

Supplementary

The stained bacteria were then analyzed by confocal laser scanning microscopy (LSM 880, Carl Zeiss). Images of the mycobacteria were acquired using ZEN 2.3 light software.

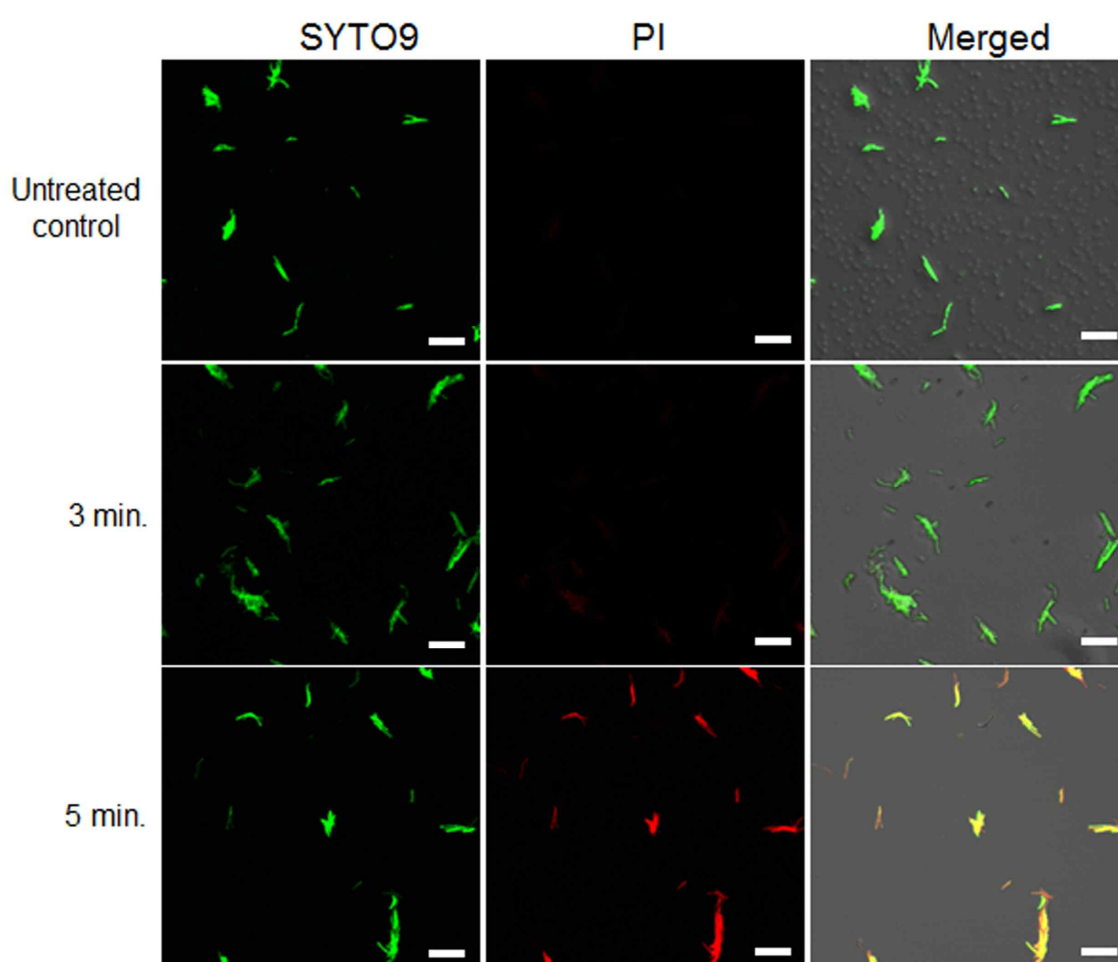


Fig. S1. (Color online) *BacLight* Live/Dead viability assay essentially tests the intact and damaged membranes in *Msm* cells, and thus dying bacterial cells show yellow fluorescence, and dead cells show red fluorescence. Untreated cells, 3 min, and immediately after 5 min N_2+H_2O plasma treatment. The scale bar is 1 μM . The column on the right shows the merged image of SYTO (green dye) and PI (red).