Summary of: Spaceflight and simulated microgravity conditions increase virulence of Serratia marcescens in the Drosophila melanogaster infection model

Key findings and quantitative results:

- 1. Spaceflight increased virulence of Serratia marcescens in Drosophila melanogaster: Spaceflight samples were significantly more lethal than ground controls. Spaceflight samples showed increased virulence compared to ground controls. Spaceflight samples caused greater lethality than ground controls in wild-type flies. Spaceflight samples caused greater lethality than ground controls in Toll mutant flies. Spaceflight samples caused greater lethality than ground controls in Imd mutant flies.
- 2. Spaceflight-induced virulence is reversible on the ground: Spaceflight samples showed increased virulence, but this decreased after subculturing on Earth. Spaceflight samples showed increased virulence, but this decreased after ground passage. Spaceflight samples showed increased virulence, but this decreased after ground passage.
- 3. Spaceflight increased bacterial growth kinetics in vivo: Spaceflight samples grew faster in vivo than ground controls. Spaceflight samples showed increased growth kinetics compared to ground controls.
- 4. Spaceflight increased bacterial growth kinetics in vitro: Spaceflight samples grew faster in vitro than ground controls. Spaceflight samples showed increased growth kinetics compared to ground controls.
- 5. Spaceflight increased bacterial growth in simulated microgravity: Spaceflight samples showed increased growth kinetics in simulated microgravity. Spaceflight samples showed increased growth kinetics compared to ground controls.
- 6. Spaceflight increased bacterial growth in real microgravity: Spaceflight samples showed increased growth kinetics in real microgravity. Spaceflight samples showed increased growth kinetics compared to ground controls.
- 7. Spaceflight increased bacterial growth in RWV: Spaceflight samples showed increased growth kinetics in RWV compared to ground controls.
- 8. Spaceflight increased bacterial growth in LSMMG: Spaceflight samples showed increased growth kinetics in LSMMG compared to ground controls.
- 9. Spaceflight increased bacterial growth in semi-solid media: Spaceflight samples showed increased growth kinetics in semi-solid media compared to ground controls.
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