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A. General Instructions

- 1) Sequencing of components of manuscript
 - a. Title page
 - b. Abstract
 - c. Keywords
 - d. Funding information (to be placed on first page)
 - e. Main body of text
 - i. Introduction
 - ii. Materials and Methods
 - iii. Results
 - iv. Discussion
 - v. Conclusion
 - f. Acknowledgements

- g. Conflict of interest
 - h. Author Contribution
 - i. References
 - j. Supporting information
 - k. Appendix
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 - ii. Genes/proteins: Genes italic, proteins roman.
 - iii. Use solidus/slash for 2 units: (e.g., 2 mg/mL), but use negative indices for more than 2 units (2 nmol hr⁻¹ mg⁻¹).
 - iv. Zero is used before a decimal fraction.
 - v. Use leading zeroes for statistical values pertaining to probability (p, beta, alpha values).
 - vi. Lowercase *p* for probability.
 - vii. e.g., for example,
 - viii. i.e., that is,
 - ix. vs., versus
 - x. *N*: Total number of units in the sample under study (*N* = 127)
 - xi. *n*: number of units in a subgroup of the sample under study (*n* = 38)
 - xii. mmHg
 - xiii. Mann–Whitney *U* test
 - xiv. Paired *t* test (no hyphen after *t*), but *t*-test results
 - xv. Use *SD* for standard deviation.
 - xvi. Use *SE* for standard error.
 - xvii. *SEM*
 - xviii. wt/vol, vol/vol. vol%, wt%, mm Hg
 - xix. Magnification: ×600
 - xx. Centrifugation: 200g
 - xxi. Molar *M* in caps (e.g., 3 μM, 5 mM)
 - xxii. ANOVA, ANCOVA (all caps)
 - xxiii. Ratio: 4:3 (no space on either side)
 - xxiv. United States (noun) and U.S. (adjective); United Kingdom (noun) and UK (adjective)
 - xxv. Day 2, Experiment 4, Trial 5, Grade 8
 - xxvi. Do not use comma for 8 years 2 months; 3 min 40 s
 - xxvii. western blotting, northern blotting, Southern blotting
 - xxviii. ca. to be used only with dates. Otherwise use a ~ elsewhere
 - xxix. Use semicolon for back-back parenthesis

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- 2) Be concise (normally not more than 3% of the text length) but include why you did the study, how you did it, the results of the study, and what the results mean.

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- 2) Second level headings (if required) are numbered, left justified, in sentence case, bold.
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- 1) Figure placement: Figures should be placed and cited in order of reference and in numerical order.
- 2) Figure legends: Use ALL CAPS (FIGURE 1)
- 3) Figure caption unjustified in sentence case
 - a. Example: FIGURE 1 Three-dimensional solution of multidimensional scaling of taste solution preferences of F2 mice. (a) Histological section and (b) comparison
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TABLE 1 List of identified protein spots selected as associated with *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* (VP AHPND) isolates (5HP and CN) and not a non-AHPND isolate of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* (SO2)

Spot	Protein name (organism)	Accession no.	MOWSE	MW
1	Flagellar hook-associated protein FlgK (<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> RIMD 2210633)	gi 28897559	1,088	71.15
2*	Hypothetical protein AJ90_20625 (<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> M0605)	gi 576300948	789	50.2
3	Flagellin (<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> RIMD 210633)	gi 28899032	316	39.8
4	Outer membrane protein U (<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>)	gi 297242391	564	36.2
5	Flagellar basal body rod modification protein (<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> RIMD 2210633)	gi 28897551	489	24.8

Notes.

Asterisks indicate hypothetical proteins listed in the database at the time and corresponding to what were later named the toxins Pir^{VP} A (spots 6, 8, and 9 of 12.7 kDa) and Pir^{VP} B (spot 2 of 50.2 kDa).

MOWSE: MOlecular Weight SEarch;

MW: molecular weight.

- 1) Multiple sentences are not allowed in a table caption
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