The Post-translational Modification Cascade to the Thiopeptide Antibiotic Berninamycin Generates Linear Forms and Altered Macrocyclic Scaffolds

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION APPDENDIX

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1. Figures and tables mentioned in the main text:

^a Number of amino acids. ^b Determined by NCBI BLAST search. ^c Accesion number in brackets. ^d From known thiopeptide-producing strains. ^e We are unsure of the exact start codon for this protein as there are several candidate leucines or valines with similar probability of being correct; there is no appropriate methionine in frame in this region.

Fig. S2. Cloning strategy for synthesis of the pSET152+bern plasmid and conjugative transfer to Streptomyces species.

Fig. S3. Three metabolites from S. lividans/pSET152+bern expression, varying only in the oxidation state of the Val₇ side chain. The doubly-hydroxylated species is a new metabolite; the stereochemistry at C_β of Val₇ in this compound has not been determined.

Fig. S4. PCR-directed mutagenesis to introduce mutations to the berA gene for cloning, here shown for the T3A mutation.

Fig. S5. Linear compounds obtained from heterologous expressions of S. lividans/pSET152+bern variants. a) Linear precursors to the T3A mutant macrocycle – Dha₁₃ and Ser₁₃. b) Linear precursors to the wild type macrocycle – Dha₁₃ and Ser₁₃. c) Linear precursors to the T4A mutant macrocycle - Dha₁₃ and Ser₁₃. The stereochemistry of these linear precursors is assumed based on the structure of berninamycin and its prepeptide and has not been proven spectroscopically.

Fig. S6. Proposed pathway for berninamycin A biosynthesis from the BerA prepeptide, featuring a late-stage Dha₁₃ formation, pyridine cyclization, and Val₇ hydroxylation.

2. Abbreviations:

LC-MS = liquid chromatography – mass spectrometry

MS = mass spectrometry

 $Q-TOF = quadrupole time-of-flight$

 $HPLC = high-performance liquid chromatography$

NMR = nuclear magnetic resonance

DMSO = dimethylsulfoxide

 $MeCN = acetonitrile$

MeOH = methanol

 $EtOAc = ethyl$ acetate

3. General information: High resolution LC-MS and MS/MS fragmentation were performed on an Agilent 6520 Accurate-Mass Q-TOF mass spectrometer using an electrospray ionization (ESI) source in positive ion mode. MS conditions were identical to those used previously (1). A 5 μm C18 column (2.0 mm x 50 mm, Phenomonex Gemini-NX) was used with the elution monitored at 220, 254, 290, and 350 nm UV detection wavelengths. Preparative HPLC purification was carried out on a Waters preparative HPLC with a 5 μm C18 column (19 mm x 250 mm, Waters SunFire PrepTM) with the elution monitored at 254 and 350 nm UV detection wavelengths. NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 600 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance resulting from incomplete deuteration as the internal reference (d_6 -DMSO: δ 2.50). For ¹H NMR, multiplicity is designated as follows: $s = singlet$, $d = doublet$, $q = quartet$, and $m = multiplet$). PCR was performed on a Bio-Rad MyCycler thermal cycler. DNA sequencing was carried out at the Molecular Biology Core Facilities at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute (Boston, MA) or at Genewiz, Inc. (Cambridge, MA). Streptomyces fermentations were carried out at the Harvard Medical School NERCE/BEID Biomolecule Production Laboratory.

4. Materials: The CopyControl™ Fosmid Library Production Kit was purchased from Epicentre Biotechnologies (Madison, WI). DNA clean and concentration kits (5, 25, and 100) were purchased from Zymo Research. Miniprep, Maxiprep, and agarose Gel Purification kits were purchased from Qiagen.

PCR primers were purchased from Integrated DNA Technologies (IDT); see *SI Appendix*, Table S2 below. Platinum PCR Supermix was purchased from Invitrogen, Phusion High-Fidelity PCR Mastermix with HF buffer from New England Biolabs, and PfuTurbo DNA polymerase (and buffer) from Stratagene. dNTP mix (10 mM) was purchased from Invitrogen.

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^{1.} Acker MG, Bowers AA, Walsh CT (2009) Generation of thiocillin variants by prepeptide gene replacement and in vivo processing by *Bacillus cereus*. *J Am Chem Soc* 131:17563–17565.

Lysozyme was purchased from VWR. Proteinase K and T4 DNA ligase (and buffer) were purchased from New England Biolabs. The following restriction enzymes and their recommended buffers were purchased from New England Biolabs: BamHI-HF, EcoRI-HF, NotI-HF, SbfI-HF, SpeI, NsiI, and DpnI. BSA and CIP were purchased from New England Biolabs.

The following antibiotics were used (all purchased from Aldrich): apramycin (50 μg/mL), chloramphenicol [25 μg/mL (in ethanol)], kanamycin (50 μg/mL), nalidixic acid (25 μg/mL (prepared in 0.3 M aqueous NaOH)). N.B. In some instances, the antibiotics were used at half the listed concentrations as noted in specific procedures (*vide infra*).

All chemicals were purchased from Aldrich or Fisher with the following exceptions: agarose was purchased from VWR, low-melt agarose was purchased from Bio-Rad, SDS was purchased from VWR, phenol/chloroform mixture was purchased from VWR, and d_6 -DMSO was purchased from Cambridge Isotope Labs. ColiRollers glass plating beads were purchased from Novagen.

One Shot Top10 Chemically Competent *E. coli* cells were purchased from Invitrogen. ET12567/pUZ8002 *E. coli* were obtained from the *E. coli* Genetic Stock Center (CGSC) at Yale University. *S. bernensis* UC 5144 was obtained from the NRRL culture collection (NRRL 3575). *S. lividans* TK24 and the pSET152 plasmid were generously donated by Suzanne Walker (Harvard Medical School). *S. venezuelae* ATCC 10712 was generously donated by Mervyn Bibb and the John Innes Centre (Norwich, UK). *B. subtilis* PY79 and MRSA MW2 (number BAA-1707) were obtained from ATCC.

5. Buffers and other solutions: Buffers and solutions were prepared as follows and were sterile filtered (except for trace elements solution):

SET buffer: 75 mM NaCl, 25 mM EDTA ($pH = 8.0$), 20 mM Tris-HCl ($pH = 7.5$)

TE buffer: 1 mM EDTA ($pH = 8.0$), 10 mM Tris-HCl ($pH = 7.5$)

Hutner's trace elements solution: to deionized water (100 mL), add $ZnSO_4$ ⁻⁷H₂O (2.2 g), H₃BO₃ (1.1 g) , MnCl₂·4H₂O (0.5 g), FeSO₄·7H₂O (0.5 g), CoCl₂·6H₂O (0.16 g), CuSO₄·5H₂O (0.16 g), $(NH_4)_6M_2O_{24} \cdot 4H_2O$ (0.11 g), EDTA (disodium salt, 5.0 g, Fluka); heat to boiling and then allow to cool to 60 °C before adjusting the pH to 6.5–6.8 (discard if pH exceeds 7.0); solution turns purple on standing for several days and a white precipitate forms.

6. Media: LB, 2xYT, and LB agar were purchased from VWR. The remaining media were prepared as follows (1000 mL final volume) before autoclaving:

Bennett's broth: maltose (10.0 g, Aldrich); yeast extract (1.0 g, VWR); beef extract (1.0 g, Aldrich); N-Z amine, type AS (2.0 g, Aldrich); for agar, add Bacto agar (15.0 g, VWR); deionized water.

Seed: glucose (20.0 g, VWR); yeast extract (5.0 g, VWR); meat extract (5.0 g, VWR); peptone (5.0 g, VWR); casein, acid hydrolysate (3.0 g, Aldrich); NaCl (1.5 g, Aldrich); tap water.

AF/MS: glucose (20.0 g, VWR); yeast extract (2.0 g, VWR); organic soy flour (8.0 g, Arrowhead Mills); CaCO₃ (4.0 g, Aldrich); NaCl (1.0 g, Aldrich); tap water.

GYM: glucose (4.0 g, VWR); yeast extract (4.0 g, VWR); malt extract (10.0 g, Fluka); N-Z amine, type AS (1.0 g, Aldrich); NaCl (2.0 g, Aldrich); deionized water; pH adjusted to 7.2 with 2 M aqueous NaOH prior to autoclaving.

SFM: organic soy flour (20.0 g, Arrowhead Mills); mannitol (20.0 g, Aldrich); Bacto Agar (20.0 g, VWR); Hutner's trace elements solution (1.0 mL); deionized water.

7. Isolation of *S. bernensis* **genomic DNA and preparation of an** *S. bernensis* **spore stock (2):** A stab of a -80 °C stock of *S. bernensis* UC 5144 (NRRL 3575) was used to inoculate 5 mL LB medium in a 14-mL plastic culture tube, which was shaken (200 rpm, 28 $^{\circ}$ C) for six days. An inoculation loop was dipped in the culture and used to streak out the *S. bernensis* cells on an LB

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^{2.} The procedure was adapted from Kieser T, Bibb MJ, Chater KF, Hopwood DA (2000) *Practical Streptomyces Genetics* (John Innes Foundation: Norwich, UK).

agar plate; the plate was then incubated at 30 °C for two days. A single colony was then picked from the LB plate and used to inoculate deionized water (200 μL), which was divided in half and evenly spread out on two Bennett's agar plates. The plates were incubated at 30 °C for four days at which point both plates had a uniformly gray lawn of *S. bernensis* spores.

A small portion of the spores from one plate were picked with an inoculation loop and used to inoculate 30 mL of LB medium in a 250-mL baffled Erlenmeyer flask with ca. 30 glass plating beads. The culture was placed in a 30 °C shaker (220 rpm) for three days. The cell culture was then transferred to a 50-mL plastic Corning tube and centrifuged (3750 rpm for 20 min); the liquid was decanted. Lysozyme (5 mg), dissolved in deionized water (100 μ L), was added to SET buffer (5 mL) and the solution transferred to the cell pellet, which was broken up by repeated pipetting until a homogenous suspension was obtained. The mixture was transferred to a 15-mL plastic Corning tube and placed in a 37 °C water bath for 1 h.

Proteinase K (140 μL, 20 mg/mL) and 10% aqueous SDS (600 μL) were added and the mixture inverted several times until the solution became homogenous and clear. The solution was placed in a 55 °C water bath for 2 h. Aqueous NaCl (2 mL, 5.0 M) was added to the mixture and a precipitate formed; placed in a 37 °C water bath for 5 min. Chloroform (5 mL) was added and the layers mixed by inverting the tube periodically over 50 min. The mixture was then centrifuged (3750 rpm for 30 min); solids remained in the top water layer, which was aliquoted (1 mL portions) into eight Eppendorf tubes and centrifuged (13K rpm, 5 min). The water layer was transferred to a 50-mL plastic Corning tube and isopropanol (3.9 mL) was added; the DNA precipitated from solution. The tip of a glass Pasteur pipet was sealed in a flame, and once cool the DNA was spooled on it. The DNA was washed by immersing it in 70% ethanol (5 mL, then 2 x 1 mL) for 2 min each and then was allowed to air dry for 15 min. The genomic DNA was then re-dissolved in TE buffer (1 mL) in an Eppendorf tube, which was subsequently heated to 55 °C for 1 h before being stored at 4 °C.

To the other Bennett's agar plate of *S. bernensis* was added deionized water (5 mL) and the spores were harvested from the plate's surface by scraping with an L-shaped spreader. The cell suspension was filtered through glass wool into a 15-mL plastic Corning tube. Additional water (3 mL) was added to the plate's surface and the remaining cells were harvested and similarly filtered. The cell suspension was centrifuged (3750 rpm, 10 min) and the liquid decanted (ca. 60 μL of liquid remained). Deionized water (400 μL) was added to the spores, which were evenly suspended by pipetting; the resulting cell suspension was added to 50% glycerol (460 μL), mixed by pipet, and stored at -80 °C.

8. Illumina DNA sequencing and initial assembly of the berninamycin gene cluster: A library was constructed from fragmented *S. bernensis* genomic DNA, obtained above and randomly mechanically sheared into 200 ± 50 bp fragments, and sequenced using the Illumina Genome Analyzer IIx. Paired-end reads were obtained for 16,571,771 amplicons (33,143,542

65nt reads). Translated-query BLAST (BLASTx) (3) was used to align reads to a custom database of proteins that we hypothesized to have homologs in the putative berninamycin synthesis pathway: TsrC and TsrF from *Streptomyces laurentii* (GenBank accessions ACN52293 and ACN52296, respectively) (4), a lanthionine biosynthesis protein and NADH oxidase from *Bacillus cereus* (AAP11953 and NP_834749, respectively) (5), dehydratase from a *Nonomuraea* sp. (ACS83782) (6), and nitroreductase from a *Micromonospora* sp. (ZP_04607686); as well as the following proteins from *Propionibacterium acnes*: lanthionine biosynthesis and hypothetical proteins PPA0859 (AAT82614), PPA0860 (AAT82615), PPA0861 (AAT82616), PPA0862 (AAT82617), PPA0863 (AAT82618), PPA0864 (AAT82619), and PPA0865 (AAT82620) (7). This protein set includes putative orthologs, so reads were sought for BLAST-generated alignments of at least 15 aa (expect values were ≤ 0.1) to at least two proteins from this database. The 1437 reads meeting those criteria were used as seeds for targeted, localized genome assembly using an alpha version of the Paired-Read Iterative Contig Extension (PRICE) software (open-source and available for free download at http://derisilab.ucsf.edu/software/price/index.html) (8). Eight cycles of contig extension generated 1,217 contigs, eight of which generated alignments with expect values $\leq 10^{-3}$ with at least one of the custom database proteins from above. Further assembly cycles seeded with those eight contigs generated three contigs of 9926 nt, 1808 nt, and 97 nt; the translated sequences of the two longer contigs contained significant similarity to proteins from our custom database. Those contigs were connected through PCR amplification and extended by primer walking as described below.

9. Genomic DNA library construction/screening and primer walking: Genomic DNA was mechanically sheared by pipetting into fragments that were ca. 40 kb in length. These fragments were purified by low-melt agarose gel electrophoresis and isolated from the gel according to instructions from the Epicentre Biotechnologies fosmid library preparation manual. A genomic DNA fosmid library of approximately 10,000 clones was prepared from the pCC2FOS vector.

A portion of the library was screened by colony PCR (Platinum PCR Supermix) by a strategy that has been previously reported (9), checking for the presence of a portion of the *berB* gene

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^{3.} Altschul SF *et al.* (1997) Gapped BLAST and PSI–BLAST: a new generation of protein database search programs. *Nucleic Acids Res* 25:3389–3402.

^{4.} Engelhardt K, Degnes KF, Zotchev SB (2010) Isolation and characterization of the gene cluster for biosynthesis of the thiopeptide antibiotic TP-1161. *Appl Environ Microbiol* 76:7093–7101.

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^{7.} Brüggemann H *et al.* (2004) The complete genome sequence of *Propionibacterium acnes*, a commensal of human skin. *Science* 305:671–673.

^{8.} Ruby JG, Bellare P, DeRisi JL (2013) PRICE: Software for the Targeted Assembly of Components of (Meta)Genomic Sequence Data. *G3* doi: 10.1534/g3.113.005967.

^{9.} Young TS, Walsh CT (2011) Identification of the thiazolyl peptide GE37468 gene cluster from *Streptomyces* ATCC 55365 and heterologous expression in *Streptomyces lividans*. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 108:13053–13058.

(see *SI Appendix*, Fig. S1) to identify positive clones (BernContigAFor + BernContigARev primers). BamHI-HF and EcoRI-HF digestion revealed six of the clones to be unique.

Primer walking (5'Walk primer, Genewiz) off the *berE₁* gene, outward from the cluster, revealed the presence of a gene encoding EF-Tu, which allowed the cluster to be connected with another contig from the Illumina sequencing. [The Illumina sequencing was corrected at two nucleotides by PCR amplification (primer combinations were EFTuFwd1 + EFTuRev1, EFTuFwd2 + EFTuRev2) of the EF-Tu gene in the fosmid DNA and traditional sequencing (Genewiz).] This contig contained genes encoding for EF-G and the ribosomal S7 and S12 proteins. Five out of the six clones, however, did not contain the full cytochrome P450 gene, *berH* (*SI Appendix*, Fig. S1). Fortunately, one clone contained both the P450 gene (confirmed by PCR, P450Fwd2 + P450Rev2 primers), the EF-Tu gene (EFTuFwd1 + EFTuRev1 primers) and the S12 gene (S12Fwd + S7Rev primers).

This one clone was cultured overnight in 1000 mL LB media [2.8-L baffled flask, 2 mL induction solution (Epicentre), 12.5 μg/mL chloramphenicol, 37 °C, 250 rpm]. After 18 h, the culture was centrifuged (6000 rpm for 15 min) and the liquid decanted. The fosmid was isolated from the cell pellet by Qiagen Maxiprep Kit.

Primer walking off the fosmid obtained above (3EndFwd primer, Genewiz) from *berH* away from the cluster showed that it contained the *berI* and *berJ* genes as well as an LmbE family acyl transferase, which is presumably not related to berninamycin production. This one clone thus appeared to contain all the genes necessary for berninamycin synthesis in *S. bernensis* and greatly resembled the TP-1161A (35-membered ring thiopeptide) gene cluster reported previously (*SI Appendix*, Fig. S1 and Table S1) (4,10).

10. Synthesis of the pSET152+bern plasmid: The sequencing effort also showed an SbfI restriction site in the S12 protein and a NotI site at the C-terminus of the acyl transferase, neither of which was present anywhere within the berninamycin gene cluster. We took advantage of these natural restriction sites surrounding the gene cluster to clone it into the pSET152 shuttle vector (*SI Appendix*, Fig. S2).

A portion of the ca. 48 kb fosmid containing the entire berninamycin cluster, which was obtained through the Maxiprep discussed above, was subjected to restriction digest with SbfI-HF and NotI-HF restriction endonucleases: DNA template (27 μL, 750 ng/μL, ca. 20.25 μg), deionized water (309 μL), NEBuffer 4 (40 μL, 10X), BSA (4 μL, 100X), SbfI-HF (10 μL, 20U/μL), NotI-HF (10 μ L, 20U/ μ L) were mixed in an Eppendorf tube and incubated for 1 h at 37 °C. The enzymes were then heat inactivated for 10 min at 65 °C and the mixture purified by agarose gel electrophoresis. The portion of the gel that contained DNA that was ca. 17.3 kb in length was cut and the DNA isolated by Qiagen Gel Extraction Kit. The sample was then purified and concentrated by Zymo Clean and Concentrator-5 Kit.

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^{10.} Engelhardt K *et al.* (2010) Production of a new thiopeptide antibiotic, TP-1161, by a marine *Nocardiopsis* species. *Appl Environ Microb* 76:4969–4976.

To introduce the cluster into the pSET152 vector, two SbfI restriction sites first had to be removed from the pSET152 plasmid and the SbfI and NotI sites introduced into the *lacZ* gene. All four mutations were accomplished by Quikchange [pfuTurbo polymerase; transformation into chemically competent One Shot Top10 *E. coli*; plating (LB agar containing apramycin) and culturing of the *E. coli* found to have apramycin resistance; and isolation of the plasmid by Qiagen Miniprep Kit]. The following primers were used: pSETQkchngFwd1 + pSETQkchngRev1 to remove the first SbfI site, pSETQkchngFwd2 + pSETQkchngRev2 to remove the second SbfI site, and pSETbernSbfI2 + pSETbernNotI2 to introduce the restriction sites into *lacZ*. Successful introduction of the mutations was confirmed at each stage by DNA sequencing (Genewiz).

Restriction digest was then carried out on the modified pSET152 plasmid with the SbfI-HF and NotI-HF restriction endonucleases analogously to the fosmid digestion outlined above except that DpnI (2 μ L) and CIP (2 μ L) were also added to the reaction. The mixture was then purified by agarose gel electrophoresis, the portion of the gel that contained the desired pSET152 vector was excised, and the DNA isolated by Qiagen Gel Extraction Kit. The sample was then purified and concentrated by Zymo Clean and Concentrator-25 Kit.

Ligation of the berninamycin gene cluster (929 ng "insert", ca. 17.3 kb) to the pSET152 vector (77 ng, ca. 5.4 kb) was accomplished with T4 DNA ligase (0.3 μ L) on a 10 μ L scale (1 μ L T4 ligase buffer, 10X); this corresponds to roughly a 4:1 molar ratio of insert:vector. The reaction was set up at 0 °C and run for 12 h at 16 °C before heat inactivation of the enzyme at 70 °C for 10 min. The ligation reaction was then stored at 4 °C until transformation by electroporation (Section 12).

11. Preparation of electrocompetent One Shot Top10 *E. coli* **and ET12567/pUZ8002** *E. coli***:** Four starter cultures of One Shot Top10 *E. coli* (no antibiotic used) or ET12567/pUZ8002 *E. coli* (chloramphenicol and kanamycin at half concentrations) were begun by inoculating LB media (5 mL) in 14-mL plastic Corning tubes; the cultures were placed in a roller drum in a 37 $^{\circ}$ C incubator overnight. The starter cultures were then used to inoculate LB media (500 mL) in two 2.8-L baffled flasks such that the starting concentration had an OD_{600} of ca. 0.07. The flasks were placed in a 37 °C shaker (250 rpm) until the OD_{600} was ca. 0.50 (N.B. do not exceed an OD600 of 0.60).

The cultures were then transferred into two sterile 500-mL centrifuge bottles and the cells pelleted by centrifugation (SLA-3000 rotor, 6000 rpm, 7 min, 4 °C). The supernatant was decanted and cold, sterile 10% glycerol (500 mL) added to each pellet; the suspension was shaken vigorously to break up the pellet. The cells were again pelleted by centrifugation as above and the process repeated once more. After the second 10% glycerol wash, the two cell pellets were combined in one centrifuge bottle, washed with 10% glycerol, and the cell pellet broken up as above. The cells were pelleted by centrifugation once again and the supernatant decanted such that a small amount of liquid remained to resuspend the cells.

The cells were stored on ice and were gently resuspend by pipet. The 10% glycerol suspension of electrocompetent cells was then aliquoted into 50-μL portions in sterile Eppendorf tubes, which were then frozen on dry ice. The frozen cell suspensions were stored at –80 °C until needed (stored for up to six months).

12. Isolation of pSET152+bern from *E. coli* **and transformation to ET12567/pUZ8002 cells:** A portion of the ligation reaction (2 μ L) to furnish the pSET152+bern plasmid (Section 10) was added to electrocompetent One Shot Top10 *E. coli* (25 μL of cells) and gently mixed on ice. The entire suspension was transferred to a cold 1 mm gap electroporation cuvette (Fisher Scientific) and the DNA transformed by electroporation (1.8 V, 200 Ω resistance, 25 C capacitance). The cells were then recovered in LB or 2xYT media (500 μL) in a 14-mL Falcon tube for 1 h at 37 °C in a roller drum. A portion of the recovery solution (100 μL) was plated (LB agar with apramycin) and the plate incubated at 37 °C overnight. Resistant colonies were picked and cultured overnight (5 mL LB medium with apramycin, 37° C) and the pSET152+bern plasmid isolated from each by Qiagen Miniprep Kit. The synthesis and isolation of the pSET152+bern plasmid was confirmed by PCR amplification of the two ligation sites (CloneChk1 + S7Rev and tsrFwd + CloneChk2 primers) and DNA sequencing (Genewiz).

Successfully prepared pSET152+bern plasmid (1 μ L) was then added to electrocompetent ET12567/pUZ8002 *E. coli* (25 μL of cells) and gently mixed on ice. Transformation by electroporation was carried out as above and the cells were recovered as above for 1 h. At that time, 20 μL of the recovery solution, as well as 20 μL of 10X and 100X dilutions of the recovery solution, were streaked out onto three separate and roughly equal portions of an LB agar plate (contains half concentrations of apramycin, kanamycin, and chloramphenicol); the plate was incubated at 37 °C.

After 24 h, a single colony was picked and used to inoculate LB or 2xYT media (1 mL, with half concentrations of apramycin, kanamycin, and chloramphenicol) in a 14-mL Falcon tube, which was placed in a roller drum at 37 °C for 9 h. At that time, the entire cell suspension was plated (LB agar, half concentrations of apramycin, kanamycin, and chloramphenicol) and the plate placed in a 37 °C incubator overnight. Alternatively, a single colony could be picked and used to inoculate LB or 2xYT media (100 μL), which could be immediately plated (LB agar, with half concentrations of apramycin, kanamycin, and chloramphenicol) and the plate placed in a 37 °C incubator overnight. Either procedure produced a lawn of ET12567/pUZ8002, which contained the pSET152+bern plasmid.

13. Conjugative transfer of pSET152+bern to *Streptomyces lividans* **TK24 and** *Streptomyces venezuelae* **ATCC 10712 (2):** A lawn of *Streptomyces lividans* TK24 (*S. lividans*) or *Streptomyces venezuelae* ATCC 10712 (*S. venezuelae*) spores was prepared on SFM agar plates (incubation at 30 °C for 3–4 days). A suspension of these spores was prepared by adding LB or 2xYT media (2 mL) to each plate and scraping the spores with an L-shaped spreader; the cell suspension was transferred to a sterile Eppendorf tube by pipet. The suspension was then centrifuged (8000 rpm for 1 min) and the supernatant discarded. The cells were resuspended in LB or 2xYT (1 mL) and again centrifuged, subsequently discarding the supernatant. The procedure was repeated once more before resuspending the spores in LB or $2xYT(500 \mu L)$ and placing the Eppendorf and its contents at 50 °C for 10 min. The cell suspension was then allowed to cool to 22 °C.

During the heat shock of the *Streptomyces*, a suspension of ET12567/pUZ8002/pSET152+bern *E. coli* was prepared by adding LB or 2xYT media (2 mL) to each plate and scraping the spores with an L-shaped spreader; the cell suspension was transferred to a sterile Eppendorf tube by pipet. The suspension was then centrifuged (8000 rpm for 1 min) and the supernatant discarded. The cells were resuspended in LB or 2xYT (1 mL) and again centrifuged, subsequently discarding the supernatant. The procedure was repeated once more before resuspending the *E. coli* in LB or $2xYT(250 \mu L)$.

A portion of the *Streptomyces* spore suspension (250 μL) was added to the suspension of ET12567/pUZ8002/pSET152+bern and gently mixed by pipet. The suspension was centrifuged $(8000$ rpm for 1 min) and the supernatant discarded. The cells were resuspended in LB or $2xYT$ (100 μ L), serial dilutions prepared of each mixture (10X, 100X, and 1000X), and a portion of each concentration of cells $(10 \mu L)$ streaked on its own quadrant of an SFM agar plate (supplemented with 10 mM MgCl₂). The plates were incubated at 30 °C for 16–20 h at which time a 1 mL solution of antibiotics was overlaid on the plate (0.5 mg/mL nalidixic acid and 1.25 mg/mL apramycin). The plates were then incubated at 30 \degree C for 4 days. Two colonies were picked from each plate and restreaked on SFM plates (containing apramycin and nalidixic acid). The plates were incubated at 30 °C for 4 days.

14. PCR-directed mutagenesis to introduce the T3A, T4A, and T5A mutations into the *berA* **gene on the pSET152+bern plasmid:** To obtain the mutant plasmids, an insert (contains *berD*, the mutant *berA*, and *berB*) was ligated to the pSET152+bern vector (consists of the pSET152+bern plasmid minus *berD*, *berA*, and *berB*), both prepared by the procedure outlined below and illustrated for the T3A mutation in *SI Appendix*, Fig. S4.

For the T3A mutant insert, two PCRs were run where one primer in each reaction contained the T3A mutation and the other primer overlapped with one of two restriction sites: NsiIRestr + T3AMutRev and SpeIRestr + T3AMutFwd (200 μL reactions for each with HF-Phusion Mastermix and 3% DMSO added; pSET152+bern plasmid as the template in each case). The PCR products were purified by agarose gel electrophoresis, the portion of the gel that contained the desired product was excised, and the DNA isolated by Qiagen Gel Extraction Kit. The sample was then purified and concentrated by Zymo Clean and Concentrator-5 Kit.

A PCR was then run to link the two PCR products obtained above: the two PCR products were mixed in approximately equimolar amounts along with the NsiIRestr and SpeIRestr primers (400 μL reaction with HF-Phusion Mastermix and 3% DMSO added). The product of this overlap PCR was then subjected to SpeI restriction digest (10-fold over-digestion with SpeI restriction endonuclease in NEBuffer 4 with BSA) at 37 °C for 2 h; the solution was then purified by Zymo

Clean and Concentrator-5 Kit. The obtained solution was then subjected to NsiI restriction digest (10-fold over-digestion with NsiI restriction endonuclease in NEBuffer 3) at 37 °C for 2 h. Subsequently, the DNA was purified by agarose gel electrophoresis, the portion of the gel that contained the desired product was excised, and the DNA isolated by Qiagen Gel Extraction Kit. The sample was then purified and concentrated by Zymo Clean and Concentrator-5 Kit.

To obtain the pSET152+bern vector, the pSET152+bern plasmid was first subjected to SpeI restriction digest (10-fold over-digestion with SpeI restriction endonuclease in NEBuffer 4 with BSA) at 37 °C for 2 h; the solution was then purified by Zymo Clean and Concentrator-5 Kit. The obtained solution was then subjected to NsiI restriction digest (10-fold over-digestion with NsiI restriction endonuclease in NEBuffer 3; 3 μL of CIP was also added to the mixture) at 37 °C for 2 h. Subsequently, the DNA was purified by agarose gel electrophoresis, the portion of the gel that contained the desired product was excised, and the DNA isolated by Qiagen Gel Extraction Kit. The sample was then purified and concentrated by Zymo Clean and Concentrator-5 Kit.

The T3A mutant insert (ca. 54.0 ng) was ligated to the pSET152+bern vector (ca. 54.0 ng) with T4 DNA ligase $(0.3 \mu L)$ on a 10 μL scale $(1 \mu L)$ T4 ligase buffer); this corresponds to roughly a 4:1 molar ratio of insert: vector. The reaction was set up at 0 °C and run for 12 h at 16 °C before heat inactivation of the enzyme at 70 °C for 10 min. The ligation reaction was then stored at 4 °C until transformation to electrocompetent One Shot Top10 *E. coli* by electroporation as in section 11. The integrity of the ligation sites was checked by DNA sequencing (Genewiz) the plasmid obtained from the One Shot Top10 *E. coli* (StrucFwd1 and StrucRev1 primers); the successful introduction of the mutation was also checked by DNA sequencing (Genewiz) with the BernContig2F and tclMFwd primers.

The pSET152+bern T3A mutant plasmid was isolated from One Shot Top10 *E. coli* and transformed to electrocompetent ET12567/pUZ8002 *E. coli* as described in section 12. Conjugative transfer of the plasmid to *S. lividans* TK24 was accomplished as described in section 13. An analogous procedure to prepare the T4A and T5A mutants was also carried out with the following primers used to introduce the mutations to the *berA* gene: NsiIRestr + T4AMutRev and SpeIRestr + T4AMutFwd for the T4A mutation and NsiIRestr + T5AMutRev and SpeIRestr + T5AMutFwd for the T5A mutation.

15. Small scale heterologous expressions of *S. bernensis, S. venezuelae***/pSET152+bern (wt),** *S. venezuelae***/pSET152,** *S. lividans***/pSET152+bern (wt, T3A, T4A, and T5A), and** *S. lividans***/pSET152:** 25 mL Seed media (no antibiotic) in a 250-mL baffled Erlenmeyer flask, containing approximately 20 glass beads, was inoculated with spores from a plate of *S. bernensis* grown on Bennett's agar. Similar inoculations of Seed media (with apramycin) were carried out for the *S. venezuelae*/pSET152+bern (wt), *S. venezuelae*/pSET152, *S. lividans*/pSET152+bern (wt, T3A, T4A, and T5A), and *S. lividans*/pSET152 strains with spores taken directly from an agar plate. All cultures were incubated at 30 °C for three days with 250 rpm shaking.

At that point, 500 μL of the *S. bernensis* culture was used to inoculate 50 mL AF/MS media (no antibiotic) in a 250-mL baffled Erlenmeyer flask, containing approximately 20 glass beads. Similarly, AF/MS media (with apramycin) was inoculated with *S. venezuelae*/pSET152+bern (wt), *S. venezuelae*/pSET152, *S. lividans*/pSET152+bern (T4A or T5A), or *S. lividans*/pSET152 from the starter cultures. Additionally, 50 mL GYM media (with apramycin) was similarly inoculated with *S. lividans*/pSET152+bern (wt or T3A) and *S. lividans*/pSET152 from the starter cultures (11). All cultures were incubated at 30 °C for four days with 250 rpm shaking.

At that time, 10 mL of each culture was transferred to a 50-mL plastic vial, the vial and contents centrifuged (3750 rpm for 20 min), and the supernatant decanted. Approximately 10 glass beads, a copious amount of anhydrous Na2SO4, and 10 mL acetone were added to each vial, and the mixture was shaken and vortexed vigorously for 30 min. Then, the mixture was filtered through a cotton plug and the volatiles removed by rotary evaporation. The remaining residue was dissolved in 500 μL of 50:50 H₂O:MeCN and filtered through a 0.45 μM filter for High Resolution LC-MS analysis (*SI Appendix*, Table S3).

It should be noted that the quantity of macrocyclic thiopeptides produced by the *S. lividans***/pSET152+bern (wt and T3A) strains decreases over time as the strain is stored, and eventually the strains stop producing thiopeptides altogether. Conversely, the quantity of linear precursors produced by the strain remains relatively constant. Thus, in order to obtain the largest quantity of macrocycles from an expression, it is important to have freshly prepared the strain through conjugative transfer. This behavior was not exhibited by the** *S. venezuelae* **heterologous host.**

LC-MS Elution Method A:

For the *S. bernensis*, *S. venezuelae*/pSET152+bern (wt), *S. venezuelae*/pSET152, *S. lividans*/pSET152+bern (wt and T3A), and *S. lividans*/pSET152 samples, 10 μL of each sample was injected onto the C18 column and eluted according to the following program: 0.4 mL/min elution; 98:2 H₂O:MeCN isocratic for 2 min; then increase to 50:50 H₂O:MeCN over 10 min, followed by isocratic elution for 2 min; then increase to 100% MeCN over 5 min, followed by isocratic elution for 2 min. Each solvent contained 0.1% formic acid.

LC-MS Elution Method B:

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For the *S. lividans*/pSET152+bern (T4A and T5A) samples, 10 μL of each sample was injected onto the C18 column and eluted according to the following program: 0.4 mL/min elution; 98:2 H2O:MeCN isocratic for 2 min; then increase to 100% MeCN over 10 min, followed by isocratic elution for 2 min. Each solvent contained 0.1% formic acid.

^{11.} GYM was eventually found to be the optimal media for expression from *S. lividans* strains (roughly ten times the amount produced in AF/MS) whereas *S. bernensis* and *S. venezuelae* gave optimal production in AF/MS. The same metabolites are produced by the *S. lividans* strains, regardless of the media employed, including the control strain *S. lividans*/pSET152.

 a Analyzed by detection at λ = 254 nm and by the total ion chromatogram and specific mass ion extracted chromatograms. Metabolites related to berninamycin production have not been detected from fermentations of S. Iividans/pSET152+bern (T5A) nor the control strains S. Iividans/pSET152
and S. venezuelae/pSET152. ^b Mass of the protonated compound. ^c Elution m more abundant and unrelated compound and is thus obscured at 254 nm.

Fig. S7. LC-MS traces for *S. bernensis* expression in AF/MS media. a) UV trace (λ = 254 nm). b) Extracted ion chromatogram for linear-Dha₁₃. c) Extracted ion chromatogram for doubly-hydroxylated berninamycin. d) Extracted ion chromatogram for berninamycin D. e) Extracted ion chromatogram for berninamycin C. f) Extracted ion chromatogram for berninamycin A. g) Extracted ion chromatogram for berninamycin B.

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Fig. S8. LC-MS traces for *S. venezuelae*/pSET152+bern expression in AF/MS media. a) UV trace (λ = 254 nm). b) Extracted ion chromatogram for doubly-hydroxylated M+2 berninamycin. c) Extracted ion chromatogram for M+2 berninamycin D. d) Extracted ion chromatogram for M+2 berninamycin A. e) Extracted ion chromatogram for M+2 berninamycin C.

Fig. S9. UV trace (λ = 254 nm) from the *S. venezuelae*/pSET152 control expression in AF/MS media, showing a lack of any berninamycin-related metabolites.

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Fig. S10. LC-MS traces for *S. lividans*/pSET152+bern (wt) expression in GYM media. a) UV trace (λ = 254 nm). b) Extracted ion chromatogram for linear–Ser₁₃. c) Extracted ion chromatogram for linear–Dha₁₃. d) Extracted ion chromatogram for doubly-hydroxylated berninamycin. e) Extracted ion chromatogram for berninamycin D. f) Extracted ion chromatogram for berninamycin A. g) Extracted ion chromatogram for berninamycin B.

Fig. S11. LC-MS traces for *S. lividans*/pSET152+bern (T3A) expression in GYM media. a) UV trace (λ = 254 nm). b) Extracted ion chromatogram for T3A linear–Ser₁₃. c) Extracted ion chromatogram for T3A linear–Dha₁₃. d) Extracted ion chromatogram for T3A doubly-hydroxylated berninamycin. e) Extracted ion chromatogram for T3A berninamycin D. f) Extracted ion chromatogram for T3A berninamycin A. g) Extracted ion chromatogram for T3A berninamycin B.

Fig. S12. LC-MS traces for *S. lividans*/pSET152+bern (T4A) expression in AF/MS media. a) UV trace (λ = 254 nm). b) Extracted ion chromatogram for T4A linear–Ser₁₃. c) Extracted ion chromatogram for T4A linear–Dha₁₃.

Fig. S13. UV trace (λ = 254 nm) from the *S. lividans*/pSET152 control expression in GYM media, showing a lack of any berninamycin-related metabolites.

Fig. S14. UV trace (λ = 254 nm) from the *S. lividans*/pSET152 control expression in AF/MS media, showing a lack of any berninamycin-related metabolites.

MS/MS fragmentation data were consistent with the structures shown in the main text and in the the *SI Appendix*. A number of the fragments observed for berninamycin A (*SI Appendix*, Table

S4) had been observed previously by Rinehart and coworkers (12). The data are tabulated in *SI Appendix*, Tables S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9, S10, S11, S12, and S13 below. The stereochemistry of all compounds (except berninamycins A and B) is assumed based on the parent compound and its prepeptide and has not been proven spectroscopically.

Table S4. MS/MS fragmentation analysis for berninamycin A.^a

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^a 1146.3483 m/z targeted and fragmented with a CID energy of either 30 or 45 eV in positive ion mode. ^b Numbering of amino acid residues follows standard thiopeptide convention; all other descriptors follow standard peptide fragmentation nomenclature; see the key for details. ^c Previously observed fragment. ^d CID = 30 eV. ^e CID = 45 eV.

12. Lau RCM, Rinehart KL (1995) Biosynthesis of berninamycin: incorporation of 13C-labeled amino acids. *J Am Chem Soc* 117:7606–7610.

Fig. S15. MS/MS fragmentation spectra of berninamycin A. a) CID = 30 eV. b) CID = 45 eV.

Table S5. MS/MS fragmentation analysis for doubly-hydroxylated berninamycin A.^a

^a 1162.3432 m/z targeted and fragmented with a CID energy of either 30 or 55 eV in positive ion mode. ^b Numbering of amino acid residues follows standard thiopeptide convention; all other descriptors follow standard peptide fragmentation nomenclature. c CID = 30 eV. d CID = 55 eV.

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Fig. S16. MS/MS fragmentation spectra of doubly-hydroxylated berninamycin A. a) CID = 30 eV. b) CID = 55 eV.

^a 1148.3639 m/z targeted and fragmented with a CID energy of either 30 or 55 eV in positive ion mode. ^b Numbering of amino acid residues follows standard thiopeptide convention; all other descriptors follow standard peptide fragmentation nomenclature. c CID = 30 eV. d CID = 55 eV.

^a 1164.3588 m/z targeted and fragmented with a CID energy of either 30 or 55 eV in positive ion mode. \bar{b} Numbering of amino acid residues follows standard thiopeptide convention; all other descriptors follow standard peptide fragmentation nomenclature. \textdegree CID = 30 eV. \textdegree CID = 55 eV.

Table S7. MS/MS fragmentation analysis for M+2 doubly-hydroxylated berninamycin A.^a

Fig. S18. MS/MS fragmentation spectra of M+2 doubly-hydroxylated berninamycin A. a) CID = 30 eV. b) CID = 55 eV.

^a 1116.3377 m/z targeted and fragmented with a CID energy of either 30 or 45 eV in positive ion mode. ^b Numbering of amino acid residues follows standard thiopeptide convention; all other descriptors follow standard peptide fragmentation nomenclature. c CID = 30 eV. d CID = 45 eV.

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Fig. S19. MS/MS fragmentation spectra of T3A berninamycin A. a) CID = 30 eV. b) CID = 45 eV.

30 or 45 eV in positive ion mode. \bar{b} Numbering of amino acid residues follows standard thiopeptide convention; all other descriptors follow standard peptide fragmentation nomenclature. c CID = 30 eV. d CID = 45 eV.

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Fig. S20. MS/MS fragmentation spectra of T3A berninamycin B. a) CID = 30 eV. b) CID = 45 eV.

Table S9. MS/MS fragmentation analysis for T3A berninamycin B.^a

Table S10. MS/MS fragmentation analysis for the linear wt-Ser₁₃ metabolite.^a

^a 1254.4381 m/z targeted and fragmented with a CID energy of either 25 or 45 eV in positive ion mode. ^b For the purposes of this analysis, the 16 aa peptide was labeled consecutively from N-terminus to C-terminus with Ala.1 labeled as residue 1 and Dha₁₅ labeled as residue 16. All other descriptors follow standard peptide fragmentation nomenclature; see the key for details. \circ CID = 25 eV. \circ CID = 45 eV.

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Fig. S21. MS/MS fragmentation spectra of linear wt-Ser₁₃. a) CID = 25 eV. b) CID = 45 eV.

Table S11. MS/MS fragmentation analysis for the linear wt-Dha₁₃ metabolite.^a

^a 1236.4276 m/z targeted and fragmented with a CID energy of either 25 or 45 eV in positive ion mode. ^b For the purposes of this analysis, the 16 aa peptide was labeled consecutively from N-terminus to C-terminus with Ala.1 labeled as residue 1 and Dha₁₅ labeled as residue 16. All other descriptors follow standard peptide fragmentation nomenclature. c CID = 25 eV. d CID = 45 eV.

Fig. S22. MS/MS fragmentation spectra of linear wt-Dha₁₃. a) CID = 25 eV. b) CID = 45 eV.

Table S12. MS/MS fragmentation analysis for the linear T3A-Ser₁₃ metabolite.^a

Fragmentation Description ^b	Calc. Mass (m/z)	Found Mass (m/z)	Error (ppm)
$(b_{15}-y_1)^+$	1138.3796 1138.3707 ^c		7.81
$(b_{14}-y_2)^+$	1069.3581	1069.3512 ^c	6.45
$(b_4-y_{12})^+$	930.3489	930.3444 ^c	4.84
$(b_{11} - y_5)^+$	846.2988	846.2918 ^c	8.27
$(b_8-y_8)^+$	627.2344	627.2311 ^c	5.26
$(a_8-x_8)^+$	599.2395	599.2316^{d}	13.2
$(b_8-y_8)^+$	598.2004	598.1984 ^c	3.34
$(b_7-y_9)^+$	552.2201	552.2145 ^c	10.1
$(b_4-y_{12}-b_{11}-y_5)^+$	528.1660	528.1656 ^d	0.757
$(a_2-x_{14}-b_8-y_8 +H)^+$	515.1707	515.1679 ^c	5.44
$(a_7-x_9)^+$	500.1711	500.1712^{d}	0.200
$(b_1-y_{15}-b_7y_9)^+$	457.1289	457.1281 ^d	1.75
$(a_2-x_{14}-b_7-y_9 +H)^+$	416.1023	416.1008^{d}	3.60
$(b_4-y_{12}-b_8-y_8)^+$	333.1557	333.1539^{d}	5.40
$(b_4-y_{12})^+$	295.0859	295.0848 ^d	3.73
$(b_{10} - y_6 - b_{13} - y_3)^+$	206.0560	206.0549^{d}	5.34

^a 1224.4276 m/z targeted and fragmented with a CID energy of either 25 or 50 eV in positive ion mode. ^b For the purposes of this analysis, the 16 aa peptide was labeled consecutively from N-terminus to C-terminus with Ala.1 labeled as residue 1 and Dha₁₅ labeled as residue 16. All other descriptors follow standard peptide fragmentation nomenclature. \textdegree CID = 25 eV. \textdegree CID = 50 eV.

Fig. S23. MS/MS fragmentation spectra of linear T3A-Ser₁₃. a) CID = 25 eV. b) CID = 50 eV.

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^a 1206.4170 m/z targeted and fragmented with a CID energy of either 25 or 50 eV in positive ion mode. ^b For the purposes of this analysis, the 16 aa peptide was labeled consecutively from N-terminus to C-terminus with Ala.₁ labeled as residue 1 and Dha₁₅ labeled as residue 16. All other descriptors follow standard peptide fragmentation nomenclature. CID = 25 eV. d CID = 50 eV.

Table S13. MS/MS fragmentation analysis for the linear T3A-Dha₁₃ metabolite.^a

Fig. S24. MS/MS fragmentation spectra of linear T3A-Dha₁₃. a) CID = 25 eV. b) CID = 50 eV.

For the M+2 berninamycin A analog, MS/MS fragmentation data restricted the site that differed from berninamycin A to the fifth amino acid residue; the 2 Da increase in mass indicated that the residue had been dehydrated but not oxidized. This change compared to the wild type compound could either arise from conversion of Thr_5 to a methyloxazoline, but incomplete processing to the methyloxazole, or from the transformation of Thr_5 to a Dhb moiety.

To distinguish between these two possibilities, berninamycin A and its M+2 analog were separately subjected to nickel boride reduction by adapting a known procedure (13): in a 4-mL glass vial, a solution of the thiopeptide in DMSO (20 μ L, ca. 231 μ g) was added to a suspension of nickel (II) chloride hexahydrate (3.0 mg) in 50:50 MeOH:H2O (250 μL). An excess amount of sodium borohydride was added (ca. 15.0 mg) and the vial was loosely capped; the mixture became black immediately and H_2 gas rapidly evolved. After the reaction stood for 1 h, the contents were transferred to an Eppendorf tube and centrifuged to pellet the insoluble material.

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^{13.} Martin NI *et al.* (2004) Structural characterization of lacticin 3147, a two-peptide lantibiotic with synergistic activity. *Biochemistry* 43:3049–3056.

A portion of the supernatant (100 μ L) was added to 50:50 MeCN:H₂O (200 μ L) and filtered through a 0.45 μM filter for High Resolution LC-MS analysis (10 μL of this solution injected).

For berninamycin A, all seven alkenes within the natural product were hydrogenated; the thiazole was also completely reduced and desulfurized (see *SI Appendix*, Fig. S24), delivering a macrocycle with an 1134.5327 Da mass (M+H, calculated). For the M+2 analog, the same sequence of events occurred to furnish an 1136.5483 Da compound (M+H, calculated); see *SI Appendix*, Table S14 for analysis. This confirms that M+2 berninamycin A contains a methyloxazoline at residue 5. If there had been a Dhb at position 5, an 1138.5640 Da compound would have been obtained from these reductive conditions.

Fig. S25. Ni-catalyzed reduction of berninamycin A and M+2 berninamycin A to determine the identity of the functional group at position 5 in the M+2 compound.

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Fig. S26. LC-MS traces for the Ni-catalyzed reductions of berninamycin A and M+2 berninamycin A. a) UV trace for reduced berninamycin A (λ = 254 nm). b) Extracted ion chromatogram for reduced berninamycin A. c) UV trace for reduced M+2 berninamycin A $(\lambda = 254 \text{ nm})$. d) Extracted ion chromatogram for reduced M+2 berninamycin A.

Compound Identification	RetentionTime (min)	Calc. Mass $(m/z)^b$	Found Mass Error $(m/z)^b$	(ppm)				
reduced berninamycin A	8.22	1134.5327	1134.5426	8.7				
reduced M+2 berninamycin A	8.51	1136.5483	1136.5501	1.6				

Table S14. LC-MS analysis of the products of Ni-catalyzed reductions of berninamycin A and $M+2$ berninamycin A.^a

^a Analyzed by detection at λ = 254 nm and by the total ion chromatogram and specific mass ion extracted chromatograms. Elution method A used. ^b Mass of the protonated compound.

16. Large scale fermentations of *S. bernensis***,** *S. venezuelae***/pSET152+bern (wt), and** *S. lividans***/pSET152+bern (T3A) and isolation of major metabolites:** For *S. bernensis* expression, 50 mL Seed media (no antibiotic) in a 250-mL baffled Erlenmeyer flask, containing approximately 20 glass beads, was inoculated with spores of *S. bernensis* (20 μL of the -80 °C 25% glycerol stock prepared in section 7). Seven more identical inoculations were carried out. All cultures were incubated at 30 °C for four days with 250 rpm shaking.

Four fermenters, each containing 5-L of AF/MS, were each inoculated with 500 mL of starter culture. The cultures were maintained at $pH = 7$ with mixing at 500 rpm for the first 68 h and then 950 rpm for the last 96 h. Oxygen was kept in excess by infusion of air (or O_2 when necessary). Cells were harvested by centrifugation at 6600g and the supernatant decanted; 338 g of cell mass and insoluble portions of the media was obtained as 24 separate pellets, which were frozen at -80 °C.

The 24 approximately equal fractions (ca. 14.1 g each) were placed in 500-mL plastic centrifuge bottles and broken up with a spatula. Approximately 50 glass beads, a copious amount of anhydrous $Na₂SO₄$, and 200 mL of acetone were added to each bottle, and the mixture was shaken and vortexed vigorously for 3.5 h. At that time, the mixture was vacuum-filtered through Whatman-1 paper and the volatiles removed by rotary evaporation. To what remained was added 125 mL saturated aqueous NaCl and 150 mL EtOAc; the mixture was shaken and the layers separated. The water layer was washed with additional EtOAc (2 X 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na2SO4, vacuum-filtered through Whatman-1 paper, and the volatiles removed by rotary evaporation to deliver a viscous brown oil.

The oil was dissolved in 20 mL 50:50 H_2O :MeCN (many solids did not dissolve) and filtered by syringe through a 0.45 μM filter, which was subsequently rinsed with 6 mL 50:50 $H₂O$:MeCN. 2 mL of the sample was then purified by preparative HPLC: 15 mL/min elution; 75:25 $H₂O$:MeCN isocratic for 2 min; then increase to 40:60 $H₂O$:MeCN over 3 min, followed by isocratic elution for 2 min; then increase to $15.85 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$:MeCN over 15 min, followed by isocratic elution for 2 min. Each solvent contained 0.1% formic acid. The peak corresponding to berninamycin A was collected by hand. The remainder of the sample was purified in six equal portions of 4 mL each. The combined fractions of berninamycin A were concentrated *in vacuo*

to remove the volatiles and the water was lyophilized. The white powder was then redissolved in $3 \text{ mL } 50:50 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$:MeCN and again purified by preparative HPLC (1-mL batch and then a 2-mL batch): 15 mL/min elution; $75:25$ H₂O:MeCN isocratic for 2 min; then increase to $55:45$ H2O:MeCN over 8 min, followed by isocratic elution for 3 min; then increase to 15:85 H₂O:MeCN over 7 min, followed by isocratic elution for 3 min. Each solvent contained 0.1% formic acid. The peak corresponding to berninamycin A was once again collected by hand. The combined fractions of berninamycin A were concentrated *in vacuo* to remove the volatiles and the water was lyophilized. Berninamycin A (130 mg) was collected as a white powder.

For *S. venezuelae*/pSET152+bern (wt) expression, 50 mL Seed media (with apramycin) in a 250 mL baffled Erlenmeyer flask, containing approximately 20 glass beads, was inoculated with spores of *S. venezuelae*/pSET152+bern (wt) taken directly from an agar plate. Seven more identical inoculations were carried out. All cultures were incubated at 30 °C for three days with 250 rpm shaking.

Four fermenters, each containing 5-L of GYM (with apramycin), were each inoculated with 500 mL of starter culture. The cultures were maintained at $pH = 7$ with mixing at 500 rpm for the first 68 h and then 950 rpm for the last 96 h. Oxygen was kept in excess by infusion of air (or $O₂$) when necessary). Cells were harvested by centrifugation at 6600g and the supernatant decanted; 136 g of cell mass was obtained as 24 separate pellets, which were frozen at –80 °C.

The 24 approximately equal fractions (ca. 5.7 g each) were placed in 500-mL plastic centrifuge bottles and broken up with a spatula. Extractions of the cell pellets were performed as was done for the *S. bernensis* fermentation to deliver an orange-brown semi-solid.

The oil was dissolved in 5 mL 50:50 H₂O:MeCN (many solids did not dissolve) and filtered by syringe through a 0.45 μM filter, which was subsequently rinsed with 5 mL 50:50 $H₂O$:MeCN. 2 mL of the sample was then purified by preparative HPLC: 15 mL/min elution; 75:25 H₂O:MeCN isocratic for 2 min; then increase to 40:60 H₂O:MeCN over 3 min, followed by isocratic elution for 2 min; then increase to $15.85 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$:MeCN over 15 min, followed by isocratic elution for 2 min. Each solvent contained 0.1% formic acid. The peak corresponding to M+2 berninamycin A was collected by hand as was the doubly-hydroxylated version of M+2 berninamycin A. The remainder of the sample was purified in four equal portions of 2 mL each. The combined fractions of M+2 berninamycin A were concentrated *in vacuo* to remove the volatiles and the water was lyophilized; the same was done for the doubly-hydroxylated version of M+2 berninamycin A. The brown powder for M+2 berninamycin A was then redissolved in 3 mL 50:50 H2O:MeCN and again purified by preparative HPLC (1-mL batch and then a 2-mL batch): 15 mL/min elution; $75:25$ H₂O:MeCN isocratic for 2 min; then increase to $55:45$ H2O:MeCN over 8 min, followed by isocratic elution for 3 min; then increase to 15:85 H2O:MeCN over 7 min, followed by isocratic elution for 3 min. Each solvent contained 0.1% formic acid. The same was done for the doubly-hydroxylated version of M+2 berninamycin A. The peak corresponding to M+2 berninamycin A was once again collected by hand as was the peak for the doubly-hydroxylated version of M+2 berninamycin A. The combined fractions of M+2 berninamycin A were concentrated *in vacuo* to remove the volatiles and the water was lyophilized. M+2 berninamycin A was collected as a light brown powder. Similarly, doublyhydroxylated M+2 berninamycin A was collected as a light brown powder.

For *S. lividans*/pSET152+bern (T3A) expression, 50 mL Seed media (with apramycin) in a 250 mL baffled Erlenmeyer flask, containing approximately 20 glass beads, was inoculated with spores of *S. lividans*/pSET152+bern (T3A) taken directly from an agar plate. One additional identical inoculation was carried out. The cultures were incubated at 30 °C for three days with 250 rpm shaking.

A fermenter, containing 5-L of GYM (with apramycin), was inoculated with 50 mL of starter culture. The cultures were maintained at $pH = 7$ with mixing at 500 rpm for the first 68 h and then 950 rpm for the last 96 h. Oxygen was kept in excess by infusion of air (or O_2 when necessary). Cells were harvested by centrifugation at 6600g and the supernatant decanted; the six approximately equally-sized pellets were not massed and were frozen at –80 °C.

The six pellets were transferred to 500-mL plastic centrifuge bottles and broken up with a spatula. Extractions of the cell pellets were performed as was done for the *S. bernensis* fermentation to deliver a viscous brown oil.

The oil was dissolved in 5 mL 50:50 $H₂O$:MeCN (many solids did not dissolve) and filtered by syringe through a 0.45 μM filter, which was subsequently rinsed with 5 mL 50:50 $H₂O$:MeCN. 2 mL of the sample was then purified by preparative HPLC: 15 mL/min elution; 75:25 H₂O:MeCN isocratic for 2 min; then increase to 40:60 H₂O:MeCN over 3 min, followed by isocratic elution for 2 min; then increase to $15:85 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$:MeCN over 15 min, followed by isocratic elution for 2 min. Each solvent contained 0.1% formic acid. The peak corresponding to T3A berninamycin A was collected by hand. The remainder of the sample was purified in four equal portions of 2 mL each. The combined fractions of T3A berninamycin A were concentrated *in vacuo* to remove the volatiles and the water was lyophilized. The white powder was then redissolved in 3 mL 50:50 H₂O:MeCN and again purified by preparative HPLC (1-mL batch and then a 2-mL batch): 15 mL/min elution; $75:25 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$:MeCN isocratic for 2 min; then increase to 55:45 H2O:MeCN over 8 min, followed by isocratic elution for 3 min; then increase to 15:85 H₂O:MeCN over 7 min, followed by isocratic elution for 3 min. Each solvent contained 0.1% formic acid. The peak corresponding to T3A berninamycin A was once again collected by hand. The combined fractions of T3A berninamycin A were concentrated *in vacuo* to remove the volatiles and the water was lyophilized. T3A berninamycin A was collected as a white powder.

17. Minimum inhibitory concentration assays: Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) assays were performed as described previously (1) . Berninamycin A, its T3A analog, the M+2 analog of berninamycin A, and the double hydroxylated variant of the M+2 compound were screened against the strains *B. subtilis* PY79 and MRSA MW2 (see *SI Appendix*, Table S15). The concentrations of all four compounds as solutions in DMSO were determined by integration of each compound's peak from an LC-MS elution (measured at $\lambda = 254$ nm) in comparison with the standard curve established for berninamycin A (*vide infra*); for the purposes of this assay, the extinction coefficients of the four compounds were presumed to be approximately equal.

B.subtilis PY79 $6.3 \mu M$	MRSA MW2 $10.9 \mu M$
>400 µM	ND
	ND
	ND
	$>200 \mu M$ $>200 \mu M$

Table S15. MIC of berninamycin and related analogues

The concentration of berninamycin A in solution was determined by standard curve according to the following protocol: 1.9 mg of berninamycin A was dissolved in MeCN (950 μL) and DMSO (500 μL); H₂O (450 μL) was added to give a final concentration of 1.0 mg/mL. Similarly, 4.0 mg of berninamycin A was dissolved in MeCN (1000 μL) and DMSO (500 μL); H2O (500 μL) was added to give a final concentration of 2.0 mg/mL. Each sample was diluted 10-fold with 50:50 MeCN:H₂O. A portion of each sample (10 μ L, corresponding to 1.0 μ g and 2.0 μ g of berninamycin from each sample) was separately injected onto the C18 column and eluted on the High Resolution LC-MS. The peak corresponding to berninamycin A was integrated at 254 nm for each sample: from the 1.0 mg/mL sample, 1.0 μg of berninamycin A integrated for 10,752.49 units, and from the 2.0 mg/mL sample, 2.0 μg of berninamycin A integrated for 16,533.43 units. Thus, the average integration for 1.0 μ g of berninamycin A at 254 nm = 9,419.6 units.

18. ¹ H and 13C NMR data for berninamycin A: The NMR data obtained closely matched that obtained by Rinehart and coworkers (12); see *SI Appendix*, Tables S16 and S17 below.

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Table S16. Berninamycin A ¹³C resonances, which

 $\frac{1}{2}$ Spectrum was recorded from a sample prepared in d_6 -DMSO. $\frac{b}{c}$ Chemical shift in ppm from tetramethylsilane.

¹ H NMR (δ , #, mult, J-value) ^b	COSY	HSQC	HMBC	ROESY	Atom #
10.54, 1, s			162.98, 107.15		9
9.79, 1, s			163.67, 159.08, 112.30	5.77	21
9.61, 1, s			170.34, 156.10, 106.38	4.65	33
9.56, 1, s			169.68, 129.73	4.59, 4.33	52
9.45, 1, s			166.10, 162.98, 106.99	6.04, 5.84	5
9.39, 1, s			164.73, 160.57, 103.88		43
9.36, 1, s			163.67, 160.46, 106.84		25
8.69, 1, s		141.48	159.08		17
8.51, 1, d, 8.4 Hz	8.24	141.91	150.20, 147.80, 141.48		13
8.49, 1, s		127.78	164.09		60
8.24, 1, d, 7.8 Hz	8.51	122.39	131.16		12
8.22, 1, d, 8.4 Hz	4.65		164.73	5.84	39
8.00, 1, d, 8.4 Hz	4.59		160.87		57
7.94, 1, s			166.10	7.51, 5.70	$\mathbf{1}$
7.51, 1, s			166.10, 136.03	7.94, 5.70	$\mathbf{1}$
6.49, 1, q, 7.2 Hz	1.73	129.73	157.60, 123.95	1.73	50
6.48, 1, s		103.88	164.73, 134.42	5.84	42
6.44, 1, s		107.15	162.98, 135.64	5.84	8
6.37, 1, s		106.84	163.67, 134.81	5.77	24
6.15, 1, s		106.38	156.10, 129.47	5.67	32
6.04, 1, s		106.99	166.10, 136.03	9.45, 5.70	$\overline{2}$
5.84, 2, s		103.88, 107.15	164.73, 162.98	9.45, 6.48, 6.44	8,42
5.77, 1, s		106.84	163.67	9.79, 6.37	24
5.72, 1, s		112.30	159.08, 130.29		20
5.71, 1, s		112.30	159.08, 130.29		20
5.70, 1, s		106.99	166.10, 136.03	6.04	$\overline{2}$
5.67, 1, s		106.38	156.10	6.15	32
4.65, 1, d, 8.4 Hz	8.22	62.69	170.34, 164.73, 72.00, 28.29, 27.01	9.61	35
4.59, 1, dd, 9.0, 3.6 Hz	8.00, 4.33-4.27	58.70		9.56	54
4.33-4.27, 1, m	4.59, 1.14	68.35		9.56	55
2.63, 3, s		12.42	155.52, 130.10 or 130.12		29 or 47
2.60, 3, s		12.52	154.58, 130.10 or 130.12		29 or 47
1.73, 3, d, 8.4 Hz	6.49	14.72	157.60, 129.73, 123.95		51
1.23, 3, s		28.29	72.00, 62.69, 27.21		37 or 38
1.21, 3, s		27.01	72.00, 62.69, 28.29		37 or 38
1.14, 3, d, 6.6 Hz	$4.33 - 4.27$	21.48	68.35, 58.70		56

Table S17. Berninamycin A NMR structural assignment for ¹H and their correlated ¹³C resonances.^a

 a All spectra were recorded from a sample prepared in d₆-DMSO. b δ = chemical shift in ppm from tetramethylsilane; # = number of protons; mult = multiplicity; J-value = coupling constant.