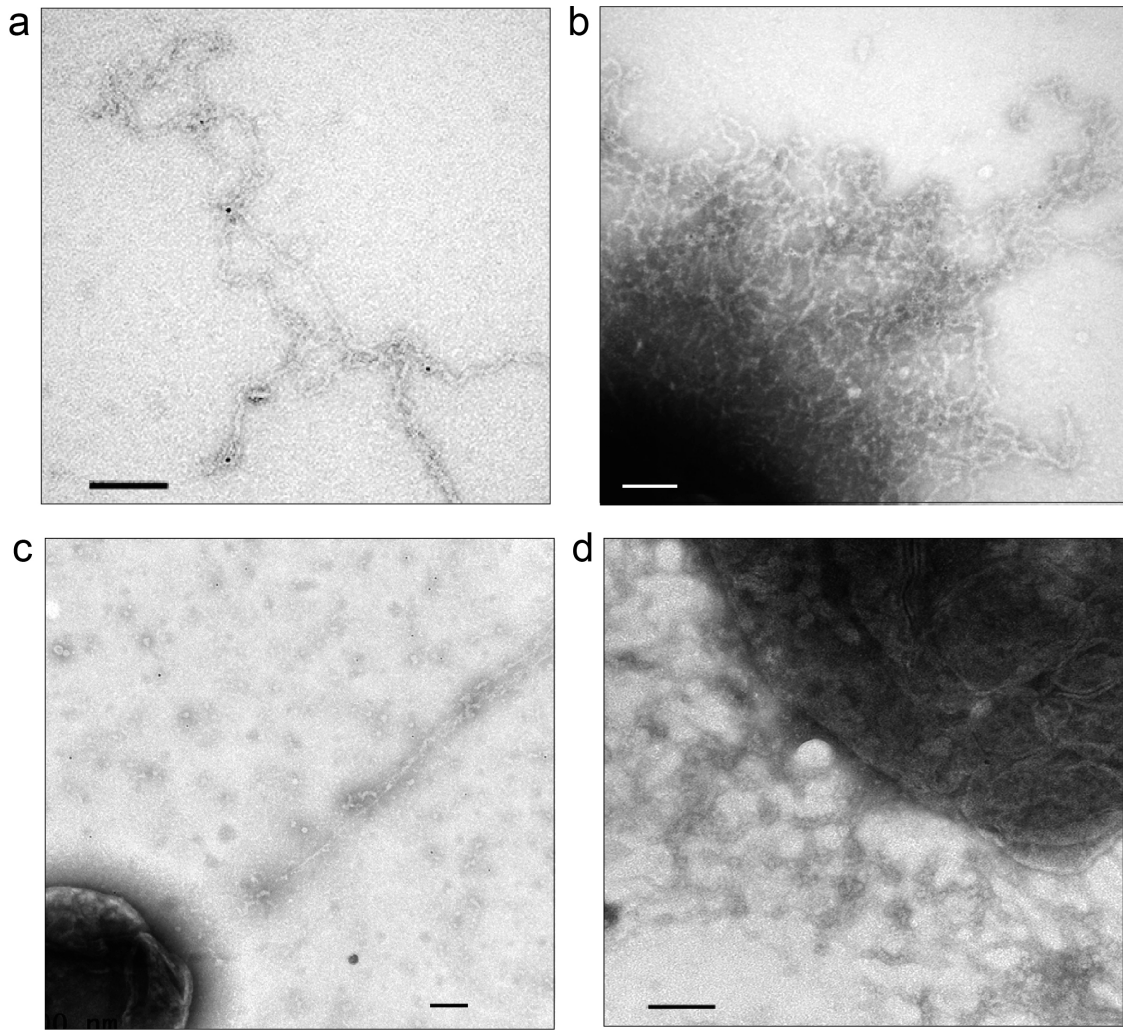
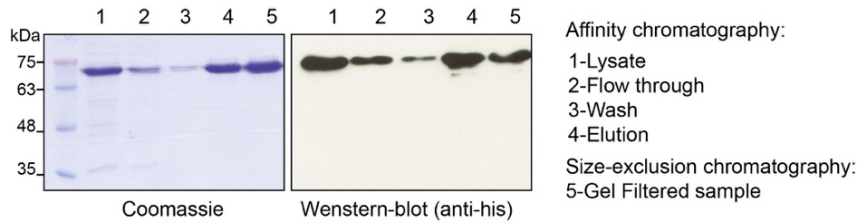


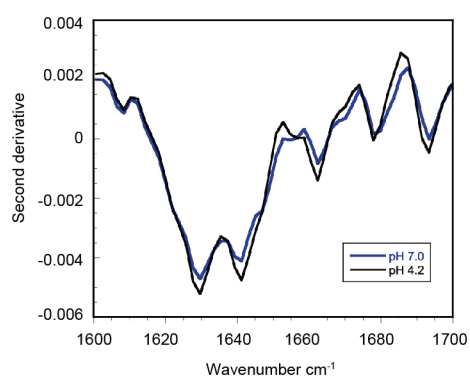
**Supplementary Fig 1.** a) Mapping of amyloidogenic regions prediction that match with at least 3 algorithms. TANGO (violet), Aggrescan (orange), WALTZ (black) and FoldAmyloid (Blue). b) Alignment of the amino acids with aggregation propensity of the N-terminal domain of Esp using Geneious Prime.



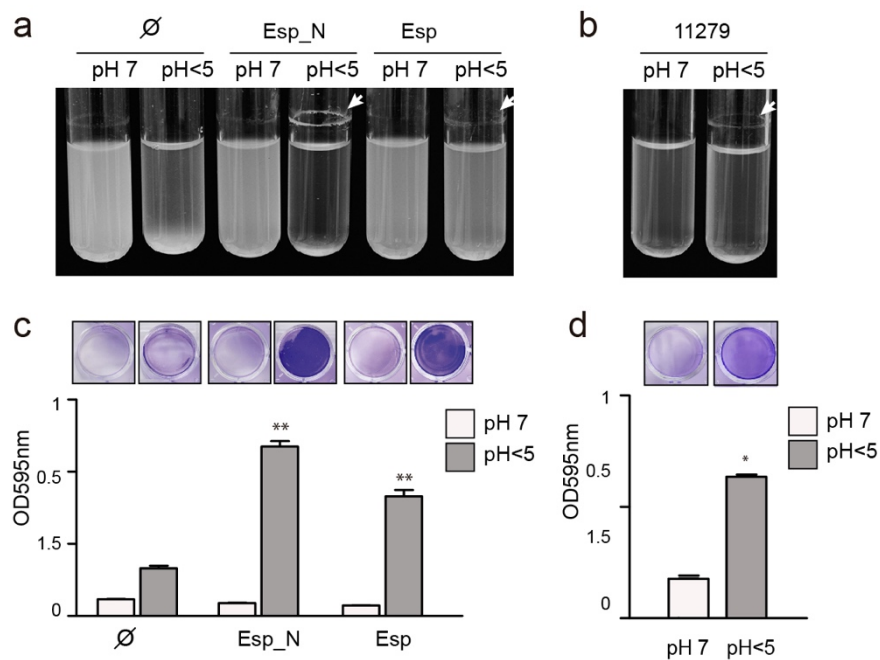
**Supplementary Fig. 2.** a-b) Immunogold labeled of fiber-like structures of samples from *E. coli* cells that express Esp\_N using anti-His antibodies. c-d) Control of non-specific binding was determined in the presence of the secondary gold-labelled antibody. Scale bar of panels a, b represents 100 nm. Scale bar of panels c, d represents 200 nm.



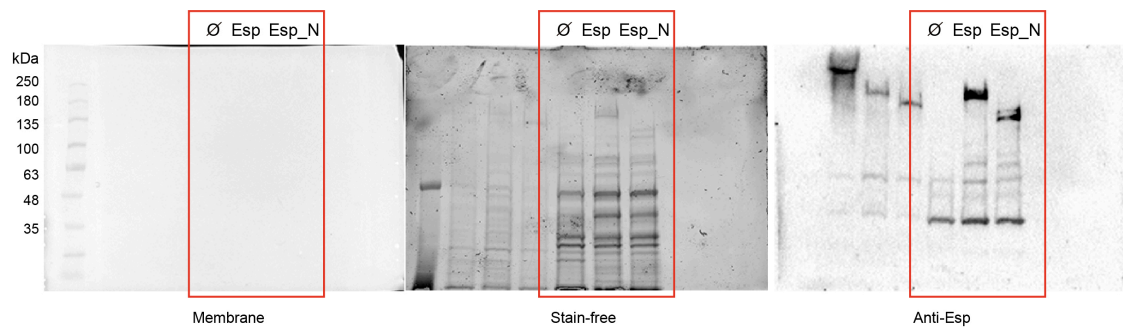
**Supplementary Fig. 3.** SDS-PAGE and Western blot analyses of rEsp\_N protein purified from *E. coli* BL21 strain. The different fractions obtained during the purification process are indicated with numbers. Proteins were separated using 12% acrylamide gels, stained with Coomassie brilliant blue stain and probed with anti-histidine antibodies. All blots were derived from the same experiment and were processed in parallel.



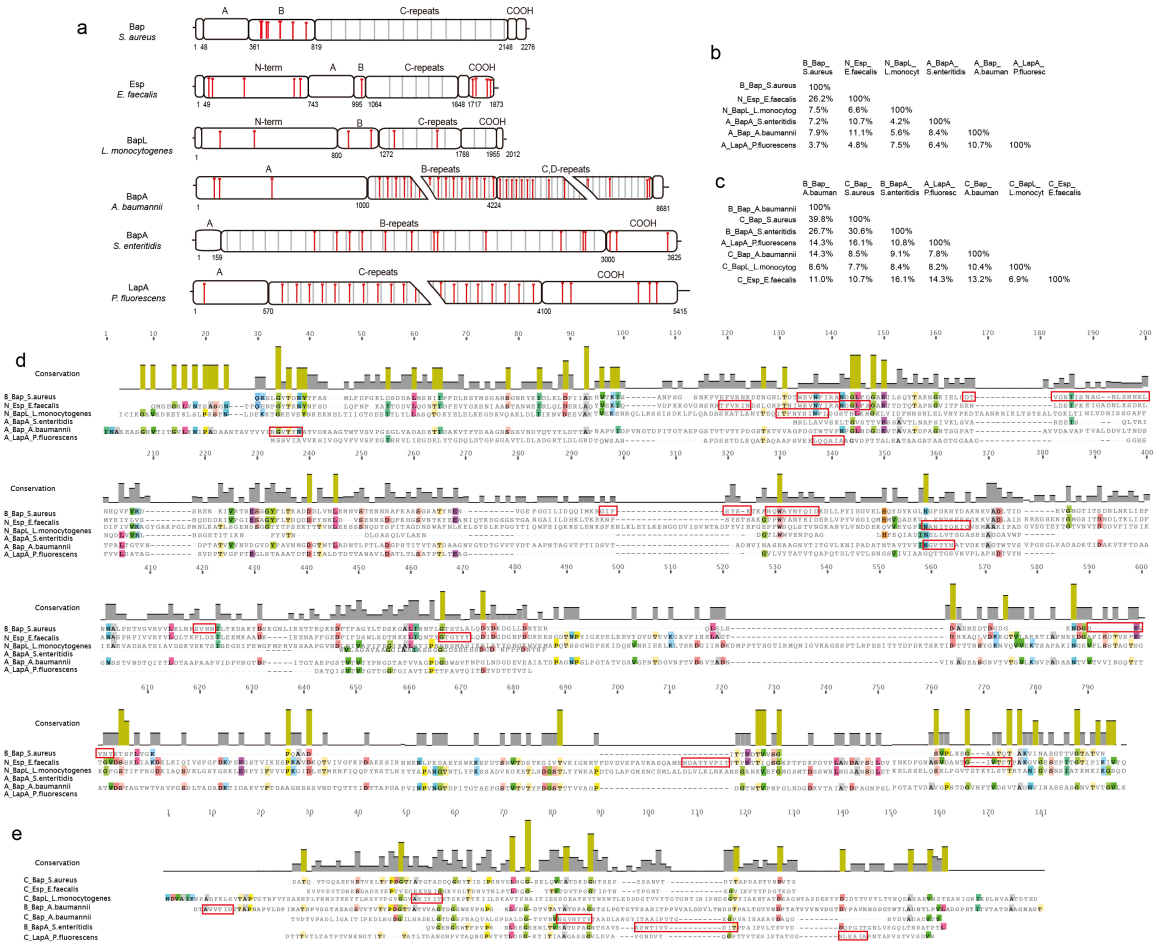
**Supplementary Fig. 4.** The secondary-derivative spectrum of rEsp\_N at pH 4.2 (black) and at pH 7 (blue).



**Supplementary Fig. 5.** The effect of pH on Esp-mediated aggregation and biofilm formation. a) *S. aureus*  $\Delta$ bap expressing chimeric N-terminal domain of Esp (Esp\_N) or the entire protein (Esp) and *E. faecalis* strain 11279 that expresses Esp (b), formed bacterial clumps (arrows) in overnight cultures grown in LB (pH 7) or LB supplemented with glucose (pH <5) under shaken conditions (200 rpm) at 37°C.  $\emptyset$  refers to cells complemented with pCN51 empty plasmid. c) Biofilm formed by *S. aureus*  $\Delta$ bap cells that express the N-terminal domain of Esp (Esp\_N) or the full protein (Esp) and biofilm formed by the *E. faecalis* strain 11279 (d). For biofilm formation, bacteria were culture grown in LB (pH 7) or LB supplemented with glucose (pH <5) overnight at 37 °C in microtiter plates under static conditions. The bacterial cells were stained with crystal violet, and biofilms were quantified by solubilizing the crystal violet with alcohol-acetone and determining the absorbance at 595 nm. The error bars represent the standard deviation of the results of three repetitions. \*\* P < 0.01; \*, P < 0.05.



**Supplementary Fig. 6.** Western immunoblotting results showing cell surface protein patterns of *S. carnosus* TM400 cells that express the full Esp protein (lane 2) or N-terminal domain of Esp fused to ClfA-R domain (lane 3). Cell surface proteins from bacteria with empty plasmid are load in lane 1. Cell wall proteins extracted from exponential cultures were separated on 7.5% (w/v) acrylamide gels and probed with anti-Esp antibodies. Cell wall proteins extracted from exponential cultures were separated on 7.5% (w/v) acrylamide gels and probed with anti-Esp antibodies. All blots were derived from the same experiment and were processed in parallel.



**Supplementary Fig. 7** a) Schematic representation of different proteins belonging to the Bap family. The diagrams show the different domains and length of Bap from *S. aureus*, Esp from *E. faecalis*, BapL from *L. monocytogenes*, BapA from *A. baumannii*, BapA from *S. enteritidis* and LapA from *P. fluorescens*. Red vertical lines within each diagram indicate predicted peptides with potential amyloid-like properties. Prediction was performed using Waltz algorithm. b) Pairwise percentage identity matrix of the N-terminal domains of Bap proteins from different bacterial species. c) Pairwise percentage identity matrix of a C-repeats of each Bap proteins. The matrices were obtained from corresponding multiple sequence alignments done using *Geneious Prime* algorithm. d) Protein sequence alignment of N-terminal regions of Bap proteins from the different bacterial species. e) Protein sequence alignment of one repeat of each Bap protein. The alignments were generated using *Geneious Prime* multiple sequence alignment tool. Amyloid-prone regions predicted by Waltz algorithm are highlighted by red rectangles.