and complement resistance (72, 225).

#### 4.4.4 Mechanistic insights into tether peptide-mediated lipoprotein sorting in diderm bacteria

Our results show that two thirds of the lipoproteins expressed by *B. burgdorferi* are exported to the cell surface, while the remaining periplasmic lipoproteins are mostly retained in the inner membrane. Whereas the periplasmic OM lipoprotein Lp6.6 is among the most abundant envelope proteins (88), the relative simplicity of the *B. burgdorferi* lipoproteome in the inner leaflet of the OM is unexpected. In *E. coli*, an organism with a diderm membrane architecture similar to that of *B. burgdorferi*, most of the lipoproteins are exported to the OM as well (226), but the majority are not surface exposed (126). A generalization that lipoprotein surface exposure is rare and limited appears to hold for most diderm bacteria, with the emerging exception of the Gram-negative *Bacteroidetes* such as *Bacteroides fragilis* and *C. capnocytophaga* (212, 213, 227). Yet, the identified charge-based *C. capnocytophaga* lipoprotein secretion signals appear to be restricted to that phylum (212, 213), and the *B. burgdorferi* surface localization determinants identified in our own studies appear to extend only to other members of that expanding genus (196). This hints at significant mechanistic differences in lipoprotein secretion between Gram-negative bacteria and spirochetes. Our current data remain compatible with a lipoprotein secretion model that includes two separate secretion checkpoints: The first checkpoint is set up the IM where some lipoproteins are retained and others are released to the OM after completion of N-terminal processing. Whether lipoprotein retention and release is generally mediated by the partial *B. burgdorferi* Lol pathway

**Table 3. Comparison of lipoprotein tether length based on localization.** Lipoprotein tethers for each localization phenotype were either predicted *in silico* using PSSPRED (228) or using crystal structure PDB data, if available. PSSPRED predictions were performed using the mature lipoprotein sequences from the residue immediately following the acylated cysteine. Lipoproteins are annotated using the standard *B. burgdorferi* genetic locus notation (31, 32), with the PDB structure given in parentheses if available. Lipoprotein localizations were taken from consensus localization data (see Table 2). Representative lipoproteins were chosen so that only a single member of each paralogous family (Table 2) was represented. Ellipses and numbers indicate the number of tether residues omitted for clarity.

	<b>+1</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>+3</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>+5</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>+7</b>	<b>+8</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>+10</b>
<b>Surface</b>										
BBA15 (3AUM)	C	K	Q	N	V	S	S	L	D	...(3)
BBA24 (4ONR)	C	G	L	T						
BBA68 (5A2U)	C	A	P	F	S	K	I	D	P	...(40)
<b>OM-PERI</b>										
BBA62	C	E	T	T	R	I				
BB0028	C	S	S							
BB0324	C	Y	T	I	N	L	E	K	L	...(5)
<b>IM</b>										
BBB16 (4GL8)	C	V	N	E	S	N	R	N	K	...(1)
BB0215 (4N13)	C	K	N	Q	D	N	E			
BB0141 (4KKT)	C	V	G	D	N	K	L	D	D	...(12)

(25) and dependent on specific N-terminal tether peptide residues is under current investigation. Alternatively, release from the IM may be hindered by functional interactions of folded IM lipoproteins with other IM protein complexes. Multiple lines of evidence point to a similar “exclusion” mechanism at the second checkpoint in the OM, where periplasmic lipoproteins are blocked from “flipping” through the OM due to assumption of their final tertiary structure (28-30, 174, 195). The *B. burgdorferi* OM  $\beta$ -barrel assembly machinery (BAM) protein BamA was shown to be at least indirectly involved in this process (229), and it remains to be determined if/how the other identified *B. burgdorferi* BAM complex proteins (203, 210), including the IM protein TamB (230), play a role in lipoprotein secretion. Recent work has shown that some *Neisseria* surface lipoproteins are secreted to the surface through the lumen of  $\beta$ -barrel integral OM proteins (172), but homologs are missing from *Borrelia* genomes. Together, this supports our earlier notions that lipoprotein secretion pathways in *Borrelia* spirochetes are unique.

#### 4.4.5 Final Conclusions Regarding Localization of the *B. burgdorferi* Lipoproteome

We have comprehensively localized the *B. burgdorferi* lipoproteome using an epitope-tagged expression library and validated our findings by proteomics and by reconciling our data with prior independent protein localization data. The used approaches, such as the initial reliance on C-terminal epitope tags for protein detection, are not without limitations that will only be eliminated with the generation of protein-specific antibodies and further in-depth studies of the newly localized proteins. Yet, we are confident that the consensus *B. burgdorferi* lipoproteome localization catalog presented here reflects the proteins’ native partition in the spirochetal cell envelope. Lyme borreliosis remains the most common vector-borne illness in the United States and is common throughout temperate climates in the Northern hemisphere, and

there are continuing efforts to improve diagnostics and preventive measures. Placing our lipoproteome localization data into the context of genome- and proteome-wide studies may facilitate the identification of additional diagnostic targets and vaccine candidates. The proteomic localization data presented here also provide a predictive framework for proteomic studies of host-pathogen interfaces and envelope structures of other members of the ever expanding *Borrelia* genus, including the relapsing fever spirochete *Borrelia miyamotoi* (231, 232) and the recently described North American Lyme disease spirochete *Borrelia mayonii* (233, 234).

## Chapter 5: Detailed Experimental Protocols

### 5.1 Preparation of basal Barbour-Stoenner-Kelly II (BSK-II) Medium (175)

1. Pre-rinse all glassware to be used thoroughly with Milli-Q ultra-pure dH<sub>2</sub>O.
2. Prepare 1L of 1X CMRL-1066 w/o l-glutamine (U.S. Biologicals# C5900-01) in a 2L glass beaker by adding 9.7g of powder to approximately 1L of Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O. Gently mix using a magnetic stir bar.
3. Dissolve 5g of neopeptone (BD Bacto# 211681) into solution.
4. Dissolve 50g of Probumin bovine serum albumin, universal grade (EMD Millipore# 810037) **slowly** into solution using a magnetic stir bar. This process should take at least an hour at room temperature.
5. Dissolve the following reagents into solution in order, making sure that each has dissolved before adding the next. Where no manufacturer is indicated, use ACS grade reagent.
  - a. 2g of TC Yeastolate (BD Bacto# 255772)
  - b. 6g of HEPES, free acid
  - c. 5g of dextrose (D-glucose)
  - d. 0.7g of sodium citrate (tribasic dihydrate)
  - e. 0.8g of sodium pyruvate
  - f. 0.4g of *N*-acetyl-D-glucosamine
  - g. 2.2g of sodium bicarbonate
6. Adjust the pH of the medium to 7.6 using 1M NaOH. The NaOH solution should be no more than one week old.

7. Filter sterilize the solution using two 0.22 $\mu$ m PES filter units (Corning# 431097) using fiberglass prefilters (Corning# 431412). Prefilters should be pre-wetted using Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O and applied to the top of the filter unit under vacuum before applying medium.
8. Under a biological safety hood, aseptically remove the vacuum unit from the bottles and cap. Distribute the medium evenly between the two bottles so that each contains approximately one-half of the total preparation of medium.
9. Store up to six months in the dark at 4°C.

### 5.2 Preparation of complete BSK-II Medium (175)

1. Equilibrate one bottle of basal medium (see [Section 5.1](#)) to 37°C in a water bath.
2. Prepare a 100mL solution of 7% (w/v) gelatin:
  - I. Pre-rinse a 250mL bottle thoroughly with Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O.
  - II. Measure 7g of gelatin (BD Difco# 214340) into the bottle.
  - III. Add approximately 95mL of Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O to the bottle, swirl gently to mix, and incubate at room temperature 10 minutes to hydrate the gelatin.
  - IV. Solubilize the gelatin, either using a microwave or by autoclaving.
  - V. Equilibrate to 37°C in a water bath.
3. Equilibrate a 40mL aliquot of sterile, trace-hemolyzed rabbit serum (Pel-Freez# 31126-5) to 37°C in a water bath.
4. Thoroughly rinse a 1L bottle with Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O. Combine the basal BSK-II, gelatin, and rabbit serum in the 1L bottle and swirl to mix. (*Note: At this stage, a portion of medium can be measured out using a pre-rinsed glass graduated cylinder for the addition of additives, e.g. antibiotics*).



5. Filter sterilize the medium using 0.22 $\mu$ m PES filter units (Corning# 431096 & 431097).  
This step must be completed before the medium has cooled to below room temperature; otherwise, the gelatin will begin to solidify and impede filtration of the medium.
6. Aseptically cap the bottles under a biological safety hood. Store the completed medium at 4°C in the dark and should be used within one month of preparation for optimal results.  
Before use, medium must be equilibrated to 34-37°C due to solidification of gelatin at lower temperatures.

### 5.3 Preparation of Competent *B. burgdorferi* (177, 178)

1. Inoculate 500mL of complete BSK-II with 1mL of the desired culture in late-logarithmic growth phase.
2. Incubate culture at 34°C until the cell density reaches approximately  $5 \times 10^7$  cells/mL.
3. Divide the culture evenly between two sterile 500mL centrifuge bottles. Manipulation of *B. burgdorferi* in this step, as well as in all following steps, must be performed aseptically under a biological safety hood.
4. Pellet cells at 4,000 x g for 20min at room temperature. Carefully decant the supernatant.
5. Resuspend each cell pellet in 30mL of sterile, ice-cold phosphate buffered saline (pH 7.4) + 5mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>. Transfer cell suspensions to two sterile, conical 50mL tubes (Corning# 352098) that had been pre-chilled on ice. Keep cells cold or on ice from this point forward.
6. Re-pellet cells at 3,000 x g for 15min at 4°C. Carefully remove the supernatant with a serological pipette.

7. Resuspend each cell pellet in 10mL of sterile, ice-cold 272mM sucrose. Transfer cell suspensions to two sterile, conical 15mL tubes (Corning# 352097) that had been pre-chilled on ice.
8. Re-pellet cells at 2,000 x g for 10min at 4°C. Carefully remove the supernatant using a serological pipette.
9. Repeat Steps 7 and 8, but without transferring the cell suspensions to new tubes.
10. Pool the cell pellets by resuspension in 1mL of sterile, ice-cold 272mM sucrose. Cells should be resuspended completely – no particulates should be visible when pipetted. Divide cell suspension into 50µL aliquots into sterile, pre-chilled 1.5mL microcentrifuge tubes on ice for electroporation. Alternatively, cells can be resuspended in 1mL of sterile, ice-cold 272mM sucrose + 15% (v/v) glycerol, divided into aliquots, and flash-frozen at -80°C for long-term storage.

#### 5.4 Electroporation of *B. burgdorferi* (177, 178)

1. Thaw a 50µL aliquot of competent cells on ice for 5min, if using a pre-made stock.
2. Add 1-5µL of DNA in dH<sub>2</sub>O to competent cells and flick gently to mix. The amount of DNA needed varies depending on the genetic background of the competent cells and on the nature of the DNA to be transformed. High-passage *B. burgdorferi* B31 can be transformed with as little as a few hundred nanograms of the shuttle vector pBSV2, whereas low-passage (infectious) *B. burgdorferi* strains require approximately 30µg total DNA. Preparations of DNA should be free from salts to minimize risk of arcing during electroporation. Manipulation of cells in this step, as well in all following steps, must be performed aseptically.

3. Incubate cells and DNA on ice for 1min.
4. Transfer cells/DNA to a sterile 0.2cm electroporation cuvette (Bio-Rad# 1652086) that had been pre-chilled to 4°C. Tap the cuvette gently to bring the cells/DNA liquid to the bottom of the chamber, so that the liquid spans the void between the two electrodes.
5. Electroporate the cells using a single exponential decay pulse on a Bio-Rad GenePulser at 2.5kV, 25µF, 200Ω. Alternatively, a Bio-Rad MicroPulser can be used on the “Ec2” setting and should optimally result in a time constant of approximately 5.8ms.
6. **Immediately** (within 1 minute of electroporation), add approximately 1mL of pre-warmed (34°C) complete BSK-II to the cells in the cuvette using a sterile Pasteur pipette (Fisher# 13-711-20). Pipette to mix, then transfer the cells to a 15mL Falcon tube containing an additional 11mL of pre-warmed complete BSK-II. Cap the tube and invert several times to mix. At this stage, antibiotics should not be used unless the genetic background of the competent cells requires it.
7. Incubate at 34°C for 18-24 hours to allow for outgrowth of transformants.

#### 5.5 Plating and Selection of *B. burgdorferi* Transformants (177, 178)

1. Prepare 2X basal BSK-II medium using the protocol as described in Section 5.1, except that the initial volume of dH<sub>2</sub>O is reduced by half.
2. Measure 250mL of 2X basal BSK-II using a pre-rinsed glass graduated cylinder. Dissolve necessary antibiotics at 2X necessary concentration.
3. Filter-sterilize 250mL of 2X basal BSK-II+antibiotics and 30mL of trace-hemolyzed rabbit serum using a 500mL 0.22µm filter unit. Aseptically cap bottle and equilibrate to 50°C in a water bath.

4. Prepare a 220mL solution of 1.52% (w/v) agarose:
  - i. Pre-rinse a 500mL bottle thoroughly with Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O.
  - ii. Measure 3.33g of SeaKem LE agarose into bottle.
  - iii. Add approximately 220mL of Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O. Microwave until agarose has been completely dissolved.
  - iv. Autoclave solution and equilibrate to 50°C.
5. Aseptically add the agarose solution to the BSKII+antibiotics+rabbit serum. Cap and mix well by swirling the solution. All of the following steps where cells and/or medium is manipulated must be performed aseptically under a biological safety hood.
6. Pipette 15mL of the molten medium into three sterile 100x15mm Petri dishes (Fisher# FB0875712) for each transformation performed. Re-cap bottle of BSKII/agarose and equilibrate to 42°C in a water bath.
7. While the plates are solidifying and BSKII/agarose is equilibrating, pellet transformed cells at 3,000 x g for 30min at room temperature. Cells can be examined beforehand under a microscope to examine health after outgrowth.
8. Remove supernatant from transformed cells using a serological pipette except for approximately 1mL of liquid. Resuspend the cells completely in the 1mL of remaining supernatant. Ensure that the plates have solidified and that the BSKII/agarose is at 42°C before proceeding.
9. Label each plate on the outside rim with the date, the cell background, the DNA used for transformation, and one of the following percentages: 1%, 10%, 89%.
10. Label three fresh 15mL Falcon tubes with 1%, 10%, and 89%. To each, add 10µL, 100µL, or 890µL of the resuspended transformed cells (respectively).

11. Add 12mL of BSKII/agarose to one tube of cells, mix by pipetting, and layer cells/BSKII/agarose over the pre-poured plate that corresponds to the cell background, transformation and percentage. Avoid bubbles, if possible.
12. Repeat Step 11 for each tube and each transformation, using a fresh serological pipette for each plate. Allow plates to solidify completely under the hood ( $\leq 30$ min).
13. Incubate plates lid-side-up at 34°C in a humidified 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The time until colonies appear depends on the genetic background of the cells and the nature of the DNA introduced, with 1-3 weeks being commonplace.

#### 5.6 Surface Proteolysis of *B. burgdorferi* Using Proteinase K (180)

1. Inoculate 45mL of complete BSK-II (with antibiotics, if necessary) in a 50mL sterile tube at 1:500 with the desired strain and incubate at 34°C until the culture reaches late-logarithmic growth phase.
2. Transfer 6mL of the culture to a fresh 15mL tube and harvest at 3,000 x g for 25min, room temperature. Remove the supernatant using a pipette.
3. Wash the cells once by resuspending gently in 6mL of sterile, room temperature phosphate buffered saline (pH 7.4) + 5mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> (PBS/Mg).
4. Re-pellet the cells at 3,000 x g for 20min. Remove the supernatant using a pipette.
5. Resuspend the cell pellet gently but completely in 300μL of PBS/Mg. Divide the cell suspension into two 144μL aliquots using fresh 1.5mL microcentrifuge tubes. To one, add 6μL of Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O as a control. To the other, add 6μL of 5mg/mL Proteinase K (Invitrogen# AM2544) in Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O for 200μg/mL final concentration. Mix gently by flicking the sides of the tubes.

6. Incubate the cells at room temperature for one hour.
7. Add 8 $\mu$ L of 100mM PMSF in DMSO (Sigma-Aldrich# 78830-5G, D2650-5X10ML) to each sample for approximately 5mM final concentration. Mix thoroughly by flicking tubes.
8. Pellet cells at 8,000 x g for 10 minutes, room temperature. Completely remove supernatant using a 200 $\mu$ L pipette.
9. Resuspend each cell pellet in approximately 20 $\mu$ L final volume of Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O. Add 5 $\mu$ L of 1M DTT (Fisher# BP172-5, freshly made in Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O) and 25 $\mu$ L of 2X SDS-PAGE Sample Buffer (Formulated as per Sigma-Aldrich# S3401 but without  $\beta$ -mercaptoethanol). Mix by flicking tube and cap tightly.
10. Boil samples for 5 minutes and store at -20°C until needed.

#### 5.7 Surface Proteolysis of *B. burgdorferi* Using Proteinase K (187, 235)

1. Inoculate 45mL of complete BSK-II (with antibiotics, if necessary) in a 50mL sterile tube at 1:500 with the desired strain and incubate at 34°C until the culture reaches late-logarithmic growth phase.
2. Transfer 6mL of the culture to a fresh 15mL tube and harvest at 3,000 x g for 25min, room temperature. Remove the supernatant using a pipette.
3. Wash the cells once by resuspending gently in 6mL of sterile, room temperature phosphate buffered saline (pH 7.4) + 5mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> (PBS/Mg).
4. Re-pellet the cells at 3,000 x g for 20min. Remove the supernatant using a pipette.
5. Resuspend the cell pellet gently but completely in 300 $\mu$ L of PBS/Mg. Divide the cell suspension into two 142.5 $\mu$ L aliquots using fresh 1.5mL microcentrifuge tubes. To

- one, add 7.5 $\mu$ L of Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O as a control. To the other, add 7.5 $\mu$ L of 20mg/mL Pronase (Roche# 10165921001) in Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O for 1mg/mL final concentration. Mix gently by flicking the sides of the tubes.
6. Incubate the cells at 37°C for two hours.
  7. Add the following to each sample. Mix by flicking the tubes gently.
    - i. 48.8 $\mu$ L of PBS/Mg
    - ii. 0.4 $\mu$ L of 0.5M EDTA (Invitrogen# 15575020)
    - iii. 0.4 $\mu$ L of 100mM PMSF in DMSO (Sigma-Aldrich# 78830, D2650)
    - iv. 0.4 $\mu$ L of 400mM Pefabloc SC (Sigma-Aldrich# 76307)
  8. Pellet cells at 8,000 x g for 10 minutes, room temperature. Completely remove supernatant using a 200 $\mu$ L pipette.
  9. Resuspend each cell pellet in approximately 20 $\mu$ L final volume of Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O. Add 5 $\mu$ L of 1M DTT (Fisher# BP172-5, freshly made in Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O) and 25 $\mu$ L of 2X SDS-PAGE Sample Buffer (Formulated as per Sigma-Aldrich# S3401 but without  $\beta$ -mercaptoethanol). Mix by flicking tube and cap tightly.
  10. Boil samples for 5 minutes and store at -20°C until needed.

### 5.8 Membrane Fractionation of *B. burgdorferi* (30, 181)

1. Inoculate two 250mL cultures of complete BSK-II (with antibiotics, if necessary) using 250 $\mu$ L of a late-logarithmic growth phase culture of each desired strain.
2. Incubate at 34°C until the culture reaches early exponential phase, about 5x10<sup>6</sup> cells/mL. At this point, the culture medium should still have its original color and there should not be visible clumps of cells at the bottom of the bottle. Do not let the culture overgrow.

3. Prepare solutions for experiment:
  - a. Prepare 1L of 25mM citrate buffer by dissolving 4.8g of anhydrous citric acid into 800mL of Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O, adjusting the pH to 3.2 using freshly made 1M NaOH, and adjusting the volume to 1L using Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O. Pre-rinse all glassware to be used thoroughly with Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O. Divide the preparation of citrate buffer into two 500mL aliquots.
  - b. Prepare 500mL of citrate buffer + 0.1% BSA by adding 0.5g of Probumin BSA(EMD Millipore# 810037) and mixing until dissolved.
  - c. Prepare the following sucrose solutions in 50mL conical tubes. Each solution will eventually fully dissolve at room temperature with periodic mixing. Chill on ice when dissolved.
    - i. 32g of 25% (w/w) sucrose in citrate buffer
    - ii. 40g of 42% (w/w) sucrose in citrate buffer
    - iii. 14g of 56% (w/w) sucrose in citrate buffer
4. Transfer each culture into pre-rinsed 500mL centrifuge bottles and harvest at 3,000 x g for 25min at room temperature. Decant supernatant.
5. Wash each pellet by resuspension in 250mL of phosphate buffered saline (PBS) + 0.1% (w/v) Probumin BSA.
6. Re-pellet cells at 3,000 x g for 20min at room temperature. Decant supernatant.
7. Resuspend each pellet **completely** (no visible particulates) in 45mL of ice-cold 25mM citrate buffer + 0.1% BSA and transfer to fresh 50mL conical tubes. Seal with Parafilm.



8. Incubate at room temperature for two hours on a rocker. Every 30 minutes, vortex each tube for 30 seconds. During this time, pre-chill the XPN-80 ultracentrifuge and SW32Ti rotor to 4°C.
9. Divide each cell suspension evenly between two pre-rinsed SS-34 tubes and pellet at 20,000 x g for 30min, room temperature.
10. While the cell suspensions are pelleting, pour the discontinuous sucrose gradients in Beckman UltraClear tubes (#344058). Sucrose solutions must be **ice-cold**. UltraClear tubes are not wettable; therefore, the lightest (25%) layer must be poured first and can be added using a serological pipette. The 42% and 56% layers must then be added in that order by pipetting underneath the previous layer, displacing the lighter layer upwards. Use disposable syringes (BD# 302832, 309604) and a blunt-tip syringe needle (Sigma-Aldrich# Z261351-1EA) to underlay each solution, ensuring crisp interfaces between each layer. Label the outside of each gradient with a Sharpie and store at 4°C until the previous step's centrifugation is finished.
  - i. 12.5mL of 25% (w/w) sucrose
  - ii. 15.5mL of 42% (w/w) sucrose
  - iii. 5mL of 56% (w/w) sucrose
11. Decant the tubes and place on ice. Pool cell pellets from matching samples by resuspending **completely** (no visible particulates) in 5mL of ice-cold citrate buffer + 0.1% BSA.
12. Using a 10mL syringe and an 18½G needle, slowly and carefully overlay each cell suspension over the labeled gradients. Insert each gradient into opposing SW32Ti swinging buckets (e.g. buckets #'s 1 and 4) using tweezers to slowly drop the gradient

into place. Add the caps to the buckets and balance the opposing rotors to within 0.01g, using ice-cold citrate buffer + 0.1% BSA to make up any difference.

13. Place all six buckets into the pre-chilled SW32Ti rotor in their designated places. Run the ultracentrifuge at 100,000 x g for 20 hours, 4°C.
14. Immediately remove the gradients from the ultracentrifuge without disturbing the samples. Leave the ultracentrifuge on and cooled for the following steps.
15. Visualize each gradient. There should be a faint “haze” about 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the way up from the bottom, at the interface between the 25% and 42% solutions. This is the outer membrane vesicle (OMV) fraction. Towards the bottom of the tube there should be an obvious, flat disc at the interface between the 42% and 56% solutions. This is the protoplasmic cylinder (PC) fraction.
16. Using a fresh 10mL syringe + 18½G needle for each layer, needle-aspirate the OMV and PC fractions from each sample into fresh 50mL conical tubes on ice.
17. Dilute each fraction to approximately 36mL using ice-cold PBS (pH 7.4), which should result in at least a five-fold dilution of the aspirated sample. Vortex each sample thoroughly.
18. Prepare the two fractions as follows:
  - a. Pellet the OMV fractions by transferring the diluted samples to fresh UltraClear tubes and balancing using ice-cold PBS (pH 7.4). Run in the ultra-centrifuge at 150,000 x g for 4 hours, 4°C. Immediately remove the sample at the end of the run and carefully decant. The pelleted OMV samples should be visible as whitish, faint, glassy pellets at the bottom of the tubes. Resuspend each OMV pellet in 100µL of PBS (pH 7.4) + 1mM PMSF and transfer to fresh 1.5mL

microcentrifuge tubes. Use a portion of each to prepare SDS-PAGE samples as was done in [Section 5.6](#). Store the boiled SDS-PAGE samples at -20°C and the unprocessed OMV suspension at -80°C.

- b. Pellet the PC fraction by transferring each to a fresh SS-34 tube and centrifuging at 10,000 x g for 20min, 4°C. Decant supernatant. Resuspend each cell completely in 1mL of PBS (pH 7.4) + 1mM PMSF and transfer to fresh 1.5mL microcentrifuge tubes. Use a portion of each to prepare SDS-PAGE samples as was done in [Section 5.6](#). Store the boiled SDS-PAGE samples at -20°C and the unprocessed PC suspension at -80°C.
19. Use equal volumes of each sample for SDS-PAGE analysis.

#### 5.9 Triton X-114 Extraction of Hydrophobic *B. burgdorferi* Proteins (186)

1. Inoculate two 45mL volumes of complete BSK-II (with antibiotics, if necessary) in sterile 50mL conical tubes using 90µL each of the desired strain. Incubate at 34°C until cultures have reached late-logarithmic growth phase. Alternatively, protease-treated cells can be extracted following Step 8 of [Sections 5.6 and 5.7](#) as long as the volumes are scaled-up appropriately (in this case, skip to Step 5).
2. Harvest cultures at 3,000 x g for 30min at room temperature. Remove supernatant by pipetting.
3. Wash each cell pellet by resuspension in 45mL of PBS (pH 7.4) + 5mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> (PBS/Mg). Re-pellet at 3,000 x g for 20min, room temperature. Remove supernatant by pipetting.
4. Repeat Step 3 once more.

5. Pool cell pellets by resuspension in 1mL of ice-cold 2% (v/v) Triton X-114 in PBS (pH 7.4) + 0.002% (w/v) bromophenol blue. Transfer cell suspension to a fresh 1.5mL microcentrifuge tube.
6. Rotate cells overnight on a rotisserie at 4°C.
7. Centrifuge sample at 12,000 x g for 30min, 4°C to remove Triton X-114 insoluble material. Transfer supernatant to a fresh microcentrifuge tube. The insoluble pellet can be saved for later SDS-PAGE analysis. Optionally, supernatant can be spun again at 12,000 x g for 15min, 4°C to remove remaining traces of insoluble material. In this case, transfer supernatant again to a fresh tube.
8. Incubate sample at 37°C for 15min to phase-partition the Triton X-114 solution.
9. Centrifuge the sample at 16,000 x g for 15min at room temperature. The resulting sample should have an upper, faintly blue aqueous phase and a lower, dark blue detergent phase. Carefully transfer the upper aqueous phase (Sample AQ) to a fresh microcentrifuge tube without disturbing the lower detergent phase (Sample DE).
10. Wash the samples three times as follows. The washing process should progressively make Sample AQ less blue and Sample DE more blue.
  - a. Add 100µL of ice-cold 10% (v/v) Triton X-114 in PBS (pH 7.4) + 0.002% (w/v) bromophenol blue to Sample AQ and vortex. Add 500µL of ice-cold 1% (v/v) Triton X-114 in PBS (pH 7.4) + 0.002% (w/v) bromophenol blue to Sample DE and vortex.
  - b. Incubate for 15min at 37°C to phase partition the samples.

- c. Centrifuge at 16,000 x g for 15min at room temperature. Transfer the aqueous phase of Sample AQ to a fresh tube and discard the pelleted detergent. Remove the aqueous supernatant from Sample DE and retain the detergent phase.
11. Add ice-cold 1% (v/v) Triton X-114 in PBS (pH 7.4) + 0.002% (w/v) bromophenol blue to Sample DE to a final volume of 500 $\mu$ L and vortex.
12. Divide Sample AQ and Sample DE evenly between four 1.5mL microcentrifuge tubes each. Add four volumes of 100% acetone (chilled to -20°C) to each sample and vortex.
13. Incubate samples overnight at -20°C.
14. Centrifuge samples at 16,000 x g for 30min, 4°C. Discard supernatant.
15. Wash samples by adding 1mL of 80% (v/v) acetone in Milli-Q dH<sub>2</sub>O (chilled to -20°C) to each sample and inverting gently several times.
16. Centrifuge at 16,000 x g for 15min, 4°C. Carefully remove the supernatant by pipetting. Spin the samples briefly in a centrifuge to collect residual acetone at the bottom of the tubes, then remove carefully with a 20 $\mu$ L pipette without disturbing the protein pellets.
17. Allow the samples to air-dry on the bench with the caps open for 10min.
18. Pool like samples by resuspension in a suitable buffer and use a fraction for SDS-PAGE sample preparation (see [Section 5.6](#)). If the samples do not easily dissolve into solution, allow them to incubate with buffer in sealed tubes at 4°C for at least one hour before resuspension. Store unprocessed samples long-term at -80°C and SDS-PAGE samples at -20°C.

## Chapter 6: In-depth Analysis of Selected *B. burgdorferi* Lipoproteins

Lipoproteins are essential to the survival and pathogenesis of *B. burgdorferi*; however, many of these have not been functionally characterized through experimentation. In order to better understand the biological role of the *B. burgdorferi* lipoproteome, lipoproteins were analyzed *in silico* using a variety of methods. Functional prediction using *in silico* analysis generates testable hypotheses regarding the *B. burgdorferi* lipoproteome and can guide future investigation of under-studied proteins. Of note is that lipoproteins were analyzed only from the essential genetic elements, the linear chromosome and the circular plasmid cp26, as these elements are the only ones common to all isolates of *B. burgdorferi* and, therefore, most likely to contain essential biosynthetic factors (236). Initially, the full primary sequence of each lipoprotein was analyzed with the HMMER-based HMMSCAN using all available databases and the program's default search settings (237). The top-scoring (by E-value) protein domain/family for each lipoprotein is reported in **Table 4**, with relevant domain/family accession numbers and descriptions given. Several lipoproteins were predicted to contain tetratricopeptide repeat (TPR) domains, and the identity of these lipoproteins as putative TPR proteins was confirmed by analysis using TPRpred and is recorded in **Table 5** (238). Lipoproteins with no statistically significant hits reported by HMMSCAN were then analyzed further using their predicted mature sequence with HHPred, which detects remote homology based on HMM profile-profile comparison between a multiple sequence alignment of query and deposited PDB structures (239). HHpred is able to detect proteins that share tertiary structural elements despite significant differences in primary sequences. **Table 6** reports the top-scoring PDB hit for each analyzed lipoprotein. Several lipoproteins from this table were then selected for in-depth analysis, and a hypothetical *in vivo* function was formulated based on all available data.

**Table 4. Analysis of Lipoprotein Genes on Essential Genetic Elements by HMMSCAN.**

Lipoprotein-encoding genes from the essential genetic elements of *B. burgdorferi*, the chromosome and the circular plasmid cp26, were analyzed using HMMSCAN (236, 237). Genes are reported with the top profile hit by lowest E-value. “SF#” = Superfamily number (superfam.org). Interval corresponds to amino acid region of the unprocessed protein. Genes without a significant hit are reported with “None, n/a.”

	<b>Top Hit ID</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Interval</b>	<b>E-value</b>
BB0028	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0141	TIGR01730	Efflux transporter, RND family, MFP subunit	114-306	1.8e-29
BB0144	PF04069.11	Substrate binding domain of ABC-type glycine betaine transport system	26-272	8.7e-60
BB0155	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0158	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0171	SF# 48452	TPR-like	28-144	3.2e-20
BB0193	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0213	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0215	SF# 53850	Periplasmic binding protein-like II	29-278	1.7e-56
BB0224	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0227	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0298	SF# 48452	TPR-like	46-211	1.1e-14
BB0323	PF01476.19	LysM domain	327-375	2.3e-08
BB0324	SF# 48452	TPR-like	25-115	2.6e-07
BB0328	PIRSF002741	Peptide binding protein, MppA type	23-528	1.2e-102
BB0329	PIRSF002741	Peptide binding protein, MppA type	14-520	1.6e-102
BB0330	PIRSF002741	Peptide binding protein, MppA type	6-533	3.4e-101
BB0352	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0365	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0382	PF02608.13	ABC transporter substrate-binding protein PnrA-like	27-328	9.0e-107
BB0384	PF02608.13	ABC transporter substrate-binding protein PnrA-like	29-343	3.1e-107
BB0385	PF02608.13	ABC transporter substrate-binding protein PnrA-like	46-348	6.1e-107
BB0398	SF# 48452	TPR-like	53-120, 158-190	5.9e-09
BB0456	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0460	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0475	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0536	PF00675.19	Insulinase (Peptidase family M16)	45-183	6.3e-27
BB0542	SF# 48452	TPR-like	35-174	7.6e-16
BB0628	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0652	TIGR01129	Protein-export membrane protein SecD	138-562	5.5e-141
BB0664	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0689	PF00188.25	Cysteine-rich secretory protein family	34-148	3.1e-12
BB0758	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0806	SF# 50998	Quinoprotein alcohol dehydrogenase-like	225-499	1.1e-10
BB0823	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0832	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0844	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BBB08	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BBB09	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BBB25	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
BBB27	None	n/a	n/a	n/a



**Table 5. Analysis of putative *B. burgdorferi* Tetratricopeptide Repeat (TPR) Lipoproteins.** Lipoproteins identified in **Table 4** were further analyzed by TPRpred to determine the probability of being a true TPR protein (238).

	<b>TPR Probability</b>	<b>Per-protein P-value</b>
BB0171	100.00%	3.2e-22
BB0298	100.00%	1.7e-16
BB0324	84.53%	5.7e-09
BB0398	99.87%	1.7e-12
BB0542	100.00%	8.9e-17

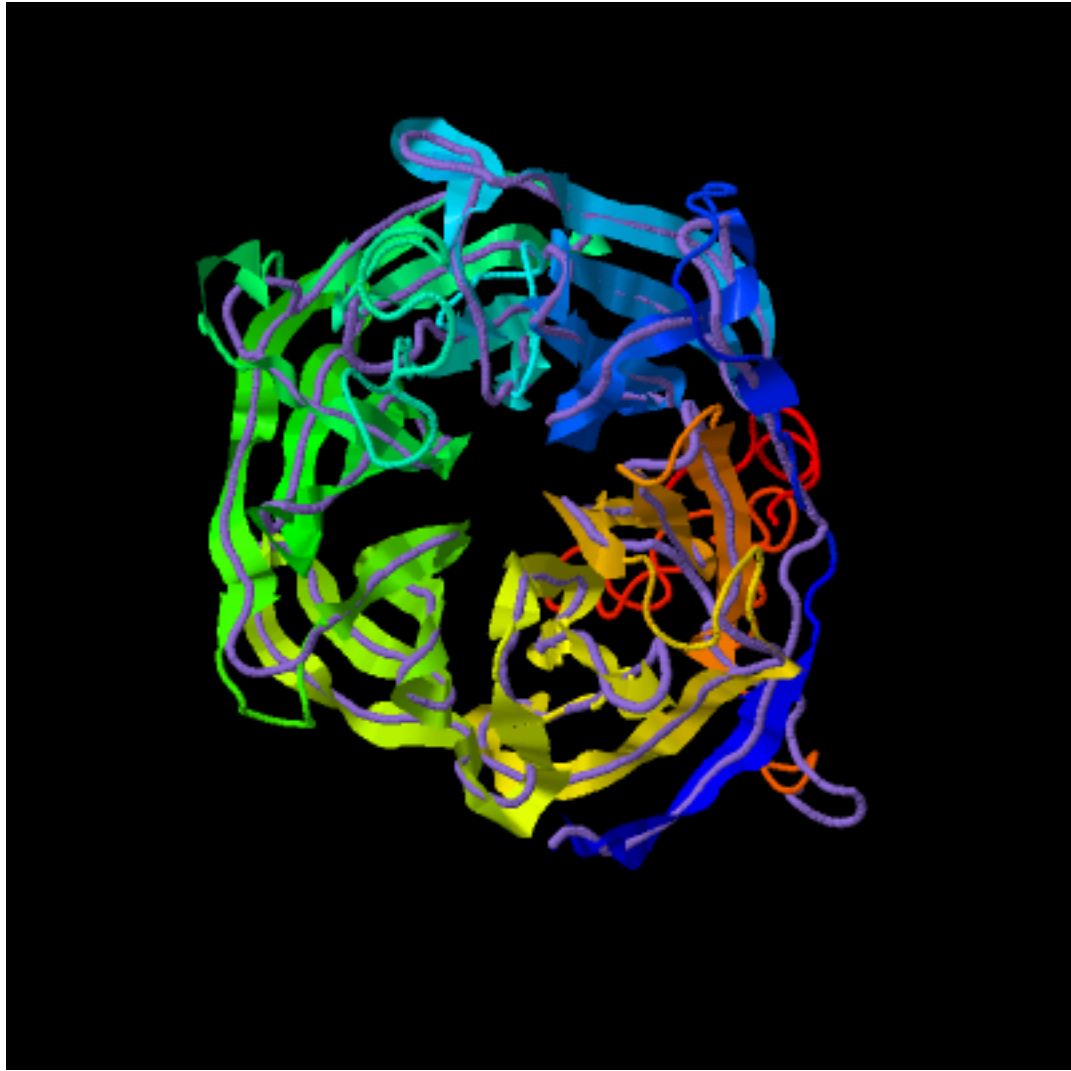
**Table 6. Remote Homology Analysis of *B. burgdorferi* Lipoproteins.** Lipoproteins without a detectable family/domain or with a hit resulting in an unclear function after HMMSCAN analysis (see **Table 4**) were analyzed by HHPred (239). Searches were performed against PDB profiles for conserved protein folds using the predicted mature sequence of the lipoprotein. The top-scoring hit by Probab. is reported for each lipoprotein, along with a description of the hit and the hit's score. Lipoproteins without a significant hit are denoted by "n/a."

	<b>Top PDB#</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Probab.</b>
BB0028	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0155	3WW9_A	Pizza6 self-assembling, synthetic $\beta$ -propeller protein	99.81
BB0158	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0193	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0213	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0224	4HVZ_A	SIMPL domain protein, BP26, <i>Brucella abortus</i>	99.42
BB0227	3CYG_A	DUF3298/4163 protein, Fnod_1146, <i>Fervidobacterium nodosum</i> Rt17-B1	100.00
BB0352	2ZYO_A	Cyclo/maltodextrin solute-binding protein, <i>Thermoactinomyces vulgaris</i>	100.00
BB0365	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0456	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0460	3CYG_A	DUF3298/4163 protein, Fnod_1146, <i>Fervidobacterium nodosum</i> Rt17-B1	100.00
BB0475	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0628	2NC8_A	LppM, Rv2171, <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>	94.70
BB0664	2PLG_A	YbjN-like protein T110839, <i>Synechococcus elongatus</i>	97.25
BB0758	n/a	n/a	n/a
BB0806	4A2L_A	Hybrid two-component system protein BT4663, <i>Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron</i>	99.97
BB0823	2KT8_A	SH3 domain protein CPE1231, <i>Clostridium perfringens</i>	96.44
BB0832	3K8G_A	Outer membrane lipoprotein TP0453, <i>Treponema pallidum</i>	96.11
BB0844	n/a	n/a	n/a
BBB08	n/a	n/a	n/a
BBB09	n/a	n/a	n/a
BBB25	n/a	n/a	n/a
BBB27	n/a	n/a	n/a

The first lipoprotein to be investigated in-depth is the product of the gene *bb0155*. This protein is well conserved only in the *Borrelia* genus based on analysis of its primary sequence using HMMER, although it appears to be somewhat conserved in certain related spirochetes such as *Treponema* (237). It may be transcribed as part of an operon with the downstream genes *bb0156* and *bb0157*, although these two gene products are likewise poorly conserved outside of *B. burgdorferi* (31, 32). A review of microarray data showed that *bb0155* appears not to be regulated by the Rrp2/RpoN/RpoS, BosR, or the Hk1/Rrp1 pathways (240). Additionally, it was found that *bb0155* was expressed in fed larvae, fed ticks, rat dialysis membrane chambers (DMCs; a facsimile for vertebrate infection), and *in vitro*; however, expression was not found to be significant different in any of the environments (19). Along with the microarray review study, this indicates that *bb0155* is likely a constitutively expressed gene. A different study that examined the expression of genes *in vitro* versus in mice showed that *bb0155* was expressed after growth in culture medium and in severe combined immunodeficiency mice, but not in immunocompetent C3H mice (241). In addition, transfer of ear tissue from infected to uninfected mice led to transient expression of *bb0155* at the 11-day and 22-day timepoints, but no expression at the 33-day timepoint. It is possible that, based on these two studies, *bb0155* is down-regulated or selected against during persistent vertebrate infection. Interestingly, passive immunization of mice resulted in down-regulation of most lipoprotein genes but not *bb0155*. Taken together, these gene regulation data indicate that the expression of *bb0155* is complex, and its expression may be an interplay of multiple factors. A genome-wide transposon mutagenesis study of *B. burgdorferi* failed to recover any *bb0155* insertion mutants (*bb0156* and *bb0157* mutants were recovered), although a separate transposon mutagenesis study found that insertional mutagenesis of *bb0155* negatively impacted the ability of the bacterium to survive on

maltose as the primary carbon source (37, 242). This may suggest that BB0155 plays a role in the metabolism of maltose or in the regulation of maltose-inducible genes in the organism. Analysis using InterPro reveals that the protein contains a predicted six-bladed,  $\beta$ -propeller (TolB-like) domain, IPR#011042 (243).  $\beta$ -propellers are a structural domain ubiquitous throughout the domains of life, with varying numbers of “blades” in the propeller and diverse functional roles (244, 245). Six-bladed  $\beta$ -propellers have been shown to act as structural proteins, hydrolases, and ligand-binding proteins (amongst other roles). Further analysis of BB0155 using the remote homology prediction server HHPred against a PDB profile database revealed significant homology to NHL domain, six-bladed  $\beta$ -propeller proteins (SCOPe# d1q7fa\_, b.68.9.1; Probab=99.93, E-value=1.9e-21) (239). The best “hits” to eubacterial crystal structures were the C-terminal domain of the *Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron* protein BT3679 (PDB# 3HRP\_A) and the C-terminal domain of the *Bacteroides ovatus* protein BACOVA\_00264 (PDB# 4HW6\_A). In-depth structural analysis of BB0155 using the I-TASSER web server found striking homology to the Brain tumor protein of *Drosophila melanogaster* (PDB# 1Q7F), a 6-bladed, NHL repeat  $\beta$ -propeller. As shown in **Figure 11**, the predicted structure of BB0155 and PDB#1Q7F\_B align closely, matching all six blades of their  $\beta$ -propellers. 1Q7F belongs to the CATH superfamily 2.120.10.30 (“TolB, C-terminal domain”), which contains members with diverse functional roles. Although the diverse functions of  $\beta$ -propeller proteins make it impossible to ascertain the biological function of BB0155 without further experimental data, it is likely that the inner membrane localization of BB0155 means that it does not regulate translation in the same way that 1Q7F does (27, 246). Future studies will need to focus on the exact biological role of

**Figure 11. Structural Analysis of BB0155 using I-TASSER.** The predicted mature sequence of BB0155 was analyzed using the I-TASSER web server with the default settings (247). PDB# 1Q7F\_B, belonging to the NHL domain Brain tumor protein of *Drosophila melanogaster*, was calculated to be the closest structural analog by both TM-score and RMSD. The structure of 1Q7F\_B was then superimposed onto the predicted tertiary structure of BB0832, with the rainbow-colored secondary structure cartoon representing BB0832 and the purple backbone trace representing 1Q7F\_B.





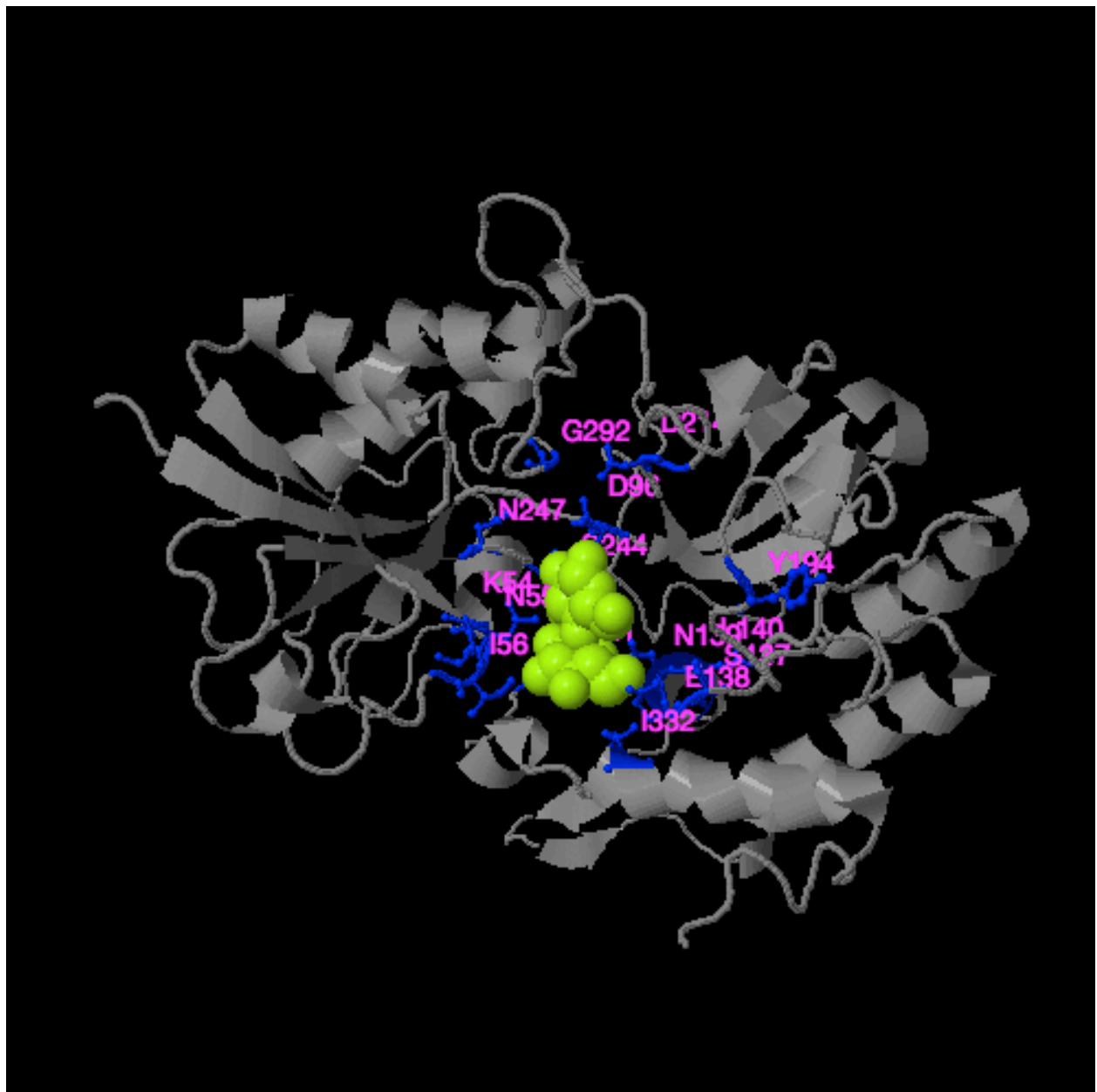
BB0155 in *B. burgdorferi* and whether its role relating to growth in maltose-containing medium is a direct or indirect effect of its disruption.

The putative lipoprotein BB0352 was similarly studied in detail. It is located in opposite orientation with the neighboring genes *bb0351* and *bb0353*, indicating that it likely is not part of an operon with surrounding genes (31, 32). No conserved domains or families were detected after a search using InterPro; likewise, a HMMER search found that only the *Borrelia* genus contains identifiable homologs at the primary sequence level (237, 243). Transposon mutagenesis experiments indicate that the gene may be essential: one study did not recover any transposon mutants, while another only recovered a single mutant 3% from the end of the gene (37, 242). Disruption of a gene within the last 10% of the reading frame is less likely to prevent the expression of a functional protein (248); this indicates that the single transposon insertion of *bb0352* may in fact result in a protein that is still biologically active. Gene regulation studies show that the gene may be part of the Rrp2/RpoN/RpoS regulon, with Rrp2 possibly the only factor responsible for its expression (240, 249). However, other studies found that *bb0352* was not differentially regulated in fed tick environments or in DMCs (19). As the Rrp2/RpoN/RpoS transcriptional cascade has often been associated with adaptation to the vertebrate host environment, and because there seems to be no differential regulation in the tick vs. vertebrate environments, these data suggest that other, unidentified factors may be additionally involved in *bb0352* gene regulation. Structural analysis of BB0352 reveals that the protein bears significant homology (E-value < 1e-30) to sugar substrate binding proteins of ABC transporters (e.g. PDB# 2ZY0\_A). As shown in **Figure 12**, analysis of a MODELLER-constructed BB0352 PDB using the protein-ligand modelling server COACH demonstrates that BB0352 likely binds saccharides such as glucose, maltose, and trehalose (FINDSITE, C-score=0.70, Cluster size=30, Cluster

representative=PDB#1A7L) (250, 251). This could suggest that BB0352 similarly acts as a carbohydrate SBP in *B. burgdorferi*. However, BB0352 was found to localize to the surface of the cell's outer membrane, which means that it would not have access to ATP, and does not exist in an operon with other ABC cassettes (27, 31, 32). Rather than acting in the acquisition of nutrients, it could be that BB0352 binds sugars in order to mediate *B. burgdorferi* adhesion to host tissues. Many proteins are glycosylated with diverse carbohydrates, including galactose modification of collagen and xylose modification of proteoglycans, and such a modification could provide an attachment point for *B. burgdorferi* (252). Similar strategies have been reported for *E. coli* and *Salmonella enterica*, which bind to the extracellular matrix through oligomannoside modifications (253). Additional support of this hypothesis is found the short tether of BB0352. Secondary structure prediction of the BB0352 mature sequence using PSSPRED shows that it contains a four-residue tether, reminiscent of the similarly short tether region of decorin binding protein A (DbpA; PDB# 4ONR) (228). As the length of a surface lipoprotein's tether has been hypothesized to correlate with its biological role, it is quite possible that, like DbpA, BB0352 acts as a *B. burgdorferi* adhesin (25). Although further experimentation is needed in order to clarify the biological role of BB0352, the significant homology to known sugar-binding proteins and predicted propensity to bind multiple types of carbohydrates can help guide future study of this protein's role in *B. burgdorferi*.

Finally, the putative lipoprotein BB0832 was selected for characterization. The gene encoding this protein is located on the chromosome in a potential operon with the neighboring

**Figure 12. COACH Analysis of BB0352 reveals a preference for carbohydrate binding.** A tertiary structure of BB0352 was constructed by MODELLER using aligned HHPred-identified homologs (239, 251). The model was built using the automatic selection of multiple templates. The resulting model (as a PDB) was then analyzed using COACH to determine possible ligand binding based on previously characterized protein-ligand structures deposited to the PDB (250). The top-scoring hit by C-score was generated by the FINDSITE module, yielding a 30-member cluster represented by Chain A of PDB# 1A7L and a C-score of 0.70. Cluster members bound a variety of saccharides, including maltose, dextrose, trehalose, and maltotetraose. The complete list of cluster member PDBs and the input BB0352 PDB file are available upon request. The predicted binding pocket for maltose (PDB# 1A7L) and coordinating residues of BB0352 are shown above.



genes encoding isoleucine-tRNA synthetase (*bb0833*) and the C subunit of the ATP-dependent Clp protease (*bb0844*) (31, 32). No transposon mutants of *bb0832* were recovered in two separate studies, suggesting that the gene is essential for *in vitro* growth (37, 242). Analysis of microarray data shows that *bb0832* is not regulated by any of the Rrp2/RpoN/RpoS, BosR, or Hk1/Rrp1 pathways (240). It also appears to be expressed in fed larvae, fed nymphs, and DMCs; yet, its expression is not significantly different between these environments (19). Analysis of BB0832 using HMMER reveals that no significant homologs exist outside of the *Borrelia* genus by primary sequence, and further analysis using HMMSCAN shows that BB0832 does not contain any identifiable conserved domains or families (237). However, BB0832 was predicted by HHPred to be homologous to PDB#3K8G\_A, TP0453 from *Treponema pallidum* (Probab.=96.11, E-value=0.055) (239). TP0453 is the only known lipoprotein of the *T. pallidum* outer membrane and is not surface-exposed (254, 255). Interestingly, TP0453 contains amphipathic  $\alpha$ -helices that permit spontaneous membrane integration of nonlipidated TP0453. Membrane insertion of nonlipidated TP0453 into membranes results in destabilization of the bilayer and increased membrane permeability. In this way, TP0453 was found to act as a pore-forming molecule in *T. pallidum*. TP0453 also contains an internal hydrophobic cavity, with a large volume exceeding 3500 Å<sup>3</sup>. The authors of the studies that characterized TP0453 hypothesized that TP0453 may act as a functional homolog for LolB, in that it can spontaneously insert itself into membranes through its amphipathic  $\alpha$ -helices. The authors postulate that this ability would explain the presence of lipoproteins in the outer membrane of *T. pallidum* despite the absence of an identified LolB homolog in the spirochete's genome. To confirm the homology between TP0453 and BB0832, the predicted mature sequence of BB0832 was analyzed using the I-TASSER web server with the default settings (**Figure 13**) (247).

Significant homology was found between these two proteins, as a predicted structure of BB0832 was considered structurally analogous to PDB# 3K8G (TP0453) as evidenced by a TM-score of 0.829 and a RMSD of 1.38. Although I-TASSER failed to find any high-confidence ligand-binding or gene ontology assignments for BB0832, the distinct structural homology between BB0832 and TP0453 yields the hypothesis that these proteins are analogous and may function similarly *in vivo*. The propensity of TP0453 to spontaneously insert into membranes using amphipathic helices, as well as its large hydrophobic binding pocket, suggest that a *B. burgdorferi* homolog with these same properties could play a role in lipoprotein biosynthesis. Further, the lack of any recovered transposon-disrupted *bb0832* mutants suggests that the gene may be essential for *B. burgdorferi* growth. Although BB0832 was localized to the inner membrane using previous localization assays, and therefore might not act as a LolB functional homolog, it can safely be theorized that it may play an important biosynthetic role in *B. burgdorferi* and, as such, warrants further investigation in the future.

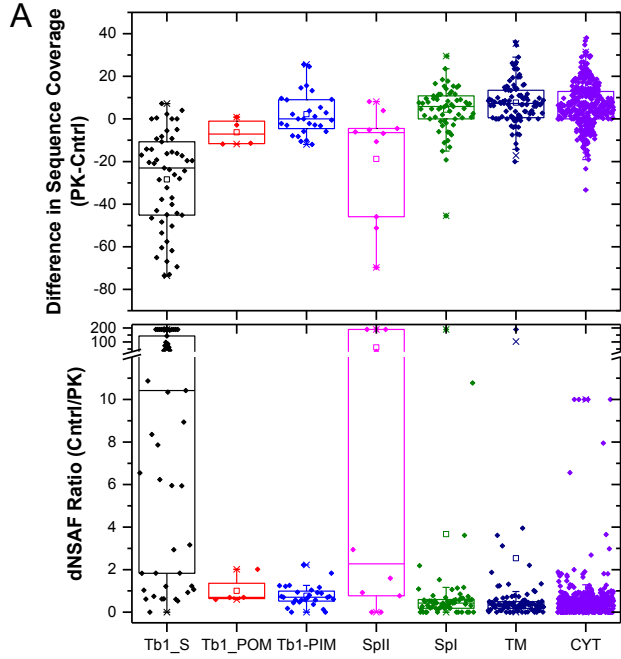
**Figure 13. Analysis of BB0832 using I-TASSER.** The predicted mature sequence of BB0832 was analyzed using the I-TASSER web server for structural prediction and homology detection using known PDB structures (247). Significant homology was detected with the *T. pallidum* lipoprotein TP0453, PDB# 3K8G. An overlay of the predicted structure of BB0832 (rainbow cartoon) and PDB# 3K8G (purple backbone trace) is shown above.





## Appendix: Supplemental Figures and Tables

**Figure S1. Statistical analyses of quantitative proteomics features for differently-located *B. burgdorferi* proteins.** **A.** For all proteins detected by MudPIT analysis (**Table S1**), the difference in sequence coverage (% of protein sequence covered by detected peptides) observed between the proteinase K-treated and control samples were calculated (DiffSeqCov). The ratio in average dNSAF values measured in the control and proteinase K-treated samples were also calculated (dNSAF ratio). The proteins were grouped based on their known or predicted location (7 categories as defined in **Table 2** and **Table S1**) and box-plots of the distribution in DiffSeqCov and dNSAF ratios were built. **B.** The Mann–Whitney non-parametric U test was performed using OriginPro 9.1 to determine whether or not there were statistically significant differences between the distributions of the DiffSeqCov and dNSAF ratios parameters. The distributions of these parameters for proteins shown to be at the surface of *B. burgdorferi* B31-A3 cells ("S" proteins in **Table 2**) were systematically tested against the ranges of DiffSeqCov and dNSAF ratios for proteins shown (**Table 2**) or predicted to be localized elsewhere.

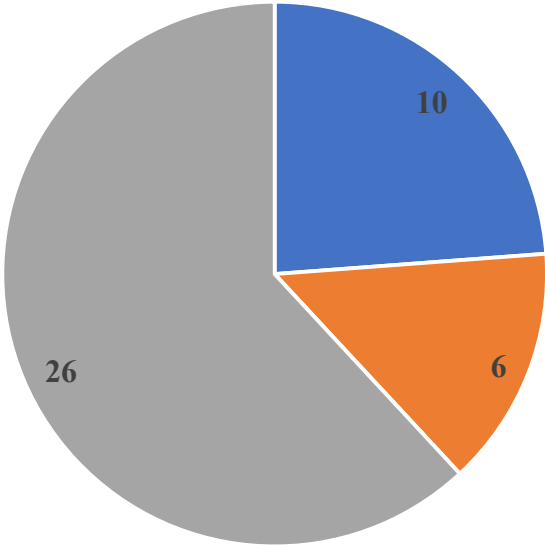


**B**

	x	y	Null Hypothesis	Alternative Hypothesis	U	Z	Exact Prob>U	Asymp. Prob>U
Difference in Sequence Coverage (PK - Control)	Table1_S	Table1_P-OM	F(x) >= G(y)	F(x) < G(y)	36	-2.12302	0.01495	0.01688
	Table1_S	Table1_P-IM	F(x) >= G(y)	F(x) < G(y)	137	-5.90927	3.88E-11	1.72E-09
	Table1_S	SplI	F(x) = G(y)	F(x) <> G(y)	177	-1.50985	0.13261	0.13108
	Table1_S	Spl	F(x) >= G(y)	F(x) < G(y)	227	-7.85903	4.82E-19	1.94E-15
	Table1_S	TM	F(x) >= G(y)	F(x) < G(y)	229	-9.13218	7.40E-27	3.36E-20
	Table1_S	CYT	F(x) >= G(y)	F(x) < G(y)	1044.5	-10.2737	5.09E-35	4.63E-25
	SplI	Table1_P-OM	F(x) = G(y)	F(x) <> G(y)	18	-0.21213	0.83916	0.832
	SplI	Table1_P-IM	F(x) >= G(y)	F(x) < G(y)	64	-2.50294	0.00523	0.00616
	SplI	Spl	F(x) >= G(y)	F(x) < G(y)	106	-3.34516	2.06E-04	4.11E-04
	SplI	TM	F(x) >= G(y)	F(x) < G(y)	122	-3.92613	8.60E-06	4.32E-05
	SplI	CYT	F(x) >= G(y)	F(x) < G(y)	550	-3.76887	2.33E-05	8.20E-05
	Spl	Table1_P-OM	F(x) <= G(y)	F(x) > G(y)	213	2.28908	0.00872	0.01104
	Spl	Table1_P-IM	F(x) = G(y)	F(x) <> G(y)	1072	1.62958	0.10298	0.10319
	Spl	TM	F(x) = G(y)	F(x) <> G(y)	2789	-1.29694	0.19494	0.19465
Spl	CYT	F(x) = G(y)	F(x) <> G(y)	10690.5	-0.88955	0.37442	0.37371	
dNSAF Ratio (Control/PK)	TM	Table1_P-OM	F(x) <= G(y)	F(x) > G(y)	358	2.68	0.00173	0.00368
	TM	Table1_P-IM	F(x) <= G(y)	F(x) > G(y)	1894	2.94539	0.00202	0.00222
	TM	CYT	F(x) = G(y)	F(x) <> G(y)	19291	0.67404	0.38255	0.3821
	CYT	Table1_P-OM	F(x) <= G(y)	F(x) > G(y)	1288	2.62773	0.00226	0.0043
	CYT	Table1_P-IM	F(x) <= G(y)	F(x) > G(y)	6603	2.57666	0.00473	0.00499
	Table1_S	Table1_P-OM	F(x) <= G(y)	F(x) > G(y)	175	2.35912	0.00712	0.00916
	Table1_S	Table1_P-IM	F(x) <= G(y)	F(x) > G(y)	1270	5.7011	2.78E-10	5.95E-09
	Table1_S	SplI	F(x) = G(y)	F(x) <> G(y)	300.5	0.88201	0.38061	0.37777
	Table1_S	Spl	F(x) <= G(y)	F(x) > G(y)	2969	7.77082	0	3.89E-15
	Table1_S	TM	F(x) <= G(y)	F(x) > G(y)	4763	8.70839	0	0
	Table1_S	CYT	F(x) <= G(y)	F(x) > G(y)	17343	10.01037	0	0
	SplI	Table1_P-OM	F(x) = G(y)	F(x) <> G(y)	29	1.20874	0.21578	0.22676
	SplI	Table1_P-IM	F(x) <= G(y)	F(x) > G(y)	204	2.10662	0.01664	0.01758
	SplI	Spl	F(x) <= G(y)	F(x) > G(y)	485.5	2.73533	2.50E-03	3.12E-03
	SplI	TM	F(x) <= G(y)	F(x) > G(y)	766.5	2.76717	2.22E-03	2.83E-03
	SplI	CYT	F(x) <= G(y)	F(x) > G(y)	2834	2.99067	9.97E-04	1.39E-03
	Spl	Table1_P-OM	F(x) >= G(y)	F(x) < G(y)	45	-2.13495	0.01464	0.01638
	Spl	Table1_P-IM	F(x) >= G(y)	F(x) < G(y)	526	-3.06138	9.60E-04	0.0011
	Spl	TM	F(x) = G(y)	F(x) <> G(y)	3433	0.96365	0.33578	0.33522
	Spl	CYT	F(x) = G(y)	F(x) <> G(y)	11447.5	-0.05475	0.96564	0.96534
	TM	Table1_P-OM	F(x) >= G(y)	F(x) < G(y)	62	-2.32492	0.00781	0.01004
	TM	Table1_P-IM	F(x) >= G(y)	F(x) < G(y)	755	-3.71601	7.23E-05	1.01E-04
	TM	CYT	F(x) = G(y)	F(x) <> G(y)	16786	-1.23175	0.21829	0.21804
	CYT	Table1_P-OM	F(x) >= G(y)	F(x) < G(y)	302	-2.02041	2.04E-02	2.17E-02
CYT	Table1_P-IM	F(x) >= G(y)	F(x) < G(y)	3177	-3.34438	3.46E-04	4.12E-04	

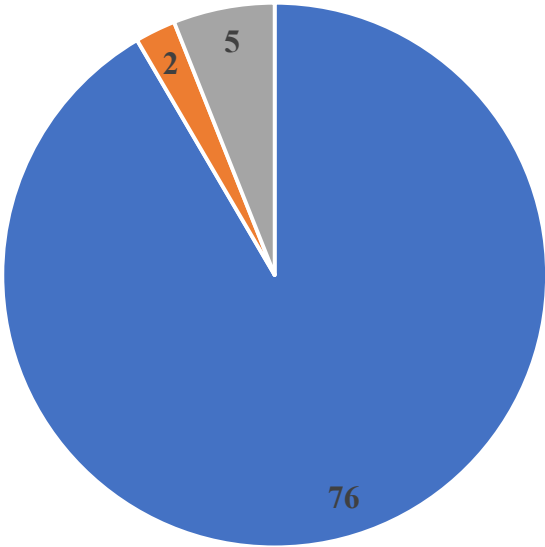
**Figure S2. Graphical representation of putative lipoprotein genes by localization phenotype and genomic element.** Putative lipoproteins were designated as belonging to either an essential genetic element or to a nonessential plasmid based on their encoding genetic element (31, 37, 217-219). Lipoproteins were then assigned a localization phenotype based on the “consensus” localization as designated in **Table 1**. Pie piece numbers indicate the number of lipoproteins belonging to each class.

### Chromosome + cp26



■ Surface ■ OM, Sub-surface ■ IM

### Nonessential Plasmids



■ Surface ■ OM, Sub-surface ■ IM

**Table S1. Detailed peptide and spectral counts of MudPIT-detected proteins from *B. burgdorferi* B31-A3 either with or without proteolytic shaving.**

Two replicate *B. burgdorferi* B31-A3 spirochetes samples subjected to proteinase-K as well as two untreated control samples were analyzed by MudPIT. The MS/MS datasets were searched against a protein database downloaded from the Spirochete Genome Browser, which contains accession numbers of all putative *B. burgdorferi* B31 ORFs ([http://sgb.leibniz-fl.de/cgi/list.pl?ssi=free&c\\_sid=yes&sid=24&srt=ltg&.submit=Go](http://sgb.leibniz-fl.de/cgi/list.pl?ssi=free&c_sid=yes&sid=24&srt=ltg&.submit=Go)). Exactly redundant sequences were removed from this database, leaving 1559 non-redundant Bb proteins. After adding usual contaminants and randomizing each protein entry, the total search space was 3472 amino acid sequences. The MS dataset was searched for Methionine oxidation as a differential modification. Combining all 4 runs, proteins had to be identified with at least 2 tryptic peptides of at least 7 amino acid long and/or 2 spectral counts. Proteins that were subsets of others were removed using the parsimony option in DTASelect on the proteins detected after merging all runs. Proteins that were identified by the same set of peptides (including at least one peptide unique to such protein group to distinguish between isoforms) were grouped together, and one accession number was arbitrarily considered as representative of each protein group. Half-tryptic peptides were allowed for the proteinase-K treated individual runs but did not contribute to establishing the master list of identified proteins ("ALL" columns). In each analysis, the following parameters are specified for each protein: Peptide counts (columns end with \_P); Total spectral counts (\_S); Spectral counts for peptides shared between protein isoforms (\_sS); Peptide counts for peptides uniquely matching the protein (\_uDP); Spectral counts for peptides uniquely matching the protein (\_uS); Spectral counts distributed according to the spectral count contribution of peptides unique to each isoform (\_dS); Sequence coverage as a percentage (\_SC); Distributed Normalized Spectral Abundance Factors (\_dNSAF), calculated based on distributed spectral counts and protein length. The number of times a protein is detected across replicates is listed in the "Detected # Out of" columns. dNSAF are averaged across replicate runs ("dNSAF AVG" columns). Summary statistics on False Discovery Rates (FDR, %) are calculated at the bottom of the table. A total of 621 proteins (excluding contaminants) were detected, including 83 listed in **Table 2**. Each of the detected proteins was subjected to prediction algorithms to detect potential signal peptidases I & II cleavage sites (LipoP1.0), signal peptide (SignalP4.1), and transmembrane domains (TMHMM2.0). For all detected proteins, the difference in sequence coverage (% of protein sequence covered by detected peptides, merging peptides from the 2 replicates analyzed for each condition) observed between the proteinase K-treated and control samples were calculated. The ratio in average dNSAF values measured in the control and proteinase K-treated samples were also calculated. The proteins were grouped based on their known or predicted location: 51 were tested to be surface ("S") proteins, 4 were localized to the outer membrane ("P-OM"), and 28 were localized to the inner membrane ("P-IM"). An additional 10 proteins were predicted to contain a signal peptidase II cleavage site by LipoP1.0 ("SpII"), while another 63 were predicted to contain a signal peptide by LipoP1.0 ("SpI") and/or SignalP4.1. Another 100 proteins were predicted to contain at least 1 transmembrane domain by TMHMM 2.0, but no signal peptide ("TM"), while the remaining 365 proteins were most likely cytoplasmic ("CYT"). The complete MudPIT mass spectrometry dataset (raw files, peak files, search files, as well as DTASelect result files) can be obtained from the MassIVE database via <ftp://MSV000080434@massive.ucsd.edu> (password ASD06166) and from the ProteomeXchange repository under accession number PXD005617.



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