

Supplementary information

**Nanomechanics of the molecular complex between
staphylococcal adhesin SpsD and elastin**

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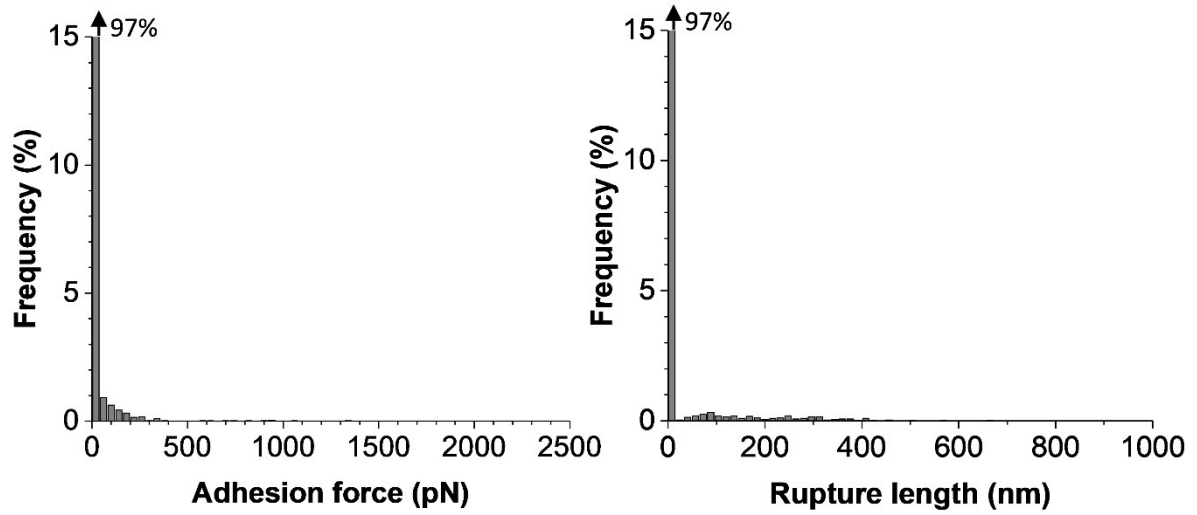


Figure S1. Binding specificity of SpsD and SpsL to elastin. Adhesion force and rupture length histograms obtained for six *S. pseudintermedius* Δ spsD Δ spsL cells interacting with elastin-tips.

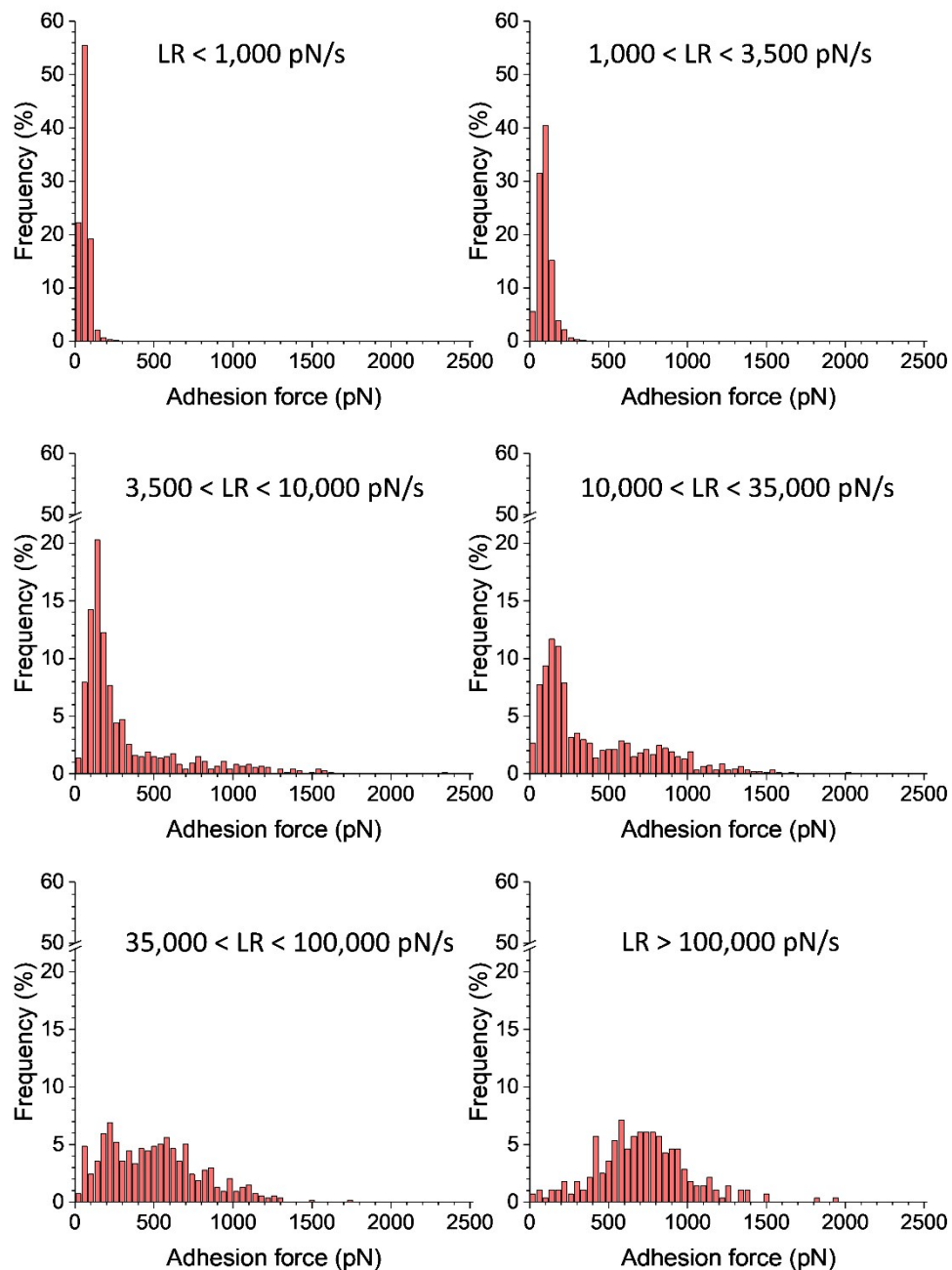


Figure S2. Strong interactions are favored at high loading rates. Adhesion forces were measured at various loading rates (*LRs*) between SpsD cells and elastin-tips (Fig. 4A). Small ranges of *LRs* were binned and the force distribution plotted as histograms (data pooled from 4,424 adhesive events on five cells).