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Proteomic analysis of the food spoiler *Pseudomonas fluorescens* ITEM 17298 reveals the antibiofilm activity of the pepsin-digested bovine lactoferrin

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS:

- AMPs: antimicrobial peptides
- BLF: bovine lactoferrin
- BLFPs: bovine lactoferrin-derived peptides
- LB: Luria Bertani
- HLF: bovine lactoferrin hydrolysate
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- CFU: colony-forming unit
- GeLC-MS/MS: in-gel tryptic digestion followed by liquid liquid chromatography-tandem mass
- spectrometry
- MBIC: minimum biofilm inhibitory concentration
- MIC: minimal inhibitory concentration
- TE: Tris-Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
- FDR: protein false discovery rate
- GO: Gene Ontology
- NCBI: National Center for Biotechnology Information
- NSAF: normalized spectrum abundance factor
- SpC/L: spectral counts/protein length
- KEGG: Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes
- ANOVA: Analysis of Variance
- QS: *quorum sensing*

ABSTRACT

Pseudomonas fluorescens is implicated in food spoilage especially under cold storage. Due to its ability to form biofilm *P. fluorescens* resists to common disinfection strategies increasing its persistance especially across fresh food chain. Biofilm formation is promoted by several environmental stimuli, but gene expression and protein changes involved in this lifestyle are poorly investigated in this species.

In this work a comparative proteomic analysis was performed to investigate metabolic pathways of underlying biofilm formation of the blue cheese pigmenting *P. fluorescens* ITEM 17298 after incubation at 15 and 30°C; the same methodology was also applied to reveal the effects of the bovine lactoferrin hydrolysate (HLF) used as antibiofilm agent.

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ofilm formation of the blue cheese pigmenting *P.* At 15°C biofilm biomass and motility increased, putatively sustained by the induction of regulators (PleD, AlgB, CsrA/RsmA) involved in these phenotypic traits. In addition, for the first time, TycC and GbrS, correlated to indigoidine synthesis (blue pigment), were detected and identified. An increase of virulence factors amounts (leukotoxin and PROKKA_04561) were instead found at 30°C. HLF caused a significant reduction in biofilm biomass; indeed, at 15°C HLF repressed PleD, TycC and GbrS and induced the negative regulators of alginate biosynthesis; at both temperatures induced the cyclic-di-GMP-binding biofilm dispersal mediator (PROKKA_02061).

In conclusion, in this work protein determinats of biofilm formation were revelead in ITEM 17298 under the low temperature; the synthesis of these latter were inhibited by HLF confirming its possible exploitation as antibiofilm agent for biotechnological applications in cold stored foods.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Pseudomonas fluorescens are widespread psychrotrophic Gram-negative bacteria implicated in food spoilage, especially under cold storage, causing the reduction of shelf-life and loss of foodstuffs (Baruzzi et al., 2012; Caldera et al., 2016). *Pseudomonas* spp. contaminations in food chain are mostly derived from water and pipe surfaces where these bacteria grow as biofilms (Srey et al., 2013). During biofilm formation, the transition from planktonic (free living) cells to the attached aggregated form is triggered by *de-novo* expression of transcriptional regulators and key genes responsible for surface-cell and intracellular interactions, metabolic pathways, virulence and resistance mechanisms (Waite et al., 2005). Moreover, the formation of a biofilm is considered a strategy to counteract microbial competition (Oliveira et al., 2015).

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m is triggered by $de\text{-}novo$ expression of transcriptional regulators Biofilm formation can be influenced and promoted by different factors, such as nutrients, kind of surfaces, stress response (Monds and O'Toole, 2009). Recently, a positive correlation between low temperatures and biofilm production by foodborne *P. fluorescens* was found by Rossi et al. (2018) reporting that the number of biofilm-forming strains at 15°C was higher than that at 30°C. Likewise, Chierici et al. (2016) and Caputo et al. (2015) reported that low temperatures (4 and 15°C) induced pigment production for this bacterial species. In *P. aeruginosa* the role of pigments in biofilm formation (Mavrodi et al., 2013; Park et al., 2014), as well as other genes and factors involved in the transition to aggregated cells and biofilm maintenance has been studied for a long time*.* By contrast*,* to the best of our knowledge, no metabolic pathways have been deeply investigated to explain *P. fluorescens* responses to environmental conditions. After all, the human risks correlated with the spread of this species had been underestimated. It is only recently that some studies identified *P. fluorescens* in clinical environment (Dickinson et al., 2014; Nishimura et al., 2017) and correlated them to human diseases (Madi et al., 2010; Nishimura et al., 2017). In addition to this, *P. fluorescens* harbors an enormous pool of antibiotic and biocide resistance genes

that can be trasmitted to human and animals via horizontal gene transfer through contaminated foods (Donnarumma et al., 2010; Naghmouchi, et al., 2012). It is clear that these results highlighted the urgent need for further researches to better characterize and counteract the spread of this microorganism.

In this regard, several strategies preventing biofilm formation have been investigated and also identified from diverse natural sources, such as plant-derived compounds (Hentzer et al., 2003; Caputo et al., 2018). In this context, the application of natural cationic peptides was reported as a promising antibiofilm strategy against different species (Rajput and Kumar, 2018; Pletzeret al., 2016); however, biophysical properties required for anti-biofilm activity and its mechanism are not fully known.

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Therefore, in this work we firstly investigated the ability of the pigmenting *P. fluorescens* ITEM 112 17298 to form biofilm under two temperatures (15 $^{\circ}$ C and 30 $^{\circ}$ C); then, we present a comparative proteomic analysis of *P. fluorescens* ITEM 17298 planktonic cells, grown under the assayed temperatures in order to reveal metabolic pathways and physiological changes that characterize strain adaptation to these conditions. In addition to this, the same methodology was applied on the

planktonic cells treated with bovine lactoferrin hydrolysate (HLF) acting as "anti-biofilm agent" at its sub-lethal concentration. The results of this study reveal some protein targets and metabolic pathways involved in the expression of biofilm phenotype at the assayed temperatures and affected by peptide treatment.

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2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

2.1 Bacterial strain,growth conditions and genome analysis

The foodborne *Pseudomonas fluorescens* ITEM 17298 (previously named as 84095) from the ISPA-CNR microbial collection (http://server.ispa.cnr.it/ITEM/Collection/; Fanelli et al., 2017) was freshly streaked onto Luria Bertani agar (LB broth: 10.0 g of tryptone, 5.0 g of yeast extract, 10.0 g of NaCl per liter added with 16 g/L of technical agar, Sigma-Aldrich, Milan, Italy) and grown overnight at 30°C. After incubation a single colony was inoculated into LB broth (5 mL) and incubated overnight (30°C, 150 rpm) in order to be used for the subsequent experiments.

Draft genome sequence was performed as reported by Fanelli et al. (2017) and it was deposited in Genbank under the accession number NPKB00000000. Contigs were annotated using Prokka pipeline implemented in the Galaxy platform (Seemannet al., 2014). UniProtKB AC/ID identifiers retrieved by PFAM annotator tools were mapped against the PSEUDOCAP database and used to categorize genes in functional classes (Winsor et al., 2010).

2.2 Static biofilm formation and motility assays under two temperatures

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optical density was measured at 570 nm.

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2.3 Effect of HLF treatment on motility and biofilm formation: determination of the minimum biofilm inhibitory concentration (MBIC)

Freeze-dried HLF was obtained by hydrolysis of BLF with pepsin according to Quintieri et al. (2012). Then, overnight cultures of *P. fluorescens* ITEM 17298 were inoculated in triplicate at a final concentration of *ca*. 3 log CFU/mL, in sterile Falcon^(R) 6 wells polystyrene microplates (BD Biosciences, Erembodegem, Belgium) filled with 5 mL of LB (control) and LB with increasing concentration of HLF (1.5, 3, 6, 12 mg/mL). Microplates were incubated at 15 and 30°C for 48h. Microbial counts were determined at 7, 24, 32 and 48 h by plating serial 10-fold dilutions on LB agar (LB amended with 16 g/L of technical agar). Subsequently, sub-lethal HLF concentrations

which did not cause any significant changes in viable cell count, were assayed for the inhibition of biofilm development in 6 wells polystyrene microplates (O'Toole, 2011). The Minimum Biofilm Inhibitory Concentration (MBIC) was determined as the HLF concentration needed to reduce biofilm biomass by more than 50% (HLF-MBIC). At the end of incubation (48h), planktonic cells, grown in the presence or not of HLF-MBIC were removed from wells and stored at -20°C for proteomic analysis.

The effects of HLF on bacterial motility were also determined in Petri dishes (polystyrene, diameter of 50 mm) containing 10 mL of LB added with increasing HLF concentrations, as above described.

2.4 GeLC-MS/MS analysis of proteins from planktonic cells

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h at 150 V. Each lane was cut in ten equidistant pieces and these were subsequently subjected to trypsin in-gel digestion as described by Grube et al. (2015). The peptide mixtures were desalted by *Zip-Tip* µC18 pipette tips (Millipore, USA).

LC-MS/MS analyses were done using an EASY-nLC coupled to a LTQ Orbitrap Velos mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, USA). Peptide mixtures were separated by Reverse Phase (RP) chromatography with a non-linear 75 min gradient from 5 to 75% buffer (0.1% acetic acid in acetonitrile) and a flow rate of 300 nL/min. All samples were measured in parallel mode. Survey scans were recorded in the Orbitrap with a resolution of 30,000 in a m/z range from 300-2000. The 20 most intense peaks were selected for collision-induced fragmentation in the LTQ, excluding ions with unknown charge state and singly-charged ions. Dynamic exclusion of precursor ions was enabled after 20 sec. Internal calibration was used (lock-mass 445,120025).

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database through Uniprot accession numbers available in genome file.

The raw mass spectrometry data have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium (http://proteomecentral.proteomexchange.org) via the PRIDE partner repository (Vizcaino et al., 2016) with the dataset identifier PXD010477 (user: reviewer49185@ebi.ac.uk,password: hnkNIhfw).

2.6 Experimental design and statistical rationale

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before conducting a two-All experiments were conducted in three independent biological replicates; only static biofilm assay was performed with 8 biological replicates. Homegeneity of variances was assessed by Levene's test (*P* < 0.05) before conducting a two-way ANOVA with SPSS 20.0 (IBM, Armonk, NY, USA) to examine the effects of time, temperature levels on planktonic cell optical density, related biofilm 227 biomass, and colony diameters in swarming and swimming assays. The two-way ANOVA was also carried out in order to examine the effects of the sub-lethal HLF concentrations on *P. fluorescens* ITEM 17298 counts and biofilm biomass in relation to incubation time at each incubation temperature. Multicomparison analyses were performed by Tukey's HSD post hoc-test (*P* < 0.05) in order to evaluate differences among the means of each assay.

Proteins detected in two out of three biological replicates were considered for statistical analysis using MeV v4.8.1 (Saeed et al., 2003). Each group of samples was compared by Student's t-test with a *P*-value of 0.01. Only proteins showing at least 2 fold changes in addition to statistical significance were considered for further analysis. So-called 'off/on' proteins needed to be detected or absent in at least two replicates of one experimental condition.

RESULTS

3.1 Genomic features of P. fluorescens **ITEM 17298**

The draft genome sequencing resulted in 18 MB of 125 bp paired-end reads and indicated a genomic size of 6,318,747 bp with a GC content of 59%. The evaluation of the raw data quality performed by FastQC software indicated that more that 95% of reads per sample showed an average quality score higher than 30. Reads were assembled into 247 contigs > 200 bp (Fanelli et al., 2017). Analysis of protein domains categorized 48 of the predicted proteins as involved in antibiotic and cationic antimicrobial peptides resistance, 176 in biosynthesis of antibiotics, 4 in putrescine biosynthesis and 56 in virulence.

3.2 Phenotypic changes of P. fluorescens **ITEM 17298** *in response to the temperature*

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At both incubation temperatures *P. fluorescens* was able to undertake all three types of motility (Fig. 2).

The results showed a statistically significant (*P* < 0.05) interaction between experimental parameters (temperature and time of incubation) on the analyzed variable. Simple main effects 261 analysis showed that the values of swarming and swimming motility of the strain grown at 30°C 262 were significantly higher than those found at 15° C ($p < 2.2 \times 10^{-4}$) at each analyzed time point. A time-dependent increase was also found for both parameters.

However, the swimming assay performed at 15°C showed that the strain formed tendrils migrating outwards from the point of bacterial inoculation, with continued branching as the bacteria moved farther from the center (Fig. 2B). As concerns twitching motility, significant differences in biofilm biomass quantified at the bottom of the plate, were registered at 72h of incubation; at this time of 268 sampling, the absorbance values showed increased twitching motility at 15^oC (Fig. 2C).

3.3 Evaluation of the HLF treatment: MBIC determination and motility assay.

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Another allowst amount able to inhibit biofilm formation without affecting that w In order to establish the lowest amount able to inhibit biofilm formation without affecting bacterial growth, HLF was preliminarily assayed at different concentrations by monitoring *P. fluorescens* ITEM 17298 counts at both experimental temperatures. The results showed that no growth was registered using 12 mg/mL of HLF; by contrast, a significant ($p = 1.109 \times 10^{-7}$) reduction in cell counts by average of 3 log CFU/mL was observed in cultures treated with 6 mg/mL of HLF compared to the untreated control sample at each experimental temperature throughout the incubation period (data not shown). In addition, and concerning the two lowest HLF concentrations (1.5 and 3 mg/mL) together with the untreated control sample, two-way ANOVA results revealed that the growth of the tested strain at each incubation temperature was statistically affected only by 280 time $(P < 0.05)$ up to 24 h regardless the applied HLF concentrations (Fig. S1). In fact, no 281 significant differences ($P > 0.0.5$) were found among treated and control samples at each incubation time suggesting that HLF concentrations lesser or equal than 3 mg/mL did not counteract the growth of the strain (Fig. S1). These concentrations were thus selected to perform the subsequent biofilm inhibition assays.

Results from biofilm biomass determination showed that the HLF concentration of 3 mg/mL was able to reduce the biofilm biomass by an average of *ca.* 74% and 54% at 15 and 30°C, respectively, over the entire period of incubation (Fig. 3). By contrast, the lowest HLF concentration (1.5

mg/mL) led to a slight reduction (*ca.* 25%, on average). Based on these results HLF-MBIC value was established at 3 mg/mL.

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differences only at 15°C; indeed, under this temperature of incubati HLF concentrations (ranging from 12 to 1.5 mg/mL) were also tested in motility assays at both temperatures. The treatment with 12 mg/mL caused a reduction of colony diameter in swarming motility at both temperatures (Fig. S2, panel A); similar results were registered also in twitching assay (Fig. S2, panel C). By contrast, in swimming motility the supplementation of HLF caused significant differences only at 15°C; indeed, under this temperature of incubation, a significant reduction of colony diameter was registered for the culture incubated in the presence of 12 mg/mL.HLF concentrations of 3 mg/mL inhibited tendrils development for 48 h; this effect persisted for 72 h with 6 mg/mL of HLF (Fig. S2, panel B). No changes were instead registered for the lowest HLF concentration (1.5 mg/mL; Fig. S2, panel B).

3.4 Effect of incubation temperature on the proteome of P. fluorescens **ITEM 17298** *planktonic cells in the absence of HLF*

The comparative proteomic analyses of cell cultures, grown at 15 and 30°C, allowed to identify 1143 proteins in at least two biological replicates (Fig. 4, Supplementary Table S1). Among these, 871 proteins were identified in both growth conditions; 186 were exclusively induced at 15°C, whilst 86 were found only at 30°C. Moreover, based on normalized spectral counts 298 proteins 306 were found to be differentially expressed $(P < 0.01$, at least two-fold change).

As shown in Figures 4 and Supplementary S3, proteins of all functional classes altered their amount at 15°C in comparison to 30°C. In order to decipher main differences, a deep analysis of metabolic pathways complemented by genome sequencing were performed.

Genomic analysis showed that 6-phophofructokinase was absent in *P. fluorescens* ITEM 17298;

thus, it could be supposed that glucose was metabolized through the Entner-Doudoroff pathway.

Moreover, at 15°C the levels of the enzymes involved in this metabolic pathway (PROKKA_04144 and PROKKA_05654) clearly increased; high amounts of enzymes correlated to ribose metabolism and pentose phosphate pathway (PROKKA_03487, PROKKA_01588, PROKKA_02784) and releasing glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate (G3P) intermediate were also found; then, G3P was converted into pyruvate by the 15°C-induced PROKKA_02238, PROKKA_04749, PROKKA_04632, PROKKA_02035, and PROKKA_02420 (Table 2).

The pyruvate produced was putatively metabolized both for aminoacids (valine and leucine, through the up-regulated PROKKA_05528 and PROKKA_05530) and fatty acid biosynthesis, also strongly stimulated at 15°C (Fig. 4, Supplementary Table S1).

As regards aminoacid metabolism, at 15°C increased concentrations were observed for enzymes involved in tryptophan and tyrosine (*via* shikimate pathway), serine, glutamate and aspartate biosynthesis (Figs. 4, Tables 2 and Supplementary S1). In addition, glutamate was also generated 324 both by the proline oxidation (PROKKA 03112) and from oxoglutarate (PROKKA 01879), in turn released from enzymes (PROKKA_02649; PROKKA_03275, PROKKA_02416 and PROKKA_04321, Table 2) involved in the synthesis of polyamines (putrescine and spermidine).

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p-regulated PROKKA_05528 and PROKKA_05530) and fatt Signal transduction pathways, regulatory functions as well as transcriptional processes also changed indicating adaptation processes to different temperatures (Figs. 4 and Supplementary S3, and Table S1). Among regulators, positively affected by the low temperature, we found two members of GnrT 330 family (PROKKA_01026 and PROKKA_02008), AlgB (PROKKA_00527), PleD (PROKKA_00530), the hydrogen peroxide-inducible genes activator (PROKKA_03320), the GTP-binding protein TypA/BipA (PROKKA_03008) involved in cold stress response. In addition, at 15°C, we also exclusively detected the carbon storage regulator CsrA/RsmA (PROKKA_02793), implicated in changes in energy metabolism.

The level of purine and pyrimidine biosynthesis enzymes increased at 15°C (Table 2). Likewise,

protein synthesis was strongly stimulated (Figs. 4, S2 and Table 2). However, 18 proteins involved in proteolysis also changed their levels (e.g. PROKKA_00281, PROKKA_02544, PROKKA_02545, and PROKKA_01048).

Induced proteins were also grouped in detoxification processes (PROKKA_05169) or adaptation to atypical condition, such as oxidative stress (PROKKA_03674, PROKKA_04934).

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these we fo Cold stress adaptation also led to the increase of enzymes belonging to the lipopolysaccharide (LPS), peptidoglycan and polyketides biosynthetic pathways (Tables 2 and Supplementary Table S1). Among these we found the cellulose synthase 1 (PROKKA_04779), and Poly-beta-1,6-N-acetyl-D-glucosamine N-deacetylase precursor (PgA, PROKKA_04558) involved in biofilm formation. Conversely, filamentous hemagglutinins (PROKKA_04562; PROKKA_05581) increased at 30°C.

Notably, 127 proteins with significant changes (Supplementary Table S1 and Fig. S3) does not belong to a specific functional classification or was with unknown function. At 15°C, among unclassified proteins we found the gramicidin S synthase 2 (GbrS; PROKKA_02721) and tyrocidine synthase (TycC; PROKKA_02721), sharing 50% identity with IndC of the plant pathogen *Dickeya dadantii* 3937 (Table 2).

The list of unclassified proteins included also the hemolysin transporter protein ShlB precursor (PROKKA_04561) which increased at 30°C. In addition to this, other changed proteins were found involved in pathogenesis: the virulence factor Mce family protein (PROKKA_00520), leukotoxin (PROKKA_02401) and the chitinase ChiD (PROKKA_01272) differently synthesized at the two temperatures (Tables 2 and 3).

3.5 Effect of HLF-MBIC on the proteome of P. fluorescens **ITEM 17298** *planktonic cells.*

As depicted in Figures 5 and Supplementary S4 significant changes were registered under HLF

treatment at each temperature of incubation. Most repressed pathways included cellular processes, transport and binding, and fatty acids metabolism. Conversely, HLF treatment led to the increased amount of proteins classified in cell envelope, purines, pyrimidines, nucleosides, nucleotides and protein synthesis, and regulatory functions. A relevant percentage of varied proteins were without a functional classification or of unknown function. The deep analysis of metabolic pathways allowed to reveal main differences induced by HLF treatment.

Under treatment and regardless growth temperature no clear effect was highlighted for enzymes correlated with energy metabolisms, such as Entner-Doudoroff, pentose phosphate pathways and gluconeogenesis (Tables 3 and 4, and Supplementary S2 and S3).

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h energy metabolisms, such as En By contrast, the synthesis of amino acids was differently affected depending on the incubation temperature. Indeed, at 15°C HLF-treatment favored the production of glutamate, arginine citrulline (PROKKA_03077, PROKKA_03335, PROKKA_03449, PROKKA_05608), and histidine (PROKKA_02989, PROKKA_02986, PROKKA_02987), whereas it inhibited the synthesis of aromatic aminoacids from chorismate (PROKKA_00905, PROKKA_01326, PROKKA_00904, PROKKA_00895). Conversely the biosynthesis of BCAA and proline increased at 30°C as well as those of arginine and glutamate; sulphurated amino acids and tryptophan (*via* shikimate) synthesis were repressed or completely inhibited.

Regarding the fatty acid metabolism, synthesis and catabolism were differently affected under treatment at the two temperatures of incubation (Supplementary **Table S2**). However, the cyclic-di-GMP-binding biofilm dispersal mediator protein, an 3-oxoacyl-[acyl-carrier-protein] reductase, catalogued in fatty acid biosynthesis was induced in treated samples under both incubation temperatures (PROKKA_02061; Table 3).

Our results suggested that under HLF treatment some modifications in the bacterial cell wall occurred; regardless of the temperature of incubation, most of ABC transporters (e.g involved in

proline, histidine BCCA, phosphate and nickel uptake), TonB-dependent receptors lowered their levels or were repressed whilst, some multidrug resistance proteins were exclusively detected in treated samples (Tables 3 and 4). Interestingly, the synthesis of PROKKA_04557 and PROKKA_04558, involved respectively in the synthesis and the transport of the biofilm adhesin polysaccharide poly-beta-1,6-N-acetyl-D-glucosamine (PGA), were blocked.

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Peptidases, metalloproteases, and oxidoreductases, enzymes involved in repair processes (chaperones), degradation of misfolded proteins were found with increased levels at both temperatures in the treated samples.

HLF treatment also affected chemotaxis and flagellar assembly. In particular, at 30°C, proteins involved in transmission of sensory signals from the chemoreceptors to the flagellar motors (PROKKA_01735, PROKKA_01742, PROKKA_05548, and PROKKA_03270) decreased their levels or they were repressed in presence of HLF. Similar response was found at 15°C (PROKKA_05548; PROKKA_02393; PROKKA_04405, PROKKA_05339; PROKKA_01744).

Finally, a high number of uncharacterized or unclassified proteins varied under HLF treatment at each temperature (115 and 103, at 15 and 30°C, respectively; supplementary Table S3). Among these, proteins with lower amount after treatment included proteins involved in the synthesis of 411 indigoidine pigment (PROKKA 02721 and PROKKA 02722).

3. DISCUSSION

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In this study *P. fluorescens* ITEM 17298 increased nearly twice the biofilm biomass at 15°C, compared to that produced under higher temperature; in addition, twitching was induced in the same conditions as well as the appearance of tendrils in swimming motility. In accordance with other studies (Chierici et al., 2016; Cabrita et al., 2015), these results suggested that the low temperature favored the coordinated expression of genes and proteins involved in the lifestyle changes of this bacterium. It has been reported that flagellar motility and biofilm formation is affected by high level of c-di-GMP (Muriel et al., 2018), in turn regulated by a diguanylate cyclases with a GGDEF domain (Fazli et al., 2014). In our work the induction of the response regulator PleD 431 with a GGDEF domain was found at 15^oC. Thus, the role of PleD in the appearance of appendices

in *P. fluorescens* swimming phenotype could not be excluded. In addition, in ITEM 17298 strain the alginate biosynthesis transcriptional regulator (AlgB) coding gene was found in the genomic locus containing PleD regulator. PleD locus also showed genetic content and organization similar to what reported for *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 and *P. fluorescens* Pf0-1 (http://www.pseudomonas.com/), thus suggesting a similar transcriptional regulation (Stover et al., 2000; Silby et al., 2009). Interestingly, at 15°C the amount of AlgB increased by 2.8 fold compared to that found at 30°C. The hypothesis that the low temperature promoted strain colonization was further supported by the increase of cellulose synthase 1, involved in cellulose biosynthesis.

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that the low temperature promoted strain colonization was further suppor Cellulose, alginate and poly-N-acetylglucosamine (PGA), extracellular polysaccharides of the bacterial biofilm matrix are likely synthesized and secreted by a conserved mechanism, activates by C-di-GMP levels (Morgan et al., 2015). This mechanism putatively included the carbon storage regulator (CsrA), exclusively detected in ITEM 17298 grown at 15°C. In *E. coli* the complex protein cascade caused by CsrA culminated with the repression of the enzyme required for the synthesis of the adhesin PGA; however, in cold-adapted ITEM 17298 cells, PROKKA_04558, involved in the N-deacetylation needed for surface adhesion, was induced; thus, a complex mechanism based on the interaction among CrsA and the cold-induced RsmE, RsmD, RsmH regulators could not be excluded for this food spoiler (Kulkarni, et al., 2014; Reimmannet al., 2005).

In *P. aeruginosa* CrsA also regulates the expression of LysR-type regulator (Fazli et al., 2014)*,* required for the transcription of the *pqs*ABCDE and *phn*AB operons and the biosynthesis of signaling molecule of (PQS)-mediated *quorum sensing* (QS) (Kulkarni, et al., 2014). Even though, no PQS-related genes were found in the genome of ITEM 17298, high amount of the LysR family transcriptional regulator, the unclassified PhnA (PROKKA_04927) and the enzymes linked to the QS regulation of anthranilate metabolism (PROKKA_03906, PROKKA_04397, PROKKA_03985,

PROKKA_04707; PROKKA_04900) were detected at 15°C.

Protein regulators also included the HTH-type transcriptional regulators, LutR and YdfH, belonging to the GntR family, that were exclusively detected or upregulated at 15°C; these proteins were 459 previously associated to biofilm formation and antibiotic biosynthesis (Irigül-Sönmezet al., 2014). Inspection of the *P. fluorescens* LutR C-terminal domain showed a high homology with FadR-like proteins, a transcription factor that regulates the expression of genes encoding fatty acid biosynthesis; thus, LutR could be implicated in the upregulation of enzymes related to the fatty acid biosynthesis, as registered at 15°C. The modulation of fatty acid composition is expected in order to maintain the proteins function in presence of a altered membrane fluidity under cold incubation.

In addition, in other bacteria *gntR* family transcriptional regulator was reported together with *luxR, luxI* genes as forming a QS regulated operon (Hao et al., 2010; Sakihama, et al., 2012).

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thus, LutR could be implicated in the upregulation of enzymes related to the Likewise, genomic analysis showed genetic determinants of the QS *las, lux, rhl,* and cyclic-di-GMP systems as well as proteomic results reveal differentially expressed QS-regulated proteins (PROKKA_00428, PROKKA_04707, PROKKA_05356 at 15°C, and PROKKA_04762, 470 PROKKA_01619, PROKKA_00073 at 30°C). This cell-to cell communication could be at the basis of the bacterial spoilage (proteolysis, lipolysis) of some food products (Bai et al., 2011); thus, understanding bacterial QS or the regulated phenotypic traits (biofilm) can help in deciphering population dynamics in cold stored foods and in controlling the growth of undesirable food-related bacteria.

During food storage, spoilage bacteria can release polyamines, considered markers of spoilage degree, and harmful to human health at high concentrations (Shalaby, 1996). In bacterial cells polyamines are organic polycationic molecules playing a crucial role both in modulate biofilm formation (Karatan and Watnick, 2009) and in DNA metabolism (Venancio-Marques, 2014). Interestingly, in ITEM 17298 under low temperature, the arginine metabolism was favored to

produce polyamines and glutamate; the high amount of enzymes involved in polyamine synthesis could be correlated with the induced proteins involved in DNA replication, transcription and translation, and protein synthesis; these latter pathways probably sustained the cold adaptive bacterial response, as previously reported (Iost et al., 2013).

Mechanisms of adaptation to low temperature also involved the iron uptake;indeed, in ITEM 17298 at 15°C only proteins responsible for iron recovery and storage were exclusively detected upregulated; these data suggested that the storing of this nutrient occurred in response to a higher demand for metabolic energy (Dhungana et al., 2003) or to counteract oxidative damage (Ma et al., 1999); this latter condition was sustained by the increase in the levels of proteins responsible for repair and defense mechanisms (PROKKA_03320, PROKKA_03674, PROKKA_05169, PROKKA_03672, PROKKA_04041, PROKKA_03426).

In light of these results, it can be suposed that cellular mechanisms, here for the first time investigated, could be responsible for strain adaptation and persistence under the low temperature, also making it difficult to control their spread in the food chain.

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Indeed, proteomic analysis revealed that the PleD regulator was absent under HLF treatment at 15°C, whilst the negative AlgB regulators (MucA and MucB) were induced in the treated samples

at both temperatures; the synthesis of these transcriptional factors inhibited the conversion from a non-mucoid to a mucoid phenotype of *P. fluorescens* and *P. aeruginosa* (Ahmed, 2007). Likewise, HLF treatment inhibited the 30°C-induced adhesion factor filamentous hemagglutinin in accordance with previous results (Di Biase, et al., 2004). The cyclic-di-GMP-binding biofilm dispersal mediator protein (PROKKA_02061) was also detected in all treated samples; as reported for other species, this protein reduced c-di-GMP causing biofilm dispersal (Ma et al., 2011).

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In our previous study, we reported the finding of the pigment leuco-indigoidine in cold- stored mozzarella cheese inoculated with ITEM 17298; this compound is the reduced form of the reactive blue pigment indigoidine (Caputo et al., 2015). Our research demonstrated that the treatment with HLF inhibited pigment release throughout the entire refrigerated period. Although Andreani et al. (2015) suggested that the blue pigment was not indigoidine, in this study PROKKA_02721 and 524 PROKKA 02722 proteins correlated with the synthesis of this pigment were found at 15[°]C. These proteins are non-ribosomal peptide synthetases subdivided into domains responsible for substrate adenylation, thiolation and condensation that culminated in pigment biosynthesis. A conserved core motif (DNFFELGGHSL) similar to that found in the thiolation (T) domain of *S. chromofuscus*

(DDFFELGGNSL; Yu et al., 2013) was also shown. In this last species the stability of the modular indigoidine synthase Sc-IndC and the product indigoidine was attributed to the optimal temperature of 18°C. In addition, in *D. dadantii* 3937, IndC synthesizes the blue pigment indigoidine together with the pantetheine-phosphate adenylyltransferase (CoaD; Reverchon et al. 2002), also cold-induced in our target strain (PROKKA_00418). Even though the biosynthetic pathway of indigoidine has been proposed for other microorganisms, the specific role of this pigment and its regulation, including *luxRI* quorum sensing regulators, have been just suggested (Yu et al., 2013; Cude et al., 2015).

5 CONCLUSION

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cl For the first time a proteome profile of a blue pigmenting and biofilm forming *P. fluorescens* was presented in this work. Proteomic results were consistent with microbiological ones favoring at the low temperature both the highest biofilm biomass and an increase of different protein determinants related with biofilm formation, cell motility, and adhesion. Conversely, at 30°C some virulence factors such as leukotoxin were detected, highlighting the need to further investigate this strain.

Notably, a high percentage of proteins with relevant changes in amount was without a specific functional classification or of unknown function; among these latter, for the first time, we identified enzymes related to the blue pigment indigoidine that was produced at low temperature.

The work also proposes a strategy based on the application of milk protein-derived peptides to hamper biofilm formation by this food spoiler. Indeed, by using a sublethal HLF concentration, proteins involved in biofilm regulation and exopolysaccharide synthesis were repressed at 15°C, whilst the cyclic-di-GMP-binding biofilm dispersal mediator was instead detected at both temperatures. In addition, HLF treatment inhibited indigoidine synthesis related enzymes involved in blue cheese discoloration and reduction of shelf life of cold stored cheeses.

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FOOTNOTES

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FIGURE LEGENDS

Fig. 1. Biofilm biomass produced by *P. fluorescens* ITEM 17298, grown at two temperatures (15°C and 30°C) measured at 24 and 48 hours. Values were determined by measuring the absorbance of 784 crystal violet (CV) at 570 nm (O'Toole, 2011). Bars represent the average \pm the standard deviation 785 ($n = 8$). Similar values ($P > 0.05$) of CV are annoted with the same superscript letters according to post hoc HSD Tukey's test.

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Tukey's test.

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 uorescens ITEM 17298 in LB agar. Values represent t **Fig. 2***.* Motility assays performed at 15 and 30°C for 72h**.** Swarming (**A**) and swimming motility (**B**) of *P. fluorescens* ITEM 17298 in LB agar. Values represent the mean diameter of corresponding motility zones. Twitching motility (**C**) of *P. fluorescens* ITEM 17298 in LB; these values were determined by measuring the absorbance of crystal violet (CV) at 570 nm. Bars 792 represent the average \pm the standard deviation (n = 3). Similar values ($P > 0.05$) for each motility parameter are annoted with the same superscript letters according to HSD Tukey's test.

Fig.3*.* Biofilm biomass produced by *P. fluorescens* ITEM 17298 treated with 1.5 and 3 mg/mL of HLF at 15°C and 30°C for 48 hours. Values were determined by measuring the absorbance of 797 Crystal Violet at 570 nm. Bars represent the average \pm the standard deviation (n = 3). Different 798 superscript letters represent values statistically different $(P < 0.05)$ within the same incubation temperature and according to to HSD Tukey's test.

Fig. 4. Voronoi treemap visualization of *P. fluorescens* ITEM 17298 protein pattern cultivated in 802 LB medium at 15^oC and 30^oC. Proteins are depicted as single cells and grouped according to their functional classification. Classification was achieved using *Prophane 2.0* software and is based on 804 TIGRFAMs. Large treemap: Proteins with higher amounts at 30^oC are shown in blue; proteins with

higher amounts at 15°C are shown in red. Grey cells represent proteins that were not identified in the respective condition. Small treemap represents higher level of functional classification (main role), whereas large treemap shows subrole level.

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was achieved using *Prophane 2.0* software and is based on TIGRFAMs. **Fig. 5**. Voronoi treemap visualization of *P. fluorescens* protein pattern after treatment with HLF. Proteins are depicted as single cells and grouped according to their functional classification. Classification was achieved using *Prophane 2.0* software and is based on TIGRFAMs. Depicted is the classification level *main role*. Large treemaps: Proteins with higher amounts in treated cells are shown in red; proteins with higher amounts in untreated cells are shown in blue. Grey cells represent proteins that were not identified in the respective condition (panel **A**: 15°C; panel **B**: 815 30°C). Small treemap represents higher level of functional classification (main role), whereas large treemaps show subrole level.

Supplementary Figures

Fig. S1. Bacterial counts (expressed as Log CFU/mL) of *P. fluorescens* ITEM 17298 in LB broth in 821 the absence (UT) or presence (T) of HLF (1.5 or 3 mg/mL) at 15 and 30^oC up to 48 h of incubation. 822 Values represent the average \pm the standard deviation (n = 3). No statistically differences ($P > 0.05$) were found among values at each incubation time for both assayed temperatures according to HSD Tukey's test.

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text of HLF on *P. fluorescens* ITEM 17298 motility evaluated 15 and 3
(A) and swimming motility (B) and twitching motility (C) in LB agar supple **Fig. S2***.* Effect of HLF on *P. fluorescens* ITEM 17298 motility evaluated 15 and 30°C for 72h**.**Swarming (**A**) and swimming motility (**B**) and twitching motility (**C**) in LB agar supplemented 828 or not with HLF (1.5 -12 mg/mL). Bars represent the average \pm the standard deviation (n = 3) of swimming and swarming motility, whereas twitching motility values were measured by absorbance units of crystal violet (CV) at 570 nm. Different superscript letters represent significant different 831 values ($P < 0.05$) according to HSD Tukey's test. Photograph in panel B showed the effect of 3 mg/mL and 6mg/mL of HLF on tendrils formation at 15°C for for 48 h and 72 h.

Fig. S3. Impact of growth temperature on proteome pattern of *P. fluorescens*. The percentage of 835 proteins with significantly changed amount at 15°C compared to 30°C in relation to all identified proteins is depicted.

Fig. S4. Impact of HLF on proteome pattern of *P. fluorescens*. The percentage of proteins with significantly changed amount after HFL treatment at 15°C and 30°C is depicted in relation to all identified proteins.

841 **Table 1.**Proteins induced at 15 °C in comparison to 30 °C.

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Fatty acid and phospholipid metabolism

305 Cyclopentanol dehydrogenase

3-6 3-oxoacyl-[acyl-carrier-protein] synthase 3

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Table 2. Proteins repressed at 15 °C in comparison to 30 °C.

Fatty acid and phospholipid metabolism

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843 ¹ Function predicted by Prokka annotation² "off " exclusively identified under 30 °C

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845 **Table 3.** Proteins induced by HLF-treatment at 15°C and 30°C.

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848 **Table 4.** Proteins repressed by HLF-treatment at 15°C and 30°C.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Biofilm biomass by *P. fluorescens* increased at 15 °C compared to 30 °C
- Bovine lactoferrin hydrolysate reduced biofilm regardeless growth temperature
- Bovine lactoferrin hydrolysate affected swarming, twiching, swimming motility
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