Supporting Information

New reactions and products resulting from alternative interactions between the P450 enzyme and redox partners

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Methods

General experimental procedures. Liquid chromatography mass spectrometry (LC-MS) analysis was carried out on an Agilent 1290-6430 spectrometer using a Waters symmetry column (4.6 mm \times 150 mm, RP18) with the water (+ 0.1% formic acid) and acetonitrile (+ 0.1% formic acid) biphasic solvent system. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded by a Dionex Ultimate 3000 coupled to a Bruker Maxis Q-TOF. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were acquired on a Bruker 600 MHz spectrometer. NMR data were processed using MestReNova software. Reverse phase high performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC) was employed to purify mycinamicin derivatives using a Waters XBridge 5 μ m C18 column with a solvent system of acetonitrile and water supplemented with 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA). The UV-visible spectra were taken using a Spectrophotometer DU 800 (Beckman Coulter). The codon-optimized gene encoding spinach ferredoxin was synthesized by Genscipt. Primer synthesis and DNA sequencing was performed by Sangon Biotech at Shanghai, China.

Preparation of RhFRED, RhFRED-Fdx, MycG-RhFRED, and MycG-RhFRED-Fdx. The gene encoding RhFRED domain was PCR-amplified using the previously constructed pET28b-pikC-RhFRED (J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2007, 129, 12940-12941) as template and the primer pair of RhFRED NdeI/RhFRED HindIII (Table S1). The gel-cleaned PCR fragment was double digested by NdeI and HindIII and subsequently inserted into the *NdeI/Hind*III pre-treated pET28b to afford pET28b-*RhFRED*. The hybrid gene of *RhFRED-fdx* was prepared by overlap extension PCR (*Nat. Prot.* **2007**, 2, 924-932). Specifically, the gene fragment encoding the FMN domain of RhFRED was amplified from pET28b-RhFRED using a pair of primers including RhFRED_NdeI and FMN_Fdx. The codon optimized fdx gene was rescued from pUC57-fdx using the primers Fdx_FMN and Fdx HindIII. The two PCR products with designed overlap sequence were mixed, annealed, extended, and amplified with the RhFRED_NdeI/Fdx_HindIII primer pair, resulting in the fused gene of RhFRED-fdx. This hybrid gene was ligated into pET28b to generate pET28b-RhFRED-fdx. To get the P450-reductase fusion genes, the mycG gene with stop codon removed was first cloned into pET28b using the NdeI/EcoRI sites, giving rise to the intermediate plasmid pET28b-mycG. Next, the re-prepared RhFRED (primers: RhFRED_EcoRI and RhFRED_HindIII) and RhFRED_fdx (primers: RhFRED_EcoRI and Fdx_HindIII) fragments bearing 5' EcoRI and 3' HindIII restriction sites were ligated into the EcoRI/HindIII pre-digested pET28b-mycG, resulting in pET28b-mycG-RhFRED and pET28b-mycG-RhFRED-fdx, respectively. Protein expression and purification of RhFRED, RhFRED-Fdx, MycG-RhFRED, and MycG-RhFRED-Fdx followed

the previously established protocol (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, *129*, 12940-12941). The functional concentration of P450 enzymes was calculated from the CO-bound reduced difference spectrum (*J. Biol. Chem.* **1964**, 239, 2379-2385) using the extinction coefficient ($\epsilon_{450-490}$) of 91,000 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹. The concentration of reductases was determined by Bradford assay (*Anal. Biochem.* **1976**, 72, 248-254) using bovine serum albumin (BSA) as standard.

MycG enzymatic assay. The standard assay containing 1 μ M MycG, 100 μ M (or 10 and 1 μ M for investigation of stoichiometric effect) RhFRED or RhFRED-Fdx, 0.5 mM substrate, and 2.5 mM NADPH in 100 μ l of reaction buffer (50 mM NaH₂PO₄, pH 7.3, 10% glycerol) was carried out at 28 °C for 2 h and quenched twice with equal volume of chloroform. The organic extracts were combined and dried by N₂ flow and re-dissolved in 100 μ l of methanol for LC-MS analysis. For the self-sufficient MycG enzymes, 1 μ M MycG-RhFRED or MycG-RhFRED-Fdx was used for replacement of 1 μ M MycG and 100 μ M reductase in the above standard reaction. Measurements of NADPH coupling efficiency followed Ba *et al.* (*Biotechnol. Bioeng.* **2013**, 110, 2815-2825) with slight modifications.

Detection of formaldehyde using Purpald reagent. The reaction containing 1 μ M MycG, 100 μ M RhFRED or RhFRED-Fdx, 0.5 mM substrate, and 2.5 mM NADPH in 100 μ L reaction buffer (50 mM NaH₂PO₄, pH 7.3, 10% glycerol) was carried out at 28 °C. After 2h incubation, 50 μ L of 2 M NaOH solution containing 150 mM Purpald reagent (Sigma Aldrich) was mixed with 50 μ L reaction solution. The A_{550 nm} of mixture was measured using the plate reader of Synergy HT (BioTek). However, this assay is not suitable for quantification due to the reactive nature of formaldehyde.

One phase exponential decay kinetics for MycG reactions using M-IV as substrate. The standard assay contained 1 μ M MycG, 100 μ M RhFRED or RhFRED-Fdx, 0.5 mM M-IV, and 2.5 mM NADPH in 100 μ l of reaction buffer (50 mM NaH₂PO₄, pH 7.3, 10% glycerol). For the self-sufficient MycG catalysed reaction, 1 μ M MycG-RhFRED or MycG-RhFRED-Fdx was used to replace of 1 μ M MycG and 100 μ M reductase in the above described standard reaction. The reactions were carried out at 28 °C, and quenched by adding equal volume of chloroform at 0min, 5min, 10min, 20min, 60min and 120min. The reaction extracts were subject to HPLC analysis. The areas under curve (AUCs) of the substrate M-IV at different time points were used for fitting the one phase exponential decay curve to deduce the rate constant (*k*). All experiments were performed

in triplicate.

Determination of NADPH coupling efficiencies. By following the previously established procedure (*Biotechnol. Bioeng.* **2013**, 110, 2815-2825), the NADPH coupling efficiencies of different MycG reactions were determined as follow: NADPH consumption was monitored at 340 nm using the plate reader of Synergy HT (BioTek), and calculated with the extinction coefficient of 6.22 mM⁻¹ cm⁻¹. The substrate consumption was measured by HPLC when NADPH was depleted. All measurements were performed in duplicate. Coupling efficiency was calculated as the percentage of NADPH used for product formation (i.e. substrate consumption) over the total NADPH consumption.

Measurement of H₂O₂ concentration in MycG reactions. From different MycG reactions, 10µL aliquot of reaction mixture was taken into 50µl deinoized water and thoroughly mixed with 40µL chloroform to quench the reaction at 0min, 5min, 10min, 20min, 60min and 120min, respectively. The mixture was centrifuged and the supernatant was used for the Amplex® Red Hydrogen Peroxide/Peroxidase Assay (Life Technologies). Following the manufacturer's protocol, appropriate amounts of 20 mM H₂O₂ working solution were diluted into 1x Reaction Buffer to generate H₂O₂ serial concentrations ranging from 0 to 10 µM in a 96-well microplate. The absorbance at 560 nm of each sample well was recorded by the Synergy HT plate reader (BioTek), and the standard curve was established. Next, 10µl MycG reaction supernatant was added into 40µl 1x Reaction Buffer, and another 50 µL of 100 µM Amplex® Red reagent and 0.2 U/mL horseradish peroxigenase (HRP) was added into each microplate well to initiate the reaction. The reactions were incubated at room temperature for 30 minutes in darkness, after which A_{560 nm} values were taken and used to calculate the concentration of H₂O₂ by fitting into the standard curve. All experiments were performed in duplicate.

The effects of catalase, superoxide dismutase (SOD) and ascorbate on MycG reactions. To the standard MycG reaction containing 1 μ M MycG, 100 μ M RhFRED, and 0.5 mM substrate, 20 U bovine liver catalase (Sigma Aldrich), 2 U SOD from bovine erythrocytes (Sigma Aldrich), 20 mM ascorbate (Sigma Aldrich), and the combination of these three ROS scavengers were added, respectively, prior to the addition of 2.5 mM (final concentration) NADPH in 100 μ l of reaction mixture. After 2 h incubation at 28 °C, the reaction extracts were analyzed by HPLC to calculate the overall conversion percentage and the ratio between demethylated product and oxidized products. To evaluate the dose responses, 0, 2, 4, 20, and 200 U catalase; 0, 0.2, 1, 2, and

20 U SOD; and 0, 1, 5, 10, 100 mM ascorbate were added into the parallel MycG + RhFRED reactions, and the dose response curves were drawn with the overall conversion percentages and the ratios between demethylated product and oxidized products under the different concentrations of ROS scavengers. All experiments were performed in duplicate.

HRMS data for demethylated products. dMe-M-I: $[M + H]^+$, 698.4114 (*calc*. 698.4110 for C₃₆H₆₀NO₁₂); d2Me-M-I: $[M + H]^+$, 684.3946 (*calc*. 684.3953 for C₃₅H₅₈NO₁₂); dMe-M-II: $[M + H]^+$, 714.4074 (*calc*. 714.4059 for C₃₆H₆₀NO₁₃); dMe-M-III: $[M + H]^+$, 668.4019 (*calc*. 668.4004 for C₃₅H₅₈NO₁₁); d2Me-M-III: $[M + H]^+$, 654.3859 (*calc*. 654.3848 for C₃₄H₅₆NO₁₁); dMe-M-IV: $[M + H]^+$, 682.4161 (*calc*. 682.4160 for C₃₆H₆₀NO₁₁); dMe-M-V: $[M + H]^+$, 698.4116 (*calc*. 698.4110 for C₃₆H₆₀NO₁₂).

¹**H** NMR data for dMe-M-IV in MeOD. 7.11 (1H, dd, J = 11.0, 14.9 Hz, H-11); 6.64 (1H, dd, J = 9.2, 15.3 Hz, H-3); 6.47 (1H, d, J = 14.8 Hz, H-10); 6.29 (1H, dd, J = 11.0, 14.8 Hz, H-12); 6.12 (1H, dd, J = 9.2, 15.3 Hz, H-13); 5.94 (1H, d, J = 15.8 Hz, H-2); 4.93 (1H, dt, J = 2.9, 9.9 Hz, H-15); 4.61 (1H, d, J = 7.9 Hz, H-1"); 4.36 (1H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, H-1"); 4.02 (1H, ABs, J = 4.9, 9.4 Hz, H-21); 3.78 (1H, m, H-3"); 3.68(1H, m, H-21); 3.62(1H, m, H-4"); 3.59 (3H, s, OMe-3"); 3.55 (1H, m, H-5"); 3.53 (3H, s, OMe-2"); 3.52 (1H, m, H-5"); 3.35(1H, m, H-2"); 3.31(1H, m, H-5); 3.22 (1H, m, H-4"); 3.08 (1H, dd, J = 2.9, 8.1 Hz, H-2"); 2.84(1H, m, H-4); 2.72 (3H, s, NHMe); 2.57 (1H, m, H-14); 2.54 (1H, m, H-3"); 2.52 (1H, m, H-8); 1.96 (1H, m, H-16); 1.75(1H, m, H-4"); 1.64 (2H, m, H-7); 1.60 (1H, m, H-6); 1.54(1H, m, H-16); 1.31(3H, d, J = 6.4 Hz, H-2"); 1.25 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, H-6"); 1.18(3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, H-18); 1.01 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, H-19); 0.97 (3H, t, J = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, H-17).

The DNA sequences encoding Fdx, RhFRED, and RhFRED-Fdx

1. The spinach ferredoxin gene - fdx, codon optimized for E. coli

ATGGCGGCCTATAAAGTGACCCTGGTTACGCCGACCGGCAACGTCGAATTTCAGTGCCCGGATGA CGTGTACATTCTGGATGCAGCTGAAGAAGAAGGTATCGACCTGCCGTATAGCTGTCGTGCGGGCTC TTGCAGTTCCTGTGCCGGTAAACTGAAAACGGGCTCACTGAATCAAGATGACCAGTCGTTCCTGG ATGACGATCAAATTGACGAAGGTTGGGTTCTGACCTGCGCAGCTTACCCGGTCTCTGATGTGACG ATCGAAACCCATAAAGAAGAAGAACTGACGGCATAA

2. The gene encoding RhFRED (cyan: the natural linker between the P450 domain and the reductase domain; yellow: FMN domain; green: [2Fe-2S] domain)

3. The hybrid gene encoding RhFRED-Fdx

| Primer name | Primer sequence $(5' \rightarrow 3')$ | Function of underlined |
|----------------------|--|------------------------|
| | | bases |
| RhFRED_NdeI | CAGATT <u>CATATG</u> GTGCTGCACCGCCATCAA | <i>Nde</i> I site |
| RhFRED_HindIII | CAATG <u>AAGCTT</u> TCAGAGTCGCAGGGCCAG | HindIII site |
| FMN_Fdx | ACTTTATAGGCCGCGTGCTCGACGTCCG | <i>fdx</i> overhang |
| Fdx_FMN | CGGACGTCGAGCACGCGGCCTATAAAGT | FMN domain overhang |
| Fdx_ <i>Hind</i> III | GCCTGAAGCTTTTATGCCGTCAGTTCTTC | HindIII site |
| MycG_NdeI | CGGT <u>CATATG</u> ACTTCAGCTGAACCTAGGGCG | <i>Nde</i> I site |
| MycG_EcoRI | GGCA <u>GAATTC</u> CCACACGACCGGCAGCTCGAG | EcoRI site |
| RhFRED_EcoRI | CAGG <u>GAATTC</u> GTGCTGCACCGCCATCAACCG | EcoRI site |



Figure S1. Explanation of the secondary mass spectra of diglycosylated mycinamicins (top), *N*-mono-demethylated mycinamicins (middle), and *N*-double-demethylated mycinamicins (bottom).



Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum of M-IV in CDCl₃.



Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectrum of dMe-M-IV in MeOD.



Figure S4. The stoichiometric effect of RhFRED on the activity of MycG against M-IV (2 h reaction)



Figure S5. The time course of M-IV oxidation(s) and demethylation catalysed by MycG plus RhFRED (1:100).



Figure S6. Dose response of the MycG + RhFRED reaction toward catalase, superoxide dismutase (SOD), and ascorbate



Figure S7. H₂O₂ production by different MycG systems in the presence and absence of the substrate M-IV



Figure S8. Oxidation and demethylation of mycinamicins catalysed by MycG using five different redox systems. (i) MycG + spinach FdR + spinach Fdx (*Chem. Biol.* 2008, 15, 950-959), (ii) MycG-RhFRED, (iii) MycG + RhFRED, (iv) MycG-RhFRED-Fdx, and (v) MycG + RhFRED-Fdx. The introduced hydroxyl and epoxy groups are labelled in red. The demethylated groups are highlighted in blue. (Abbreviations: M-I-V, mycinamicin I-V; M-IX, mycinamicin IX (*FEMS Microbiol. Lett.* 2010, 304, 148-156); dMe-M-I-V, *N*-demethylated mycinamicin I-V; d2Me-M-I, *N*-didemethylated mycinamicin I; d2Me-M-III, *N*-didemethylated mycinamicin III.)