

Quorum sensing Regulators Control Virulence Gene Expression in *Vibrio cholerae*: A Review

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<u>Abstract</u>

Quorum sensing is a chemical messaging service in that bacteria arrange collective activities by producing, releasing, and detecting signal substances called auto-inducers. To enter the small bowel, the mammalian pathogenic *Vibrio cholerae* needs quorum sensing. *Vibrio cholerae* is confronted with a lack of oxygen as well as the abundance of a bile salts there. Data revealed that all these 2 stimuli have differing effects on quorum-sensing activity and, as a result, on the cytotoxicity of *Vibrio cholerae*. First, whereas *Vibrio cholerae* doesn't really create the CAI-1 auto-inducer under anaerobic development, it does make the DPO auto-inducer, indicating that CAI-1 might carry data special to *Vibrio cholerae* oxygen lifestyle. Secondly, the VqmA quorum-sensing receptor-transcription factor recognizes both the absence of oxygenation as well as the existence of bile salts in addition to the DPO auto-inducer. Oxygen, bile salts, and redox responsive disulfide linkages affect VqmA deoxyribonucleic acid DNA binding capacity, allowing for detection. VqmA, we argue, functions as a data processing center that combines quorum-sensing data, redox state, oxygen availability, and host signals. *Vibrio cholerae* regulates its pathogenicity output properly in relation to the feedback obtained through this



process. The goal of this review was to learn more about the Vibrio cholerae QS and how QS controllers affect expression of genes in Vibrio cholerae when it is residing inside the intestines.

Keywords: Quorum sensing, Regulators, Vibrio cholerae.

سيطرة انظمة استشعار النصاب في تعبير جينات الضراوة في ضمات الكوليرا: مقال مراجعة موضوع

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الخلاصة

استشعار النصاب هو خدمة رسائل اشارات كيميائية تقوم فيها البكتيريا بترتيب الأنشطة الجماعية بوساطة إنتاج وإطلاق واكتشاف مواد إشارة تسمى المحفزات التلقائية. لدخول الأمعاء الدقيقة، تحتاج ضمات الكولير ا الممرضة للثدييات إلى نظام استشعار النصاب. تواجه ضمات الكوليرا نقصًا في الأكسجين فضلا عن وفرة أملاح الصفراء هناك. اظهرت البيانات أن كل هذه المحفزات لها تأثيرات مختلفة في نشاط نظام استشعار النصاب، وبذلك تؤثر في السمية الخلوية لضمات الكوليرا، في حين أن Vibrio cholerae لا تنتج حقًا المحفز التلقائي CAI-1 في ظل التطور اللاهوائي، فإنه يجعل محفز DPO تلقائيًا، مما يشير إلى أن جين CAI-1 قد يحمل معلومات خاصة بنمط الحياة بوجود الأكسجين في ضمات الكوليرا. كما يتعرف عامل نسخ مستقبلات VgmA لاستشعار النصاب على كل من غياب الأوكسجين وكذلك وجود أملاح الصفراء فضلا عن محفز DPO التلقائي. الاوكسجين، الأملاح الصفر اوية، وروابط ثاني كبريتيد المستجيبة للأكسدة تؤثر على قدرة ربط الحامض النووي منقوص الأوكسجين الديوكسي رايبوز DNA بواسطة VqmA، مما يسمح بالكشف. يتبين بأن VgmA يعمل كمركز معالجة بيانات يجمع بيانات استشعار النصاب وحالة الأكسدة والاختزال وتوافر الأكسجين وإشارات المضيف. تنظم ضمات الكوليرا نواتج الإمراضية بشكل صحيح فيما يتعلق بالتغذية المرتدة التي يتم الحصول عليها من خلال هذه العملية. ان الهدف من هذه المراجعة هو معرفة المزيد عن ضمات الكوليرا وماهي منظمات استشعار النصاب OS وكيف تؤثِّر هذه المنظمات على تعبير الجينات في ضمات الكولير ا عندما تكون مقيمة داخل الأمعاء.

الكلمات المفتاحية: انظمة استشعار النصاب، منظمات، ضمات الكولير ا



Quorum sensing [QS]

Bacteria employ quorum sensing QS to organize team dynamics like luminous bacteria, DNA exchanges, virulence factors generation, and biofilm formation through cell-to-cell interaction [1]. Several of the pathogenic microorganisms' pathogenicity pathways are dependent on communication among biofilm species. Quorum sensing mechanisms were used by Gram negative and gram positive bacteria, as well as fungus [2]. QS is based on the creation, emission, storage, and recognition of extracellular signalling pathways known as auto-inducers at a group level [AIs]. The expression of genes controlling individual behaviors particularly at low cell density [LCD], if there is little cells found and the quantity of AIs is minimal. The extracellular quantity of AIs develops as the cells reach high cell density HCD. The recognition of aggregated AIs promotes the expression of genes essential for group behaviour across the community [3]. N-acyl-homoserine-lactones AHLs, furanosyl borate, hydroxyl-palmitic acid methylester, and methyl-dodecanoic acid are only a few examples of QS compounds. Such effectors assist in maintaining a symbiotic interaction between a recipient and a balanced microbial flora, as well as govern virulence genes in bacteria [4].

Traditional Quorum sensing in Bacterial interaction

Among bacterial strains, QS is a cell toward cell interaction pathway that control luminescence, competency, antibiotic synthesis, sporulation, biofilm formation, and virulence genes release. According to a new analysis, QS extends to inter-kingdom cooperation, which is regulated by a number of newly found extracellular signaling pathways called auto-inducers AIs. In the traditional QS system, five major signaling molecules are implicated among all these Ais, figure 1 [5].



Figure 1: 5 mainor signaling particles within QS pathway

HSL, homo-serine lactone; SAM, S-adenosyl-methionine; AHL, acyl-homoserine lactones; AIP, auto-inducing Peptides; NprB, neutral protease B; Opp, oligo-peptide permease system; AI, auto-inducer; DPD, 4,5-di-hydroxy-2,3-penta-nedione; Tdh, threonine de-hydrogenase; Epi, epi-nephrine; NE, norepinephrine; Trp, tryptophan; Tna, tryptophanase [5].

1. Acyl-Homoserine Lactones (AHL) QS pathway in Gram-ve Bacteria

QS is processed by Gram +ve and -ve bacteria to cooperation. Even though the kinds of QS processes in Gram+ and Gram– bacteria varies, they all serve important biological functions.



The Gram– QS pathway has a number of aspects in general [6]. To begin, AIs were particles made from of the precursor S-adenosylmethionine (SAM). Its most popular method of AI is acyl-homoserine lactones AHLs. It has such a core made up of a N-acylated homoserine-lactone ring and a 4–18 carbon acyl chain with variations. The elongation of acyl chains affects their resilience [7]. AHLs are generally generated by LuxI-type enzyme, however they aren't the only ones. *Vibrio harveyi* does have a LuxM synthase that is not even a homologue of LuxI and can manufacture AHLs for intra-species signaling [8]. SAM could be converted into unique signals that can be detected by a variety of bacteria. RpfF polypeptides in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Burkholderia cenocepacia* produce Diffusible Signal Factor (DSF) type peptides [9]. The CAI-1 AI synthase (CqsA) within *Vibrio cholerae* generate Cholera auto-inducer 1 (CAI-1). Owing to the extensive presence of isoforms of CqsA in *Vibrio* spp., this type of bacteria produces a variety of CAI-1. Moreover, *Vibrio* spp. may have a great affinity for CAI-1 which they do not produce, suggesting that CAI-1 is a vibrio intergenus connecting particle [5].

Secondly, AIs attach to receptor proteins or cytoplasmic peptides that are particular to them [1]. The cytosolic transcription factors LuxR-type sensor detects easily diffusible AHLs inside the cytosol and bound cognate AHLs. Loose LuxR proteins are rapidly depleted, but stable LuxR-AHL clusters can attach to DNA. Intercellular connection is controlled by LuxR/LuxI-type ways, like LasR/LasI and RhIR/RhII in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* [1]. Some LuxR molecules are classified as LuxR-solo receptors or orphan LuxRs. They recognize distinct AHL compounds generated by the other species of bacteria with in absent of LuxI synthases, thus facilitating interspecies connection. QscR in *P. aeruginosa* [10], and SdiA [LuxR homolog] in *Escherichia coli*, which could also react to small substances formed by mammalian hosts [11].

Thirdly, coupled sensors act as transcription factors, regulating dozens to various genes involved in biofilm development, pathogenicity, and other bacterial activities. When QS particle sensors regulate gene expression, they create a feed-forward loop known as



autoinduction. This strategy promotes synchronized expression of genes inside the community by increasing auto-inducer production [1, 5].

2. Auto-inducing Peptides [AIP] QS Mechanism in Gram +ve Bacteria

Although QS circuitry have some similarities, Gram+ and Gram– bacteria have significant differences. Oligopeptides are indeed the AIs found in many Gram+ bacteria (AIPs). There really are two types of AIP-QS circuits that can be used. The QS operon encoding a progenitor for one type of AIP, that is then processed and released extracellularly by specialised transporters. AIPs can indeed be linear or cyclized and range in length from 5 to 17 amino acids [12]. AIP sensors are membrane-bound, two-component sensor histidine kinases, like the Agr complex in *Streptococcus aureus* and the Fsr complex in *Enterococcus faecalis* [13]. Upon connecting to AIPs, the biosensor kinases autophosphorylate, as well as the phosphoryl group is transferred to a cognate cytosolic response-regulator molecule that regulates QS-related expression levels [12]. AIPs are varied in S. aureus and also have fundamental elements with their sensors. Non-cognate AIPs block QS in both of these breeds, allowing one to carve out its own niche [14].

In other typical AIP-QS circuits, pre-AIPs are ejected by the secretion system and dissociated by extracellular proteolytic enzymes such as the neutrality protease B. [NprB]. The oligopeptide permease mechanism (Opp) imports AIPs, which then bound signaling molecules to control DNA expression [15]. The *Bacillus cereus* PapR-PIcR network is indeed an example of a simple QS that works in this manner. Furthermore, autoinduction occurs as a consequence of transcription of the QS operon, that produces pre-AIPs, exporters, sensors, controllers, and proteolytic enzymes, resulting in QS responsive synchronisation [5].

3. Inter-Species Quroum Sensing Signals

Bacteria use environmental perception to guide their decisions. Although most of the aforementioned AIs are very specialized to a particular species, emerging research suggests that



certain chemicals, such as the AI-2 molecule, have had the capacity to permit interspecies connection [16]. AI-2 was just the first unambiguous evidence of inter-species communication when it was discovered [1]. AI-3, a potential auto-inducer signal isolated from luxS/AI-2 bacterial enterohemorrhagic *E. coli*, was also obtained. Further research has shown that AI-3 production is unaffected by LuxS (AI-2 synthase) [13]. According to a more latest report, AI-3 is made up of multiple pyrazinone-related compounds. A multiples events finding in the production of AI-3 molecules. Among these, AI-3 signals production mediated by threonine dehydrogenase (Tdh) and aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases-related spontaneous acylation are 2 critical activities [17].

Connecting Qorum sensing Between Bacterial Intestinal and host cells

For a long period, bacteria and their hosts have co-evolved. Bacteria, through their constituents or bacteria-derived compounds, are essential in people for maintaining epidermal barrier stability as well as the gastrointestinal immune system [18]. Additionally, to the conventional manner that enterobacteriaceae impact host's immune equilibrium by having to engage pattern recognition receptors (PRR) at mucosal surfaces [19], groundbreaking scientific papers have disclosed the potential that gut microbes converse with human host via the QS pathway.

Host Cells are changed by Bacteria-Derived QS Regulatory Molecules

QS messages trigger host cell damage and can modify immune cytokine release in a variety of ways, according to preliminary evidence on clinical bacteria. This implies that QS messages may stimulate several signaling pathways in human host [20]. Cross - talk among AI-2 signalling and intestinal epithelial cells (IEC) was discovered in one investigation. In a transwell system, two *E. coli* strains, BL21 and W3110, were co-cultured with the IEC line HCT-8. Both two varieties are genetically related, however the BL21 strain can produce larger quantities of extracellular AI-2 despite developing the necessary sensors for AI-2 absorption. The upregulation of NF-B-mediated signal transduction was discovered through transcription sequenced study of HCT-8 cells. Early on, from 6 to 12 hours, the proinflammatory cytokine



IL-8 was significantly elevated, subsequently negatively regulated at 24 hours [21]. AI-2, which is routinely formed by numerous gut bacteria, especially bacteria near the epithelia, has the ability to alter negative immunological feedback and immunological tolerance. TNFSF9 genetic information, for instance, was considerably increased in AI-2 activated macrophages [22]. Indole binds to the pregnane X receptor (PXR) in IECs and is identified by the aryl hydrocarbon receptor (AHR) [23]. By overexpressing the production of cell-junction-associated chemicals, this mechanism may improve epithelial protective barrier and control epithelial cell development via crypt progenitor cells, figure 2 [24].

Figure 2: During normal or pathologic situations, QS could be essential in interaction between gut bacteria and host cells.



Many QS signaling molecules are found in the interaction between both the human host and the parasite bacterium in the physiological condition. In IEC cells, AI-2 triggers the NF-B exposed conductive, which raises the amount of the cytokine IL-8. TNFSF9 gene expression is boosted by AI-2 in macrophages. In IL-1-stimulated IECs, 3-oxo-C12:2 (AHLs) reduces IL-8 emission. Indole activates the pregnane X receptor (PXR) and the aryl hydrocarbon receptor to improve epithelial barrier function (AHR). Conversely, IECs synthesis AI-2-like molecules that are labeled by the AI-2 sensor and regulate the expression of QS-related genes related to bacteria. In pathological conditions, such as *Clostridium difficile* infection, indole-producing bacteria detect QS cues and generate a distinct habitat with elevated amounts of indole, which prevents normal gut bacteria from recovering and aids *C. difficile* survivability. AI-2 cues can reduce enterohemorrhagic *Escherichia coli* (EHEC) pathogenicity in "lactic acid bacteria" (LAB), such as *Bifidobacterium. Vibrio cholerae* colonisation is restricted by *Ruminococcus obeum* via AI-2 signals [5].

Vibrio cholera and Quorum sensing

Bacterial gastroenteritis is caused by *Vibrio cholerae*, a Gram-negative intestinal bacterium. QS controls clusters form in *V. cholerae*, such as virulence factor synthesis and biofilm formation [25]. Genes producing virulence factors as well as those essential for biofilm development are expressed mainly during low cell density (LCD). QS suppresses genes essential for both of these features at high cell density (HCD). The cholera sickness provides the finest framework for understanding this arrangement of gene regulationInfection begins with the intake of a tiny proportion of *V. cholerae* cells, and colonisation requires the creation of biofilms and the generation of virulence factors [5]. The HCD QS system is activated in the host when AIs accumulate in a growth-dependent manner, suppressing virulence factor synthesis and bacterial colonization while also triggering bacterial dispersion directly into the ecosystem. Furthermore, strains of *V. cholerae* "locked" through into low cell density (HCD) QS form [25]. As a result, QS is thought to be important for *V. cholerae* migrations from



ecological repositories to infected humans.AI-2, CAI-1, as well as DPO, figure 3 are three AIs that *V. cholerae* generates and identifies [6]. Intragenus connection is handled by CAI-1, whereas interspecies interaction is handled by AI-2 and DPO. *V. cholerae* is assumed to be able to identify the quantity of vibrio cells are present in relation to the overall bacterial community using various combinations of a 3 AIs. *V. cholerae* tailors its QS output depends as to whether vibrios would be in the minorities or the dominant of a diverse population using information contained in blending of AIs [26].

The membrane-bound sensors LuxPQ and CqsS recognize AI-2 and CAI-1, correspondingly. Data is funneled through the sensors and into a co - regulatory mechanism [27]. The cytoplasmic VqmA receptor-transcription factor detects DPO and triggers the production of vqmR, which encodes the VqmR regulating short RNA (sRNA) [6]. VqmA coupled to Apo and DPO (Holo-VqmA) could both trigger vqmR development, however Holo-VqmA is much more effective than Apo-VqmA. ,VqmR controls targeted mRNAs post-transcriptionally [28].

Figure 3: Simplified V. cholera QS system [3]



DPO and Ala-AA interact to same binding pocket, according to site-directed modification and competing ligand-binding studies. Analyze the structure-function relationship Reveals critical properties needed for VqmA stimulation and DNA binding, as well as the fact that, while VqmA contacts two distinct ligands, it is not needed for folded or baseline transcriptional activity. Nevertheless, for maximum activity, coupled ligand is necessary [28].

V. cholerae shifts from such an aerobic to an anaerobic condition as it transitions from an aquatic environment to a host body [29]. It also comes into contact with bile, which is common inside the small intestines, which is the principal source of infection for *V. cholerae*. Bile is a complex mixture of substances that includes ions and bile salts, and it is expected to make about 0.2 to 2% [wt/vol] of gut lumen. Bile salts were found to regulate the activity of the oxido-reductase DsbA, the transmembrane-spanning transcription factor TcpP, and the ToxT transcription factor, all of which alter *V. cholerae* virulence gene expression [30]. Bile salts can stimulate microbial growth in *V. cholerae*, and cyclic-di-guanylate, a signaling pathways chemical, is implicated in regulating this impact [31].

Because *V. cholerae* lives in such a wide range of settings, from of the sea to marine species towards the human's stomach and small intestine, the bacterium must be able to detect changes in its surrounding environment quickly and adjust its gene expression programs accordingly. The results indicate that *V. cholerae* changes both which AIs are created and how the VqmA-DPO-VqmR QS circuit functions in reaction towards its surroundings, and these discoveries will be the first deconstruction of QS activation in a facultative aerobic bacteria without oxygen [3]. They discover that I oxygen levels determine the quantities of two AIs (CAI-1 and DPO) generated; (ii) a single QS protein (VqmA) is able to integrate data from three references [AI, oxygen, and bile salts]; and (iii) two disulfide covalent bond in a QS ligand (VqmA) alienate each other in terms of their effects on protein activity, assisting in perceived notion and react to ongoing in oxygen content.



In terms of V. cholerae biology, the advantage[s] of creating and recognizing many QS AIs had long become a mystery. According to research, each AI sends particular information through into cell: CAI-1 counts the number of vibrios (kin), while AI-2 and DPO count the number of nonvibrios [non-kin] in the area [26]. The fact that CAI-1 is not formed with in lack of air shows that CAI-1 also may relay information from the outside world, according to the study's findings [3]. Strains that lose the power to create CAI-1 have a lower survival rate in seawater and after being exposed to oxidative stress [32]. As a result, it's thought that CAI-1 might control the expression of genes involved in the aerobic phase of the V. cholerae life span. The lack of CAI-1 in anoxia shows that V. cholerae is unable to conduct a kin census inside the lack of air. During kin identification may be unnecessary, perhaps anoxia. or another molecule[s]/mechanism may perform this role. Many of bacterial species, such as those exist in the body microbiome, can synthesis AI-2, the AI used it for cross species interaction, according to sequence information [33]. AI-2 is discovered to be created in the lack of air. In densely inhabited environments containing associated microbial consortia, it's possible that determining the quantity of non-kin bacteria is critical. S-adenosylmethionine (SAM), a common metabolite required for methylation processes, is required for the manufacture of both AI-2 and CAI-1 [34]. A further option is during times of SAM scarcity in V. cholerae, CAI-1 manufacturing is reduced to free up SAM for other applications. For QS-mediated cell density monitoring, sustained AI-2 synthesis may be sufficient. Furthermore, SAM is replenished via downstream processes when it is utilized to form AI-2 but not CAI-1 [35]. As a result, producing AI-2 from SAM just wouldn't diminish the SAM supply.

Because oxygen is a final acceptor, it is a defined condition for bacterial development. Intruding bacteria, including such *V. cholerae*, that are ordinarily found in a highly ventilated sea environment, must change their physiology to thrive in the human gut. Excluding a limited study [36], the molecular pathways through which *V. cholerae* detects the lack of oxygen and converts this data into regulation of gene expression have remained largely unknown. Apo-VqmA creates a C48-C63 disulfide bridges link in the oxygen in the air, which limits the



protein's capability to connect DNA. In the lack of air or after supplementing aerobic organisms with a reduction agent that, like the lack of oxygen, creates a reduction condition, creation of this link is blocked. VqmA is thought to just provide *V. cholerae* with a method to check oxygen content by associating with the cell's redox condition. It's worth noting that anaerobiosis results in a 7-fold increase in Apo-VqmA-dependent pvqmR-lacZ sensor functionality. DTT administration, on the other hand, produces just a 3-fold rise in Apo-VqmA activities under aerobic environment, whereas the function of Apo-VqmA C63A C134A, that lacked both disulfide links, remains unaffected. These findings suggest that Apo-VqmA is susceptible to extra oxygen-dependent cues not mirrored by DTT or the inability to develop disulfide bridges [3].

It is discovered that Holo-VqmA forms a C134-C134 disulphide bond with DPO-bound VqmA. The findings add to a recent research on VqmA, which showed the C134-C134 disulfide link in Holo-VqmA through its crystalline structure. The authors hypothesized that the C134-C134 link would obstruct VqmA Dna repair [37]. Nevertheless, in that earlier study, the function of the disulfide bridges on VqmA function wasn't really explored empirically. Investigators discovered that the C134-C134 bond is mostly missing in Apo-VqmA, whereas 40 to 50 percent of Holo-VqmA forms an inter - molecular C134-C134 chemical bond upon engaging DPO, and this bond increases Holo-VqmA transcription activating [3]. It's important to note that the C134 residue is found within a bendable loop. As a result, it's possible that now the looping region inside the stable crystals is spatially limited and therefore does not resemble the dynamic structures that VqmA adopts in solutions.

The lack of oxygen causes cells to be moderately decreasing, whereas the existence of DTT causes negative stress, indicating that the C134-C134 inter - molecular VqmA disulfide link might enable *V. cholerae* to regulate reduction stress [38]. The negative impact of the C48-C63 intra - molecular disulfide bridges on DNA repair was more substantial in *in vitro* settings than the favorable effect of the C134-C134 inter - molecular disulfide bridges. This contradicts with *in vivo* findings [3], which show that the disulfide bonds link has the greatest impact on WT



VqmA functionality. External variables regulate the functionality of WT VqmA including the intermolecular disulfide link in vivo, according to one theory now being investigated. *V. cholerae* may adjust its QS-controlled clusters form to a variety of redox levels by rotating among various redox levels, such as Oxidized-Apo-VqmA, Reduced-Apo-VqmA, Oxidized-Holo-VqmA, and Reduced-Holo-VqmA, according to this model. Single disulfide bonds have been shown to limit or enhance the activity certain transcriptional regulators [39].

Bile is a naturally occurring substance in the mammalian intestine that has been shown to affect the pathogenesis of *Vibrio cholerae* as well as other enteric infections including *Salmonella enterica* Serovar Typhimurium and *Shigella flexneri* [40]. Bile is a complex mixture of chemicals, and research has primarily concentrated on determining the functions of specific components in bacterial physiology. Individual elements can have contradictory impacts, which is interesting. Bile fatty acids suppress virulence in *V. cholerae*, but the bile salt taurocholate increases it [41]. Previous research has shown that bile salts, notably cholic acid (CHO) and deoxycholic acid (DOC), disrupt redox equilibrium in *E. coli* by altering the cellular milieu to an oxidized one and promoting the development of disulfide bonds in proteins in the cytoplasm. Because the production of VqmA inter - molecular disulfide bonds is interrupted, it is hypothesized that applying a bile salts solution to *V. cholerae* results in reductive duress. Taurocholate interacts to and suppresses DsbA, a protein essential for the formation of disulfide bridges in periplasmic proteins, supporting this theory [30].

Mucin, which is made up of 35% threonine, is a significant component of the digestive tract. Surprisingly, the gut and intestine, which are normally free of *V. cholerae*, have more mucus-secreting glands and mucus walls than that of the small bowel [42]. As a result, it's possible that *V. cholerae* can expand DPO production due to increased availability to mucus-derived threonine throughout the large intestine. DPO levels above a certain threshold inhibit pathogenicity and biofilm development. As a result, enhanced DPO synthesis in the large bowel encourages *V. cholerae* to leave the host. The availability of mucus or threonine, or the capacity



to synthesis DPO, may be used by *V. cholerae* as an extra geographical cue to optimise human dispersion timing, in addition to O_2 as well as bile salts.

Conclusions

The topic of bacterial QS study has grown quickly. In various habitats such as the human intestine, QS plays an important role in bacterial activity throughout adaptation and evolution. Through bacterial-host interaction, it has the potential to influence infection state and illness progression. There is a very long way in the quest to understand the roles and tasks of QS in bacterial diversity, despite the fact that the basic biology of bacterial socialisation is complex. The results discovered how important it is to understand the relationships between microorganisms and their hosts.

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