

Supporting Information

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SI Experimental Procedures

Cell-Free Translation and Toeprinting. Linear DNA templates (0.5–1 pmol) encoding the ORF of interest preceded by the T7 promoter were generated by PCR using primers shown in Table S2. The templates were used to direct transcription–translation in the Δ ribosome PURExpress cell-free system (New England Biolabs). The reactions were supplemented with antibiotics and with wild-type or mutant ribosomes prepared as described in refs. 1–3 in a total volume of 5 μ L. The reactions were incubated for 10 min at 37 °C followed by a 5-min primer extension initiated by addition of reverse transcriptase. cDNA products were separated in a 6% sequencing gel and visualized with a Typhoon imager (GE).

Chemical probing of rRNA was performed using ribosomes prepared according to ref. 3. The 50- μ L reactions containing 80 mM K-Hepes, 10 mM MgCl₂, 100 mM NH₄Cl and 200 nM ribosomes were preincubated for 5 min at 42 °C. After addition of antibiotic to a final concentration of 50 μ M, reactions were incubated for 10 min at 37 °C and 10 min at room temperature. 1-Methyl-7-nitroisatoic anhydride reagent (1M7) (4) was added to a final concentration of 16 mM; after incubation for 1.25 min at 37 °C and 1 min at room temperature, reactions were quenched by addition of stop buffer containing 3 M NaOAc and 0.5 M K-borate. As described previously (5), 1M7-modified RNA was extracted and analyzed by primer extension.

Molecular Dynamics Simulations. All simulations were performed using NAMD 2.9 (6) with the AMBER99SB force field (7, 8), which includes parameters for modified nucleosides (9). Modeling and analysis also used the program VMD (10). The

equations of motion were integrated with a 1-fs time step and bonded interactions, nonbonded short-range interactions, and nonbonded long-range interactions were calculated every one, two, and four time steps, respectively. The particle mesh Ewald method (11, 12) was used to evaluate the nonbonded long-range electrostatic interactions. All simulations were carried out in the NpT ensemble at $T = 310$ K and $P = 1$ atm with the following protocol: water and ions were first equilibrated for 2 ns with the remainder of the simulation system restrained, after which side chains of proteins and bases of nucleotides were allowed to move for another 5 ns. Finally, all restraints were released for an equilibration of an additional 10 ns. After these first 17-ns initial equilibrations, production simulations were performed for each system (Fig. S6D). All analyses were carried out using only the production simulation data.

The force-field parameters of erythromycin were optimized in two steps. In the first step, the parameterization of partial charges of atoms followed the standard procedure for AMBER, fitting restricted electrostatic potentials generated from quantum mechanics calculations at the RHF/6–31G* level (13). The calculations and fitting were performed using Gaussian (14) and Antechamber (15), respectively. In the second step, all the bonded terms were deduced based on analogous bonded types available in the AMBER99SB force field (7, 8), except for the length of bonds and the values of angles involving heavy atoms, which were taken directly from the crystal structures. The resulting parameter files and the associated topology files needed for simulations with NAMD are available at www.ks.uiuc.edu/~boliu/eryAMBER/.

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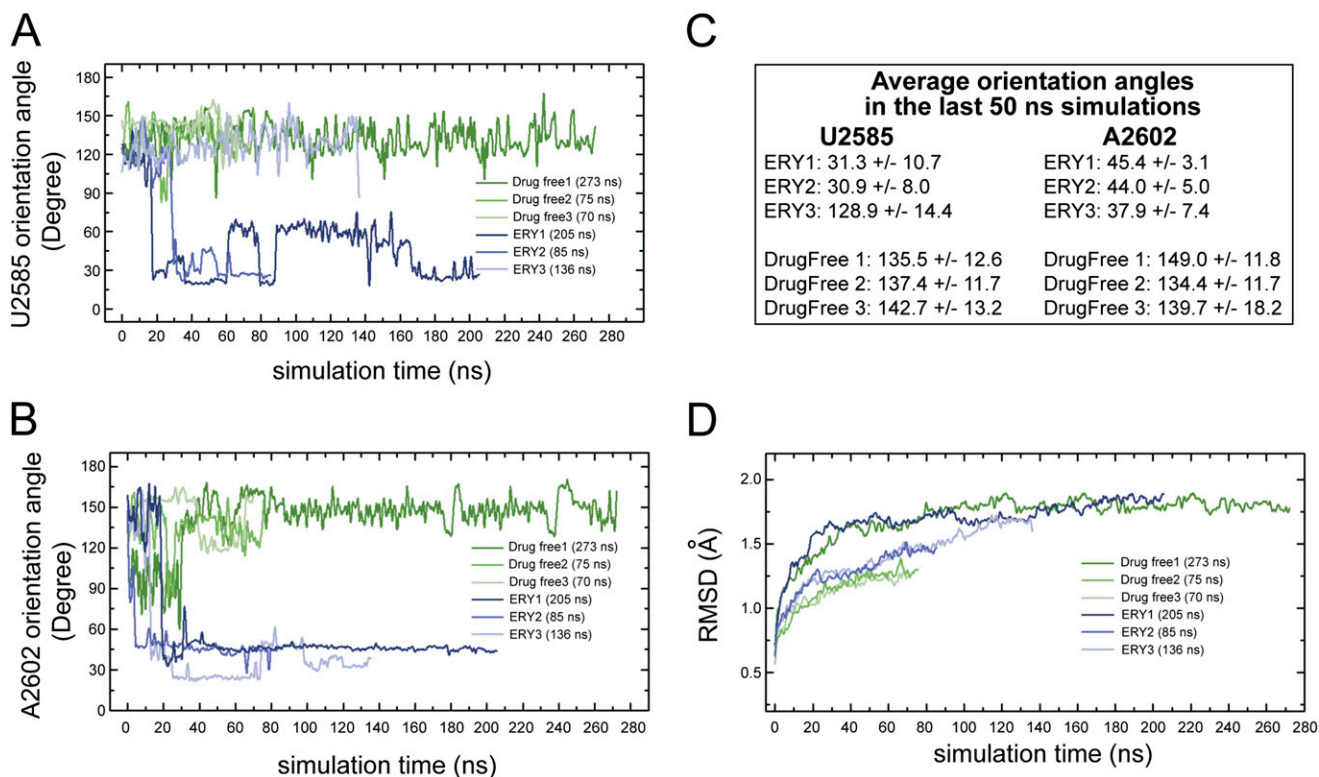


Fig. S6. Equilibration of the ribosome structure and conformations of U2585 and A2602 rRNA residues during MD simulations. (A) The changes in the orientation angle of U2585 over simulation time. The orientation angle is defined as in Fig. 6B. ERY1, ERY2, and ERY3 are independent simulations of the ERY-bound ribosome. Drug free1, Drug free2, and Drug free3 are independent simulations of the drug-free ribosome. (B) Same as A, but for A2602. (C) Average orientation angles of U2585 and A2602 during the last 50-ns simulations (\pm SD). (D) The rmsd-vs.-time plot for nonhydrogen atoms shows the progress of reaching stable equilibrium during the all-atom ribosome MD simulations. Drug-free and ERY-bound ribosome structures were aligned to reference crystallographic structures 2AVY/2AW4 and 3OFO/3OFR, respectively, and rmsd values were calculated between simulation frames and the corresponding reference structures [2AVY/2AW4 (1) for the drug-free ribosome and 3OFO/3OFR (2) for the ERY-bound ribosome]. All nonhydrogen atoms within 40 Å of U2585 in each system were considered in the rmsd calculations.

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Table S1. Putative RLR leader peptides of the macrolide resistance genes

Gene [†]	Species	Putative leader peptide [‡]	GenBank PID	GenBank GID	SD score [§]
<i>erm37</i>	<i>Kribbella flavida</i>	MGRLRP (28AA)	284033869	284027999	5
<i>ermZ*</i>	<i>Streptomyces caelestis</i> [¶]	MGPRLRR (8AA)	284518868	284518867	4
<i>ermB</i>	<i>Lactobacillus crispatus</i>	MEIRLRS (18AA)	33243437	33243436	5
<i>ermT*</i>	<i>Lactobacillus fermentum</i>	MEIRLRS (18AA)	28373207	28373195	5
<i>ermB</i>	<i>Lactobacillus reuteri</i>	MEIRLRS (18AA)	2623780	2623778	5
<i>ermB</i>	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> [¶]	MEIRLRS (18AA)	182684297	182682970	5
<i>ermB</i>	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i> [¶]	MEIRLRS (18AA)	32470479	32470458	5
<i>ermB</i>	<i>Lactococcus garvieae</i>	MEIRLRS (18AA)	187729640	187729634	5
<i>ermB</i>	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> [¶]	MEIRLRS (18AA)	256965588	242362021	5
<i>ermB</i>	<i>E. faecalis</i> [¶]	MEIRLRS (18AA)	305678698	305678685	5
<i>ermB</i>	<i>Pediococcus acidilactici</i>	MEIRLRS (18AA)	190410490	190410480	5
<i>ermB</i>	<i>S. pneumoniae</i> [¶]	MEIRLRS (18AA)	138752661	138752654	5
<i>ermD*</i>	<i>Bacillus clausii</i> [¶]	MYFIRLRF (5AA)	56965270	56961782	6
<i>ermD*</i>	<i>B. clausii</i> [¶]	MHFIRLRF (5AA)	37359459	37359457	6
<i>ermG</i>	<i>Bacteroides coprophilus</i>	MYWTRIRY (16AA)	224026271	221217255	5
<i>ermD</i>	<i>Bacillus licheniformis</i>	MTHSMRLRF (6AA)	143201	511060863	6,6
<i>ermJ</i>	<i>Bacillus anthracis</i>	MTHSMRLRF (6AA)	730032	143196	6,6
<i>msrSA</i>	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> [¶]	MTASMRK	6594277	486222549	7
<i>ermD*</i>	<i>Desmospora</i> sp.	MLVYIRLRF (5AA)	333373800	333373795	7,6
<i>ermZ*</i>	<i>S. caelestis</i> [¶]	MTQSTRLRG (82AA)	284518868	284518867	5
<i>ermD*</i>	<i>Paenibacillus</i> sp. [¶]	MRGVCRIRT (28AA)	261405179	261403876	4
<i>ermD*</i>	<i>Paenibacillus</i> sp. [¶]	MRGVRIRIT (28AA)	329930026	329930019	4
<i>ermB</i>	<i>Streptococcus suis</i>	MIVDDKIRI (6AA)	223932186	223932093	6
<i>erm36*</i>	<i>Alkaliphilus oremlandii</i>	MGIASIRIRN (4AA)	158321869	158319059	6
<i>ermB</i>	<i>Enterococcus gallinarum</i>	MWIWVKIKY (15AA)	257869905	239633765	5,8
<i>ermD*</i>	<i>Paenibacillus</i> sp. [¶]	MCCIAFIRIR	261405179	261403876	7
<i>ermU*</i>	<i>Tsukamurella paurometabola</i>	MEPHRYLRIRF (5AA)	296138265	296137750	7
<i>ermU*</i>	<i>Microlonatus phosphovororus</i>	MGIFATIERIRG (1AA)	336117971	336115651	6
<i>erm39*</i>	<i>Mycobacterium boenickei</i>	MAAMSVTHLRLRI (1AA)	73486998	73486996	6,5,5
<i>erm39*</i>	<i>Mycobacterium neworleansense</i>	MASMSVTTYIRLRI (1AA)	73487011	73487010	5,5,5
<i>erm39*</i>	<i>Mycobacterium houstonense</i>	MASMSVTTYIRLRI (1AA)	73487007	73487005	5,7,7
<i>ermX*</i>	<i>Arcanobacterium pyogenes</i>	MLISGTAFLRLRS (2AA)	38261101	38261095	6
<i>ermX*</i>	<i>Corynebacterium glucuronolyticum</i>	MLISGTAFLRLRT (2AA)	227487333	209951644	6
<i>ermX*</i>	<i>Actinomyces</i> sp.	MLVLGTASLRLRT (1AA)	329944089	329944073	5
<i>ermB</i>	<i>E. faecium</i> [¶]	MVNPVMEIRLRS (18AA)	294617740	294617735	6,5
<i>ermB</i>	<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i>	MVNPVMEIRLRS (18AA)	325955700	325955697	6,5
<i>ermB</i>	<i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i>	MVNPVMEIRLRS (18AA)	228860921	228860919	6,5
<i>ermB</i>	<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> [¶]	MVNPVMEIRLRS (18AA)	63022016	63021982	6,5
<i>ermS*</i>	<i>Streptomyces violaceusniger</i> [¶]	MPGWRVRSRLRL (20AA)	307329006	307328957	3,6
<i>erm39*</i>	<i>Mycobacterium porcinum</i>	MTAMSVTYLRRLT (1AA)	90901924	90901922	4,4,4
<i>ermQ</i>	<i>Clostridium bartlettii</i> [¶]	MIMNGGIASIRLRR	164687690	163813840	8,8
<i>erm39*</i>	<i>Mycobacterium wolinskyi</i>	MAAMSAATFFFIRIRI (3AA)	73487015	73487013	4,5
<i>ermB</i>	<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i>	MAEIVKEVMEIRLRS (18AA)	392560	392558	5,5
<i>ermU*</i>	<i>Streptomyces</i> sp.	MGATFAAYALIRLN (1AA)	302527546	224581096	5
<i>erm39*</i>	<i>Mycobacterium mageritense</i> [¶]	MTDVHNGSPTGRLS (22AA)	45758647	45758644	5
<i>erm39*</i>	<i>M. mageritense</i> [¶]	MVAMSAACFFIRIRI (1AA)	45758647	45758644	6,6,8
<i>ermX*</i>	<i>Kytococcus sedentarius</i> [¶]	MITAGRLFQARLRH (14AA)	256825598	256823905	7
<i>ermD*</i>	<i>Bacillus halodurans</i>	MIKRNAFGFRYDRLRN (16AA)	15612943	57596592	5
<i>ermX*</i>	<i>Bifidobacterium thermophilum</i> [¶]	MDIIRPMLISGTAFLRLRT (2AA)	188593347	188593344	4,7
<i>ermX*</i>	<i>B. thermophilum</i> [¶]	MDIIRPMLISGTAFLRLRT (2AA)	188593350	188593348	4,7
<i>ermX*</i>	<i>Corynebacterium diphtheriae</i>	MDIIRPMLISGTAFLRLRT (2AA)	32470494	32470491	4,7
<i>ermX*</i>	<i>Corynebacterium jeikeium</i>	MDIIRPMLISGTAFLRLRT (2AA)	13517628	13517627	4,7
<i>ermX*</i>	<i>Corynebacterium striatum</i>	MDIIRPMLISGTAFLRLRT (2AA)	32479370	32479367	4,7
<i>ermQ</i>	<i>C. bartlettii</i> [¶]	MKGVVVMKNLYIMLNKLLK (10AA)	164687690	163813840	5,8,5
<i>msrC</i>	<i>E. faecium</i> [¶]	MCGNLIKKEVGKMTASMKLRF (6AA)	10442770	552941973	4,8,7
<i>erm36*</i>	<i>Gordonia bronchialis</i>	MGLTYSAPSSARNTNMGRLRR (1AA)	262203305	262200046	4,5
<i>ermU*</i>	<i>Pseudonocardia</i> sp.	MRGRHGPNVRAVAAFMLRLRV (1AA)	324998303	324330628	6,5,5
<i>ermA</i>	<i>S. pyogenes</i> [¶]	MYMYCSSRYFISFIMKIKG (22AA)	338795795	338795780	9,7,6
<i>ermA</i>	<i>S. pyogenes</i> [¶]	MYMYCSSRYFISFIMKIKG (22AA)	94995100	94993396	9,7,6
<i>ermX*</i>	<i>K. sedentarius</i> [¶]	MAVGSPTLVGMVLVGTASLRLRS (1AA)	256825598	256823905	6,6,6
<i>ermD*</i>	<i>B. clausii</i> [¶]	MKASGVFLFSFTLSRRRFLRL (4AA)	56965270	56961782	5
<i>ermZ*</i>	<i>S. caelestis</i> [¶]	MRQQAPNSGSSSCTRPADEIRIL (49AA)	284518868	284518867	5
<i>erm¹</i>	<i>Nocardia farcinica</i>	MSRMCAA VNGACAVGAYFLRLRR (15AA)	54024690	54021964	4,6,6,6
<i>ermD*</i>	<i>Geobacillus</i> sp.	MIMLYYYRFLKMEGLVFTFIRLRS (5AA)	312109334	312109151	nd, 7,4,8

Table S1. Cont.

Gene [†]	Species	Putative leader peptide [‡]	GenBank PID	GenBank GID	SD score [§]
<i>ermF</i>	<i>Bacteroides fragilis</i>	MLPVI CGGYLLFVCIGLGLPRLRI (14AA)	255012163	222299655	6,6,7
<i>ermS</i> *	<i>S. violaceusniger</i> [¶]	MEKGVATGRTRSRLRCGDTAEI RIRD (70AA)	307329006	307328957	7
<i>ermD</i> *	<i>Paenibacillus</i> sp. [¶]	MLFYPFHLEDCPDMCCIAFI RIR	329930026	329930019	6,6
<i>ermU</i> *	<i>Catenulispora acidiphila</i>	MTPSFPPYSHINDGKIQRALARLRD (17AA)	256395256	256389232	8
<i>ermB</i>	<i>S. aureus</i> [¶]	MGEKWPSRVLGTFNSSV TRVVKLRS	329315326	329312723	4,4
<i>ermB</i>	<i>S. pneumoniae</i> [¶]	MYFSICNRRVLF TKLLAGRGERLRG (6AA)	182683142	182682970	nd, 5
<i>ermE</i> *	<i>Thermomonospora curvata</i>	MHTCAAPPGGAAAPACAPAF RRLRT (9AA)	269124773	269124277	5
<i>erm39</i> *	<i>Mycobacterium fortuitum</i>	MGQAHRRSRAEIELSVRPPAPTVAAMS VTYIRLRI (1AA)	40807669	40807664	5,5,5,5

Methyltransferase proteins of the Erm class were searched in the National Center for Biotechnology Information "nr" database with PSI-BLAST using *Streptomyces venezuelae* PikR1 (GenInfo Identifier number 3800833) as the query. The sequences were aligned with MAFFT (1), and after ambiguously aligned regions were removed, phylogenetic analysis was carried out with RaxML (2) to classify the sequences into the various subgroups of Erm methyltransferases. The reconstructed phylogenetic tree is available upon request from G.C.A. (gemma.atkinson@gmail.com) or T.T. (tanel.tenson@ut.ee). Search for upstream ORFs were performed within 500 bps upstream from the start of Erm-like methyltransferase genes. Several macrolide efflux pump genes known to be controlled by the leader ORFs were added to the table. The upstream sequences were translated in all three reading frames and scanned for ORFs starting with AUG or GUG codons and containing at least five codons. The ORFs encoding peptides containing the (R/K)(L/I)(R/K) motifs were selected, and the putative Shine–Dalgarno sequences within 21 bp upstream from a possible start codon were identified.

[†]The names of the *erm* genes previously assigned to a specific *erm* class are shown without asterisks. Genes whose class assignment is based on the proximity in the phylogenetic tree are indicated by asterisks. Leader ORFs at which ribosome stalling was assessed experimentally (Fig. S1) are highlighted in yellow. The *ermDL* ORF, which was subjected to truncation mutagenesis and detailed biochemical analysis, is highlighted in cyan.

[‡]The peptides with the initiator site within 25 codons upstream from the conserved motif are shown. Alternative potential initiation sites (corresponding to in-frame AUG or GUG codons) are indicated by boldface characters.

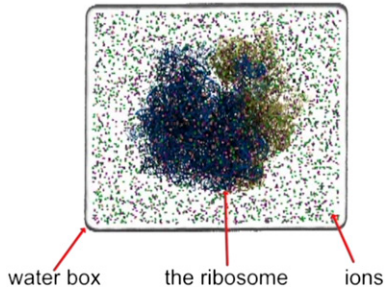
[§]The Shine–Dalgarno score (SD score) was computed by calculating the number of identical nucleotides of the best match within 21 bp upstream from a possible start codon to the idealized sequence AAGGAGGTGATC. When the first initiator codon was within less than 12 nt from the beginning of the available sequence, SD score was not determined (nd).

[¶]Same species, different strains.

^{||}No single closely homologous *erm* gene.

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simulation system



Movie S1. Conformational rearrangement of the PTC residues U2585 and A2602 induced by binding of ERY in the ribosomal exit tunnel; MD simulations.

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