

Supporting Information

Biosynthesis of versipelostatin: Identification of an enzyme-catalyzed [4+2]-cycloaddition required for macrocyclization of spirotetronate-containing polyketides

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Experimental Section

General

Oligonucleotides for the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) were purchased from Operon Biotechnologies (Tokyo, Japan). Draft genome sequencing was carried out using the Genome Analyzer IIx system (Illumina San Diego, CA).

Pulse field gel electrophoresis was performed with the CHEF Mapper[®] XA System from Bio-rad. HR-ESI-MS (negative mode) was measured using an ABSCIEX Triple TOF 5600 system equipped with a UFLC Nexera system (Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan). NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL ECA-600 spectrometer (JEOL, Tokyo, Japan) operating at 600 MHz for ¹H, 150 MHz for ¹³C nuclei. Cells were disrupted using a Branson Sonifier 250 (Emerson Japan, Tokyo, Japan). DNA manipulation was performed according to standard protocols.

Construction of BAC library and screening of BAC clones containing *vst* biosynthetic gene cluster

The construction of the BAC library of *S. versipellis* 4083-SVS6 was performed following a previously reported protocol.¹ *S. versipellis* 4083-SVS6 cells cultured in TSB medium containing 0.5% glycine for 2 days were embedded in 0.5% InCert[®] agarose (Lonza, ME, USA) before digestion with 1 mg/mL lysozyme (30 °C overnight). The resulting protoplasts were lysed by the addition of 1% sodium N-lauroylsarcosinate and 1 mg ml⁻¹ proteinase K at 50 °C for 24 h. The supernatant was removed and proteinase K was inactivated by 0.1 mM 4-(2-aminoethyl) benzenesulfonyl fluoride hydrochloride. After removal of the detergent by repeated washing with 50 mM EDTA (pH 8.0), DNA embedded in the agarose plug was partially digested by *Bam*HI and separated with CHEF electrophoresis. DNA of around 150 kb length was cut out from the gel and purified using agarose gel. Agarose gel containing DNA fragments was melted by NaI at half the gel weight. Melted agarose and NaI were removed by dialysis (0.025 μm pore size filter) against TE buffer. The residual agarose was completely digested by DNase-free agarase. Purified DNA fragments were ligated with a large *Bam*HI segment of the BAC vector pKU503D.² Then, *E. coli* NEB 10-beta was transformed by electroporation with ligated DNA. The desired clone was screened with PCR using two sets of primers *vst*-up-F and *vst*-up-R, and *vst*-down-F and *vst*-down-R designed to amplify upstream and downstream of the gene cluster. The BAC clone pKU503DverP10N24 was purified with the QIAGEN Large-Construct Kit (QIAGEN) according to the manufacturer's protocol. Complete DNA sequence of pKU503DverP10N24 was obtained by PacBio sequencing (accession number: LC006086)

Inactivation of *vstJ* gene in *S. albus* J1074:: pKU503DverP10N24

For the construction of the *vstJ* (429 bp) disruption plasmid, a 2.0 kb DNA fragment containing the region upstream of *vstJ* and a 2.0 kb DNA fragment containing the region downstream of *vstJ* were

amplified with *vstJ-del-pre_F* and *vstJ-del-pre_R*, and with *vstJ-del-post_F* and *vstJ-del-post_R*, respectively. Each of the fragments was cloned into pT7blue vector to give pT7vstJpre and pT7vstJpost confirmed by DNA sequence. Each of the plasmids was digested with *Hind*III and *Xba*I and both fragments were simultaneously cloned into the *Hind*III site of pUC118apr³ to give pUC118aprΔvstJ.

S. albus J1074::pKU503DverP10N24 was transformed with pUC118aprΔvstJ. Desired transformants were then selected on R2YE plates containing apramycin at a concentration of 25 μg ml⁻¹. The obtained transformant was cultured in R2YE medium for 2 days. Protoplasts were prepared from the transformant culture and regenerated on R2YE plates. Each of the regenerated colonies was inoculated on TSB plates with or without apramycin respectively, and an apramycin-sensitive colony was selected to obtain the *vstJ* knockout mutant, *S. albus* J1074::pKU503DverP10N24ΔvstJ. Successful deletion was confirmed by PCR amplification of the *vstJ* gene using *vstJ-F* and *vstJ-R*. (Fig. S9).

Bacterial culture

S. versipellis 4083-SVS6, *S. albus* J1074::pKU503DverP10N24, *S. albus* J1074::pKU503DverP10N24ΔvstJ and *S. albus* J1074::pKU503D (negative control) were cultivated in K medium (2.5% soluble starch, 1.5% soybean meal, dry 0.2% yeast, and 0.4% calcium carbonate, and the pH was adjusted to 6.2). After cultivation, an equivalent volume of acetone was added to the culture broth. After the extraction, the mixture was filtered with filter paper, and then the acetone was removed by evaporation and the remaining aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate.

LC/MS analytical condition

For HPLC-UV/VIS-MS analysis, 10 % MeOH containing 10 mM ammonium formate (pH3.0) and 90 % MeOH containing 10 mM ammonium formate (pH3.0) were used as eluent A and B, respectively. HPLC-UV/VIS-MS analysis was performed with a C-18 column (CAPCEL PAK C₁₈ IF 2.0 × 50 mm, Shiseido) under the following conditions: a gradient from 0 to 100 % eluent B for 6.0 min, 100 % B 6.0 min to 8.0 min, and 0 % B 8.0 to 15 min.

Preparation of the intermediate (3)

S. albus J1074::pKU503DverP10N24ΔvstJ was inoculated into PC-1 media (1.0 % Starch, 1.0 % meat extract, 1.0 % polypeptone, 1.0 % molasses, pH 7.2) including neomycin (25 μg ml⁻¹) for 2 days, at 30 °C. Two ml of preculture was inoculated in K medium (4 L) including neomycin (25 μg ml⁻¹) for 3 days, at 27 °C on a rotary shaker at 180 rpm. Cell and broth were separated by centrifugation. Cell was extracted with acetone, and then filtered with filter paper. Acetone was removed by evaporation and the remaining aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was dried by evaporation to give 480 mg of residue. The extracted residue was applied on a preparative thin layer

chromatography plate (PLC Silica gel F254, Merck, Tokyo) which was developed with ethyl acetate and hexane (v/v 3:1). The crude sample (52 mg) was then subjected to preparative HPLC using a PEGASIL ODS column (Senshu-Pak, 20 × 250 mm, Senshu, Tokyo) developed using 87.5% MeOH containing 10 mM ammonium formate (pH 3.0). Finally, **3** (12.2 mg) was obtained as a yellow oil. HR·ESI-MS: m/z 677.4410 [M-H]⁻; calculated for [M (C₄₂H₆₂O₇)-H]⁻, 677.4417.

Preparation of recombinant VstJ protein

The vstJ-F and vstJ-R primers were used to amplify the *vstJ* gene from the *S. versipellis* 4083 SVS6 genome by PCR. The PCR-amplified 0.4-kb DNA fragment was cloned into the pT7Blue T-vector to construct pT7-vstJ. The sequence of pT7-vstJ was confirmed by DNA sequencing. pT7-vstJ digested with *Nco*I and *Bam*HI, and cloned into the same sites of pHis8⁴ to give pHis8-vstJ. The pHis8-vstJ construct was then used to transform *E. coli* BL21 (DE3).

E. coli BL21 (DE3) harboring pHis8-vstJ was pre-cultured in Luria-Bertani (LB) medium containing 50 µg ml⁻¹ kanamycin at 37 °C. The pre-culture was inoculated into Terrific Broth containing kanamycin at a concentration of 50 µg ml⁻¹ and grown at 37 °C for 2 h. The broth was cooled on ice for 10 min, made 0.1 mM in isopropyl β-thiogalactopyranoside, and cultured for an additional 20 h at 18 °C. The cells were harvested by centrifugation at 3,910 × *g* at 4 °C for 10 min.

For protein extraction, cells were suspended in a buffer containing 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 20 mM imidazole, and 150 mM NaCl. The cell suspension was homogenized by sonication. The lysate was centrifuged at 34,700 × *g* at 4 °C for 20 min. VstJ was purified from the resulting supernatant using Ni-NTA Superflow resin (Qiagen, Tokyo, Japan). After washing with buffer containing 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 20 mM imidazole, and 150 mM NaCl, VstJ was eluted using the same buffer containing 250 mM imidazole. The resultant protein solution was dialyzed against 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0 and 150 mM NaCl overnight. Protein solution was concentrated to appropriate concentration with Vivaspin 10,000 MWCO (Millipore).

VstJ assay

The standard VstJ assay was performed at 30 °C in 500 µl reaction mixture containing 50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 0.5 mM of **3**, and 1 mg ml⁻¹ VstJ. At the indicated times (1, 2, 3, 5, and 60 min), a 50 µl aliquot of the reaction mixture was removed and quenched by mixing with 50 µl of methanol. After centrifugation, the supernatant was subjected to HPLC-UV/VIS-MS analysis.

To investigate pH dependence, the VstJ assay was performed at 30 °C for 30 min in 100 µl reaction mixture containing 0.5 mM of **2**, 1 mg ml⁻¹ VstJ and 50 mM HEPES-NaOH pH 6.7, 7.0, 7.5, or 50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 8.0, 8.5, 9.0 respectively. The reaction was quenched by the addition of an equal volume of MeOH and the supernatant was subjected to HPLC-UV/VIS-MS analysis.

For determination of the kinetic parameters, the VstJ assay was performed in 0.8 ml reaction mixture containing 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 10 µg ml⁻¹ VstJ in the presence of **3**. The concentration of **3** was varied from 5 µM to 60 µM. The enzyme-dependent decrease of **3** was monitored using a

UV-1600PC spectrophotometer (Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan) equipped with a CPS-240A cell holder (Shimadzu) that was adjusted to 30 °C. The initial velocities were determined from the slope of a plot of the decrease of **3** as a function of the incubation time. The molar extinction coefficient (ϵ) of **3** was 4700 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹ at 308 nm. The steady-state kinetic parameters were calculated using SigmaPlot 12.3 software (Systat Software, Point Richmond, CA).

Preparation of compound 4

Standard VstJ assay was performed at 30 °C in 100 ml volume. After overnight reaction, the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. Ethyl acetate was removed by evaporation. Then, the residue was subjected to preparative HPLC using a PEGASIL ODS column (Senshu-Pak, 20 × 250 mm, Senshu, Tokyo) developed with 90% MeOH containing 0.1% formic acid. A total of 1.0 mg of **4** (white powder) was obtained. HR-ESI-MS: m/z 677.4420 [M-H]⁻; calculated for [M (C₄₂H₆₂O₇)-H]⁻, 677.4417.

Table S1. Strains and vectors used in this study.

Vectors/Plasmids	Characteristic(s)	Source/Reference
pKU503D	BAC vector	2
pKU503DverP10N24	BAC clone including the <i>vst</i> gene cluster	This study
pUC118apr	Vector for gene inactivation	3
pUC118apr Δ vstJ	Plasmid for the <i>vstJ</i> gene inactivation	This study
pHis8-vstJ	Plasmid for overexpression of the <i>vstJ</i> gene	This study
Strain		
<i>E. coli</i>		
NEB10 β	Host for constructing BAC library	NEB
DH5 α	Host for general cloning	Takara
BAA525	Methylation-deficient donor for preparation of pUC118apr Δ vstJ	ATCC
BL21 (DE3)	Host for protein expression	Takara
<i>Streptomyces</i>		
<i>S. versipellis</i> 4083-SVS6	VST producer (wt)	5
<i>S. albus</i> J1074	Host for heterologous expression	6
<i>S. albus</i> J1074::pKU503DverP10N24	<i>S. albus</i> J1074 transformed with the VST biosynthetic gene cluster	This study
<i>S. albus</i> J1074::pKU503DverP10N24 Δ vstJ	<i>S. albus</i> J1074::pKU503DverP10N24 with the inactivated <i>vstJ</i> gene	This study

Table S2. Primers used in this study.

Primers	Sequences (5'-3')	
vst-up-F	5'-ACATGGTCGCGAGAATCGAA-3'	For screening of vst gene cluster from BAC library
vst-up-R	5'-ATCTTGGTACCGCACCCGAC-3'	For screening of vst gene cluster from BAC library
vst-down-F	5'-GGACAGCGTCGAGTACGTCA-3'	For screening of vst gene cluster from BAC library
vst-down-R	5'-CCAGTTCGCTCTTGAACGT-3'	For screening of vst gene cluster from BAC library
vstJ-del-pre_F:	5'-GGGAAGCTTCCTCTTCGCGTCTGA ACGCG-3'	For construction of pUC118aprΔvstJ (<i>Hind</i> III site was indicated as underline)
vstJ-del-pre_R:	5'-GGGTCTAGACCGACGCCTTCTCGC TTGTC-3'	For construction of pUC118aprΔvstJ (<i>Xba</i> I site was indicated as underline)
vstJ-del-post_F:	5'-GGGTCTAGAAGACGAAAGTTCC AGCTCT-3'	For construction of pUC118aprΔvstJ (<i>Hind</i> III site was indicated as underline)
vstJ-del-post_R:	5'-GGGAAGCTTGACGGGCCAGGCCA CGACCG-3'	For construction of pUC118aprΔvstJ (<i>Xba</i> I site was indicated as underline)
vstJ-F	5'-GGGCCATGG CGCGGAAGCGAGCACCGAAG-3'	For construction of pHis8-vstJ (<i>Nco</i> I site was indicated as underline)
vstJ-R	5'-GGGGGATCC TCAGCCGCGGAGGAAGAGGG-3'	For construction of pHis8-vstJ (<i>Bam</i> HI site was indicated as underline)

Table S3. Deduced functions of ORFs in *vst* biosynthetic gene cluster.

Gene	Amino acids (aa)	Proposed function	Blast hit protein [Origin]	Identity/ Similarity (%)	Accession number
-3	283	rRNA methyltransferase	rRNA methyltransferase [<i>Streptomyces albulus</i>]	77/80	WP_016574500
-2	136	Transcriptional regulator	MerR family transcriptional regulator [<i>Saccharomonospora cyanea</i>]	62/67	WP_005452765
-1	416	MFS transporter	MFS transporter [<i>Saccharomonospora cyanea</i>]	63/73	WP_005452767
D	405	Cytochrome P450 hydroxylase	Cytochrome P450 hydroxylase [<i>Streptomyces sp.</i> Amel2xE9]	68/76	WP_019983477
E	87	Ferredoxin	Ferredoxin [<i>Streptomyces sp.</i> 303MFCol5.2]	52/59	WP_020127680
B1	288	dTDP-sugar reductase	dTDP-4-dehydrorhamnose reductase [<i>Streptomyces sp.</i> HGB0020]	64/68	WP_016430997
B2	195	dTDP-sugar 3,5-epimerase	TDP-4-dehydrorhamnose 3,5-epimerase, partial [<i>Streptomyces peucetius</i> ATCC 27952]	64/70	ACR46366
F	349	3-Oxoacyl-(acyl carrier protein) synthase III	3-Oxoacyl-(acyl carrier protein) synthase III [<i>Streptomyces sp.</i> C]	64/68	WP_007269134
G	146	Unknown	Cyclase/dehydrase [<i>Frankia sp.</i> Eu11c]	23/27	WP_013422986
H	419	Glycosyltransferase	KijA4 [<i>Actinomadura kijaniata</i>]	45/54	ACB46466
A1	8883	Type I PKS	AmphC [<i>Streptomyces nodosus</i>]	36/40	ACB46488.1
A2	7529	Type I PKS	Polyketide synthase [<i>Streptomyces aizunensis</i>]	47/53	AAX98191
I	403	Glycosyl transferase	ChlC7 [<i>Streptomyces antibioticus</i>]	43/51	AAZ77672
B3	331	dTDP-sugar 2,3-reductase	TylCH [<i>Streptomyces fradiae</i>]	62/69	AAD41821
B4	249	NDP-sugar 4-ketoreductase	UrdR [<i>Streptomyces fradiae</i>]	50/56	AAF72551
B5	516	dTDP-sugar 2,3-dehydratase	PyrC8 [<i>Streptomyces rugosporus</i>]	50/58	AFV71305
J	142	[4+2] cycloaddition	Putative ribosomal protein L15P [<i>Streptomyces sp.</i> NRRL 11266]	18/25	BAF73716
A3	3589	Type I PKS	ChlA3 [<i>Streptomyces antibioticus</i>]	34/38	AAZ77696.1
A4	3617	Type I PKS	KijS1 [<i>Actinomadura kijaniata</i>]	29/32	ACB46488
A5	1571	Type I PKS	ChlA6 [<i>Streptomyces antibioticus</i>]	53/59	AAZ77699
K	514	FAD-dependent oxidoreductase	KijA [<i>Actinomadura kijaniata</i>]	47/52	ACB46484
B6	378	Sugar O-methyltransferase	SpnI [<i>Saccharopolyspora spinosa</i>]	40/47	AAG23270
C5	343	3-Oxoacyl-ACP synthase III	RkD [<i>Streptomyces sp.</i> 88-682]	51/60	ACZ65477
C4	362	Dehydratase	ChlD4 [<i>Streptomyces antibioticus</i>]	52/59	AAZ77706
C3	276	Acyltransferase	ChlD3 [<i>Streptomyces antibioticus</i>]	59/64	AAZ77705
C2	75	Acyl carrier protein	ChlD2 [<i>Streptomyces antibioticus</i>]	48/59	AAZ77704
C1	630	FKbH-like protein	ChlD1 [<i>Streptomyces antibioticus</i>]	59/64	AAZ77703
L	464	Crotonyl-CoA reductase	Crotonyl-CoA reductase [<i>Streptomyces lasaliensis</i>]	75/80	CAQ64684

<i>R1</i>	256	SARP family regulator	ChlF2 [<i>Streptomyces antibioticus</i>]	60/69	AAZ77687
<i>M</i>	242	Type II thioesterase	ChlK [<i>Streptomyces antibioticus</i>]	52/57	AAZ77688
<i>N</i>	84	Hypothetical protein	Hypothetical protein [<i>Micromonospora sp. L5</i>]	43/55	WP_013477259
<i>R2</i>	896	Transcriptional regulator	LuxR family transcriptional regulator [<i>Salinispora tropica</i>]	38/46	WP_028568330
<i>O</i>	164	Hypothetical protein	YD repeat protein [<i>Micromonospora aurantiaca</i> ATCC 27029]	5/7	WP_018412297
<i>P</i>	589	Dehydrogenase	3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase [<i>Frankia sp. Eu11c</i>]	55/61	WP_020866330
<i>Q</i>	86	Unknown	Hypothetical protein [<i>Streptomyces ambofaciens</i> ATCC 23877]	33/38	CAI78105
<i>B7</i>	355	Glucose-1-phosphate thymidyltransferase	Glucose-1-phosphate thymidyltransferase [<i>Streptomyces peucetius</i> ATCC 27952]	82/88	ACR46363
<i>B8</i>	328	dTDP-sugar 4,6-dehydratase	TDP-D-glucose 4,6-dehydratase [<i>Streptomyces peucetius</i> ATCC 27952]	81/86	ACR46364
<i>R3</i>	161	Regulator	MarR-family regulatory protein [<i>Streptomyces sviveus</i> ATCC 29083]	78/81	WP_007386486
<i>+1</i>	147	Hypothetical protein	Hypothetical protein [<i>Streptomyces hygrosopicus</i>]	63/68	WP_014670231
<i>+2</i>	123	Hypothetical protein	Hypothetical protein [<i>Streptomyces afghaniensis</i>]	80/85	WP_020273881
<i>+3</i>	115	Hypothetical protein	Hypothetical protein [<i>Chloroflexi bacterium oral taxon 439</i>]	7/10	WP_022848429

Table S4. ^1H (600 MHz) and ^{13}C (150 MHz) NMR spectral data of compound **3** measured in dimethyl sulfoxide- d_6 .

no.	δ_{C}	δ_{H} (H, mult, J(Hz))	no.	δ_{C}	δ_{H} (H, mult, J(Hz))
1	170.8		22	36.2	1.35 (1H, m)
2	98.1		23	32.6	0.95 (1H, m) / 1.54 (1H, m)
3	177.1		24	25.4	1.20 (1H, m) / 1.42 (1H, m)
4	155.3		25	41.2	1.92
5	198.7		26	135.4	
6	58.5		27	129.0	5.55 (1H, s)
7	39.2	2.13 (1H, br)	28	133.7	
8	48.8	2.10 (1H, m)	29	123.1	5.22 (1H, q, 6.6)
9	214.5		30	14.0	1.59 (3H, d, 7.2)
10	49.2	2.91 (1H, t, 8-8.5) / 2.04 (1H, t, 8-8.5)	31	84.9	4.63 (1H, s) / 4.33 (1H, s)
11	69.3	3.62 (1H, dd, 8.4, 8.4)	32	24.5	1.55 (m) / 2.48 *
12	46.3	1.74 (1H, br)	33	12.4	0.69
13	121.6	5.71 (1H, s)	34	20.5	1.02 (3H, d, 5.4)
14	163.5		35	23.2	1.50 (3H, s)
15	51.6	3.66 (1H, brs)	36	24.9	1.89 (m) / 1.56 (m)
16	139.6		37	14.7	0.80
17	135.1	4.80 (1H, d, 8.4)	38	22.6	0.81
18	29.5	2.33 (1H, m)	39	14.2	0.66
19	42.7	0.89 (1H, m) / 1.28 (1H, m)	40	16.5	0.67
20	32.7	1.42 (1H, m)	41	18.1	1.66 (3H, s)
21	75.7	2.91 (1H, d)	42	17.2	1.62 (3H, s)

*peak was read from 2D-NMR chart

Table S5. ^1H (600 MHz) and ^{13}C (150 MHz) NMR spectral data for compound **4** measured in CDCl_3 .

no.	δ_{C}	δ_{H} (H, mult, J(Hz))	no.	δ_{C}	δ_{H} (H, mult, J(Hz))
1	167.1		22	18.3	1.48 (m) / 1.51 (m)
2	103.8		23	31.7	1.38 (m) / 1.42 (m)
3	206.3		24	41.0	
4	59.2		25	126.1	5.38 (s)
5	39.5	2.28 (m)	26	135.7	
6	49.7	2.42 (m)	27	32.0	2.40 (m)
7	211.6		28	37.7	2.50 (dd, 8.4, 14.4) / 1.61 (dd, 3.6, 14.4)
8	49.4	3.07 (dd, 7.2, 16.2) / 2.36 (m)	29	87.4	
9	70.6	3.88 (dd, 9.0, 16.8)	30	200.3	
10	47.0	2.19 (t, 12.0)	31	24.0	2.58 (m) / 1.92 (m)
11	120.6	5.83 (s)	32	12.2	0.89 (t, 7.8)
12	135.0		33	18.3	1.06 (d, 2.4)
13	58.3	3.43 (s)	34	22.9	1.64 (s)
14	136.7		35	21.4	1.85 (m) / 1.89 (m)
15	141.2	4.97 (d, 9.6)	36	14.7	0.91 (t, 7.8)
16	29.2	2.32 (m)	37	18.2	0.79 (d, 6.6)
17	35.8	0.93 (m) / 0.77 (dd, 4.2, 12.6)	38	16.5	0.97 (d, 6.6)
18	34.7	1.47 (m)	39	16.9	0.93 (d, 6.6)
19	81.9	3.11 (dd, 1.2, 8.4)	40	21.6	1.08 (s)
20	30.4	1.63 (m)	41	21.7	1.70 (s)
21	26.3	1.23 (m) / 1.28 (m)	42	19.9	1.07 (d, 3.6)

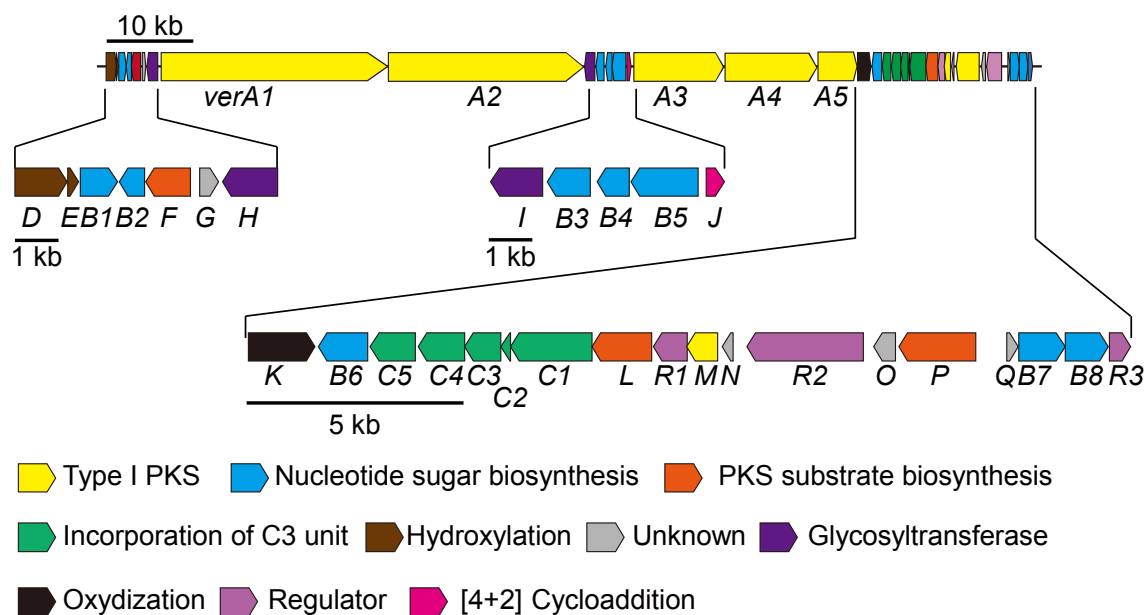


Figure S1. Organization of the biosynthetic gene cluster of versipelostatin in *S. versipellis* 4083-SVS6.

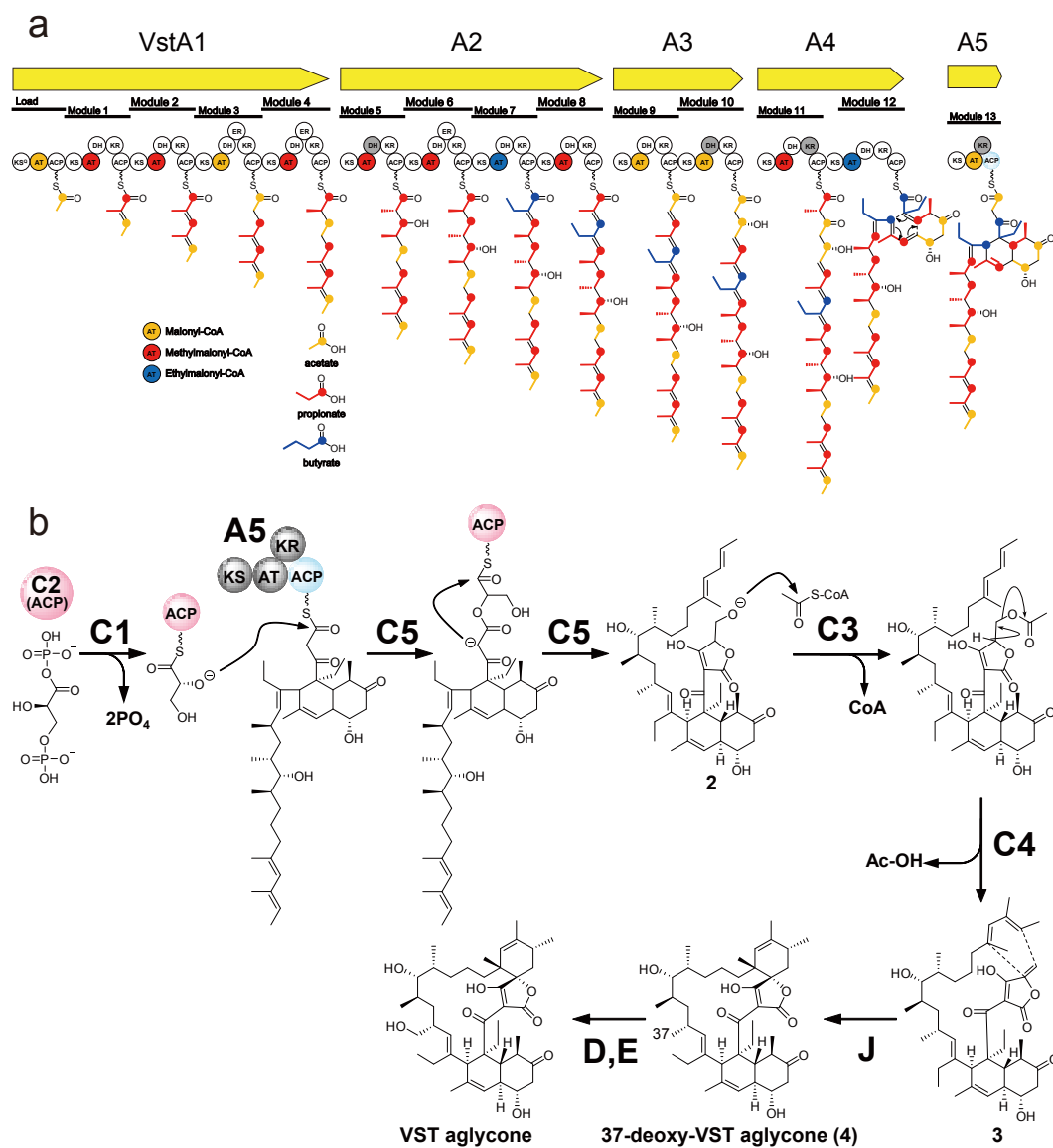


Figure S2. Putative biosynthetic pathway for the formation of VST aglycone.

(a) The deduced modules and domain organization of type I PKS encoded by *vstA1* to *A5*. The bold lines and closed circle indicate the incorporation and labeling pattern of ^{13}C -labeled acetate (yellow), propionate (red) and butyrate (blue) into VST detected in previous experiments.⁵ The loading module includes a KSQ domain, which catalyzes decarboxylation of malonyl-ACP to start chain elongation. The L- or D-configuration was deduced from the ketoreductase sequence (Fig. S5). KR11, KR13, DH5, DH10 domains (filled with gray color) are predicted to be inactive from the structure of the VST. Whether DH11 is active or not is unclear since the requisite hydroxyl group is absent due to inactive KR11. (b) Putative biosynthetic pathway of incorporation of tricarbon glyceryl unit into the VST aglycone and subsequent tailoring reactions catalyzed by VstC1–C5. The [4+2]-cycloaddition is catalyzed by VstJ and the following hydroxyl at C-37 is installed by the action of VstD (a cytochrome P450 protein) and VstE (a ferredoxin protein).

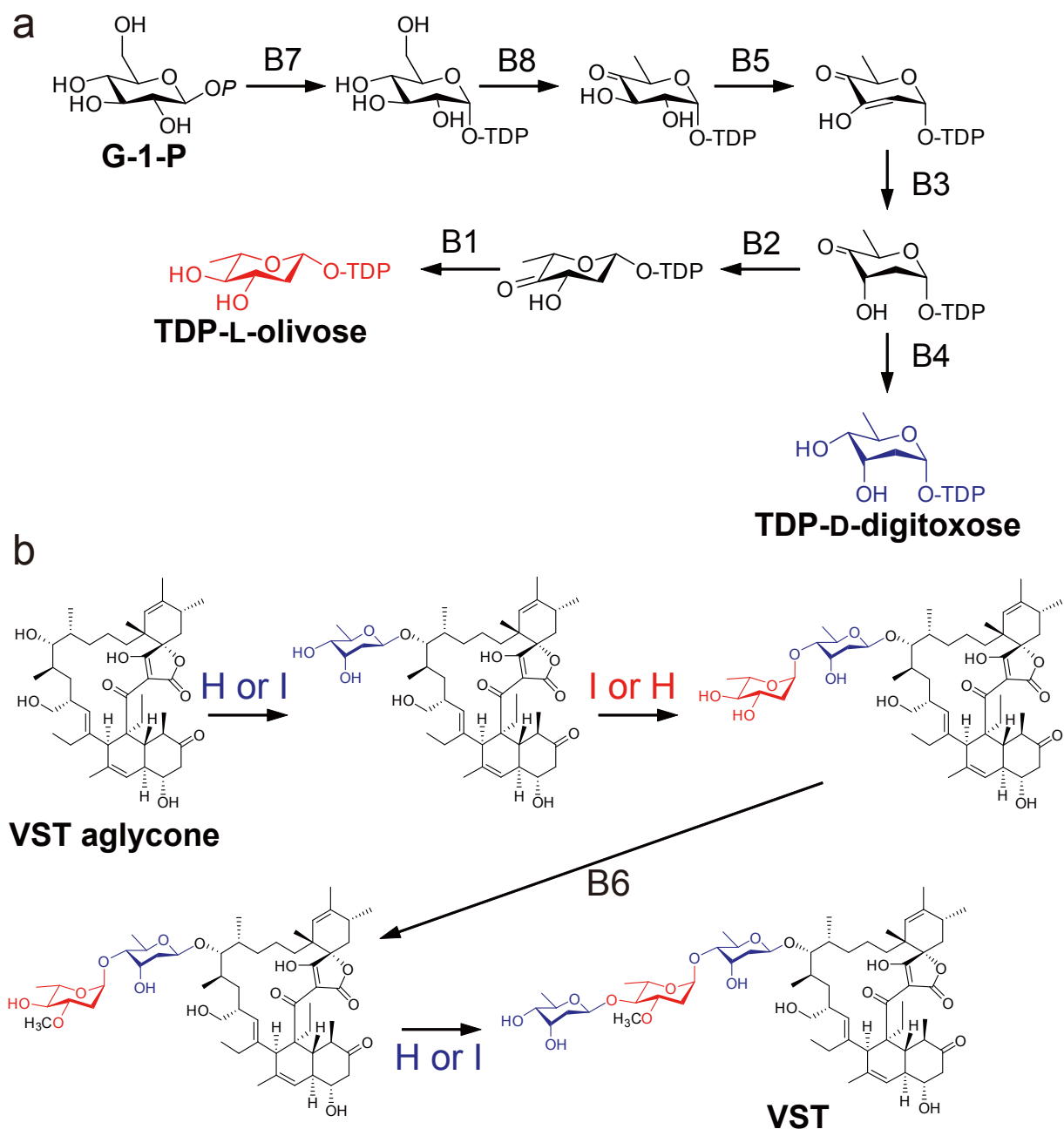


Figure S3. (a) Proposed biosynthetic pathway leading to TDP-D-digitoxose and TDP-L-olivose. (b) Proposed glycosyltransferase reactions catalyzed by VstH and VstI in VST biosynthesis.

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KR1	GTVLITGGT	TLGGVVARHL	VSEHGVRHLL	LTGRRGPEAP	GVPELRAELT
KR5	GTVLITGGT	TLGTLARHL	VGEHGVRHLL	LASRRGPDAP	GAVELVAELT
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KR13	VAEACVEALV	RGRRARGLPG	LSVLSGPLEE		

Figure S5. Amino acid sequence alignment of KR domains of VstA1-A5.

The catalytic amino acids are marked by purple shading. The yellow shading indicates the NADPH binding motif. KR13 lacks the NADPH binding motifs and the K112, Y149 and N153 residues required for the reductase activity. All of the KR domains except for KR13 contains LD(H)D residues (shown in light blue shade), a motif specific for D-configuration (B1-type).⁸ Although the KR domain in Module 11 seems to be active as deduced from sequence analysis, it should be inactive as predicted from the structure of VST.


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DH_4      GYHYGPAFQALTTAWRHGDELHAEVTLPEGTD-----TGFVHPALLDAA 206
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DH_9      GYHYGPAFQALTTAWRHGNDLYSEVTLPEGTD-----TGFVHPALLDAA 207
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Figure S6. Amino acid sequence alignment of DH domains of VstA1-A4. The catalytic amino acids are marked by purple shading. DH domains in Module 5 and Module 10 seem to be inactive based on the fact that VST structure does not have the corresponding double bonds.

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ER_3   TVDNLALVPHPADTTPPLPPGHVRVAVHAAGINFRDLLVTLGMVDDPRPIGGEGAGTITA 60

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ER_6   APDVTDYQPGDRVMGLFPHTAPHITVHQHHIAPVPHLLTTAQAATTPVAFLTAYHALHH 120
ER_3   APDVTDYQPGDRVMGLFPHTAPHITVHQHHIAPVPHLLTTAQAATTPVAFLTAYHALHH 120

ER_4   AHLQPGEKVLIHAGTGGVGMAAIQIARHLGADIYATAHPTKWPTLHHLGLDQHIIASSR 180
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ER_6   LDFEHHFRTTAPHGLDVILNSLAGEHTDASRLLNPTTGRFIEMGKTDIREPAQLAAEH 240
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ER_4   HLTYPQAFDLITQTPPHIHMLHHLTHLLTQHHLTLPVTTWDIRHTPHAFRHL SQARH 300
ER_6   HLTYPQAFDLITQTPPHIHMLHHLTHLLTQHHLTLPVTTWDIRHTPHAFRHL SQARH 300
ER_3   HLTYPQAFDLITQTPPHIHMLHHLTHLLTQHHLTLPVTTWDIRHTPHAFRHL SQARH 300

ER_4   GKLAL 306
ER_6   GKLAL 306
ER_3   GKLAL 306

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Figure S7. Amino acid sequence alignment of ER domains of VstA1 and A2.

The catalytic amino acids are marked by purple shading. The yellow shading indicates the NADPH binding motif. All of the ER domains are specific for D-configuration (Y residue specific for L-configuration was not observed at V residue position shown in light blue shade)⁹

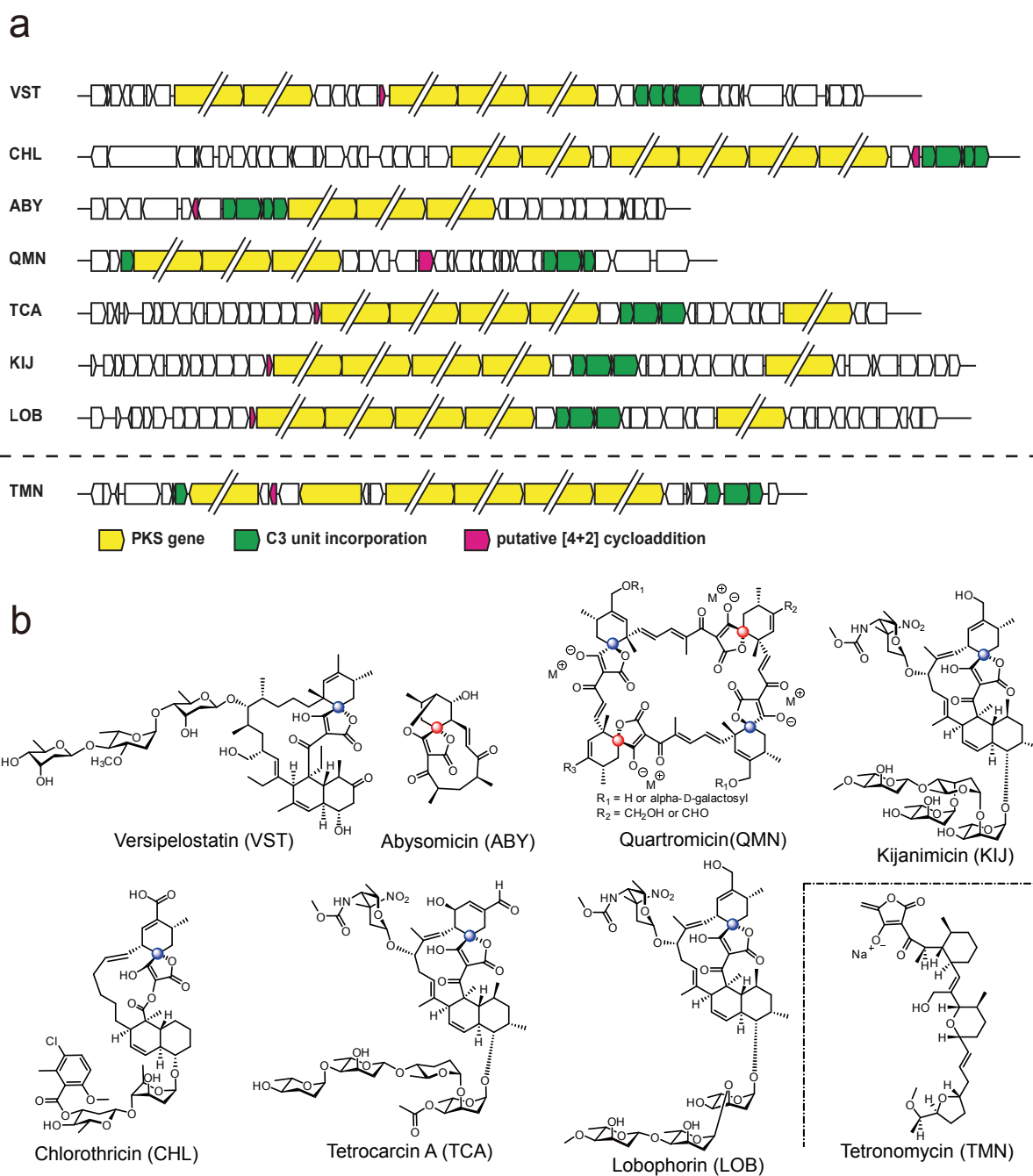


Figure S8. Biosynthetic gene clusters and structures of (spiro)tetronate antibiotics.

(a) All known biosynthetic gene clusters of spirotetronate antibiotics, VST, CHL, QMN, TCA, LOB, ABY, and KIJ, contain *vstJ* homologues. Furthermore, the biosynthetic gene cluster of tetronomycin (TMN),¹⁰ that is not a spirotetronate, but a tetronate compound, also contains a *vstJ* homologue. (b) The *R*- or *S*-configuration of the spirocarbon is presented as red or blue circle, respectively.

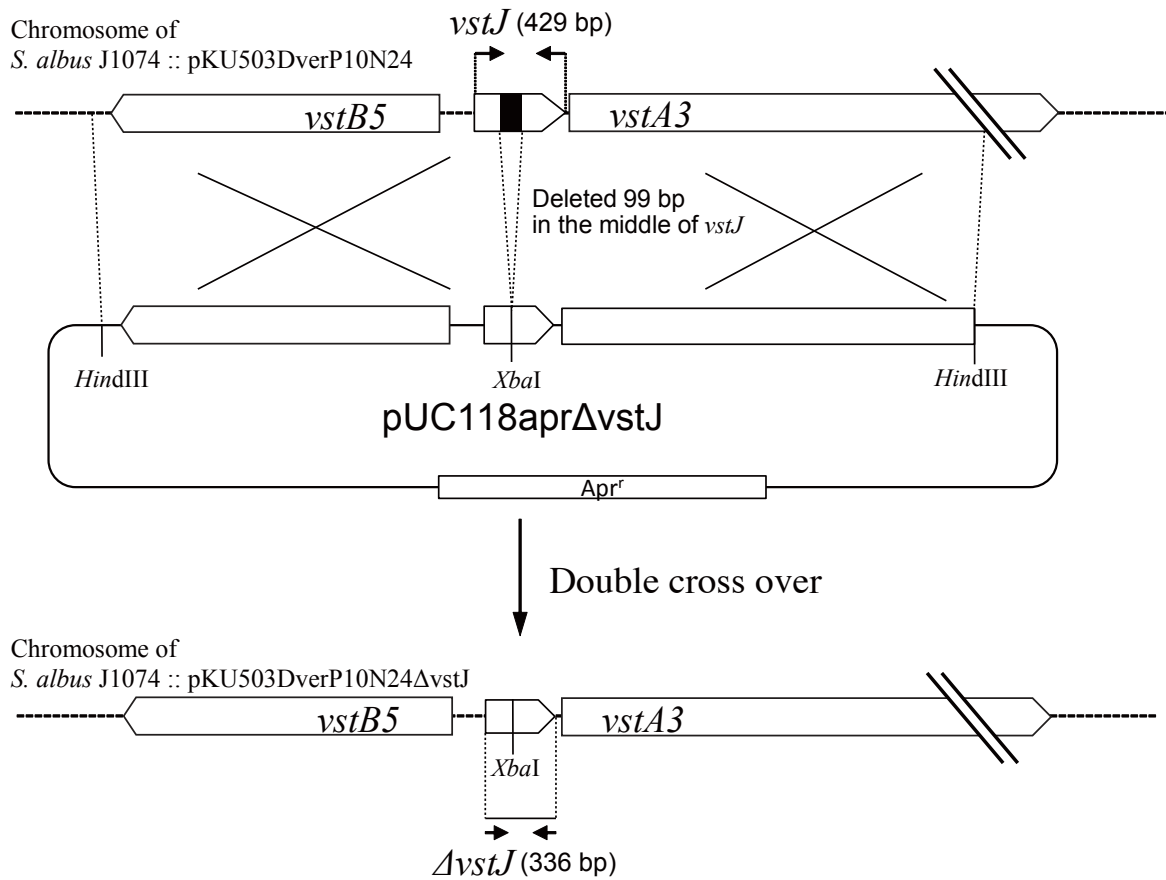
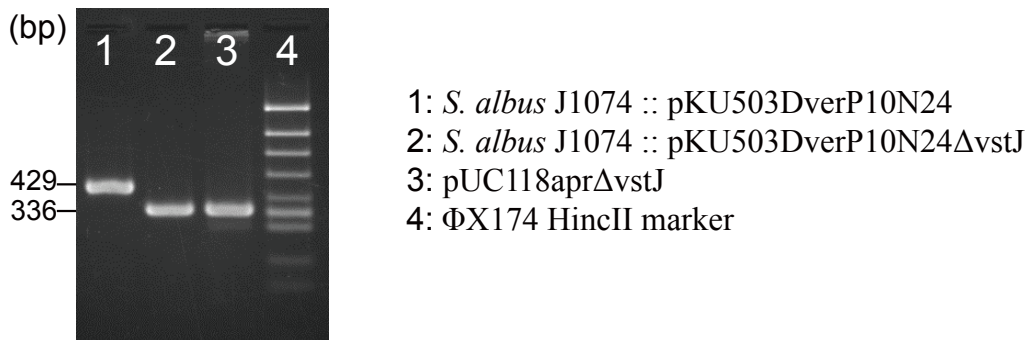
a**b**

Figure S9. Disruption of *vstJ* in the genome of *S. albus* J1074:: pKU503DverP10N24.

(A) Scheme for disruption of *vstJ*. (B) Confirmation with PCR. Disruption of *vstJ* was confirmed by PCR. PCR with genomic DNA from the *S. albus* J1074:: pKU503DverP10N24 strain gave a 429-bp DNA fragment (lane 1), whereas PCR with genomic DNA from the mutant strains gave a 336-bp fragment (lanes 2 and 3).

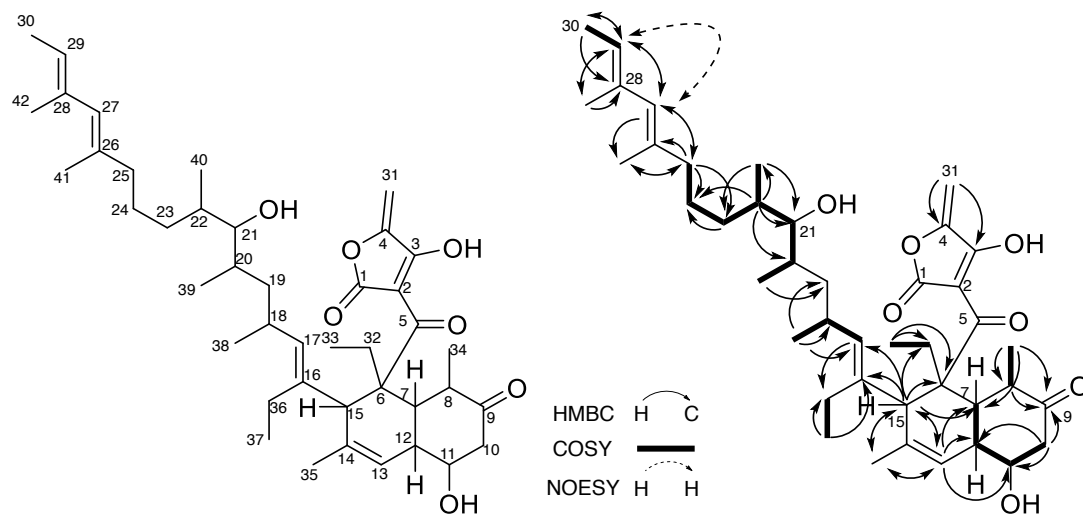


Figure S10. Structure of **3** and the correlations of HMBC, DQF-COSY, and NOESY of **3**.

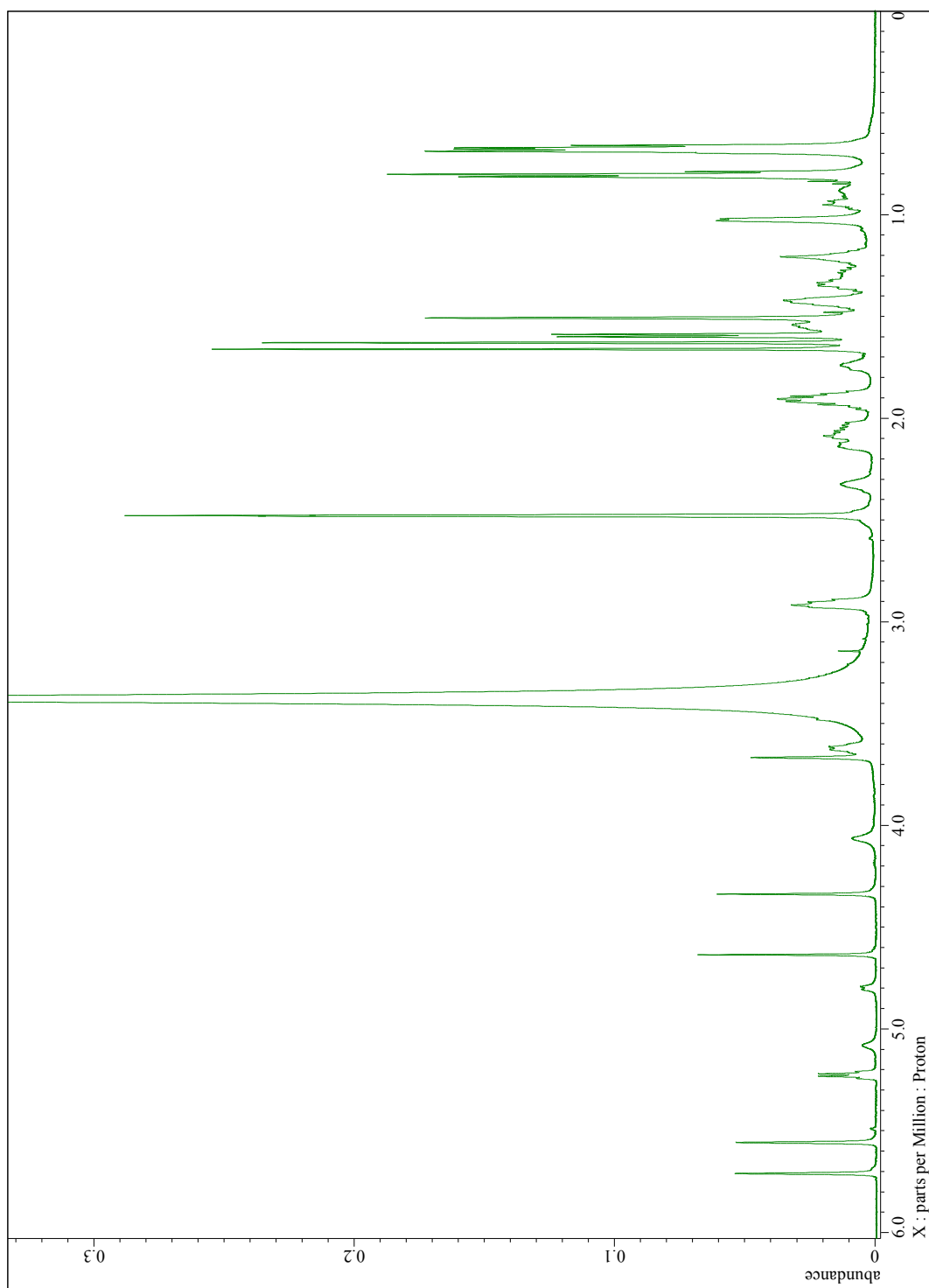


Figure S11. ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$) spectrum for **3**.

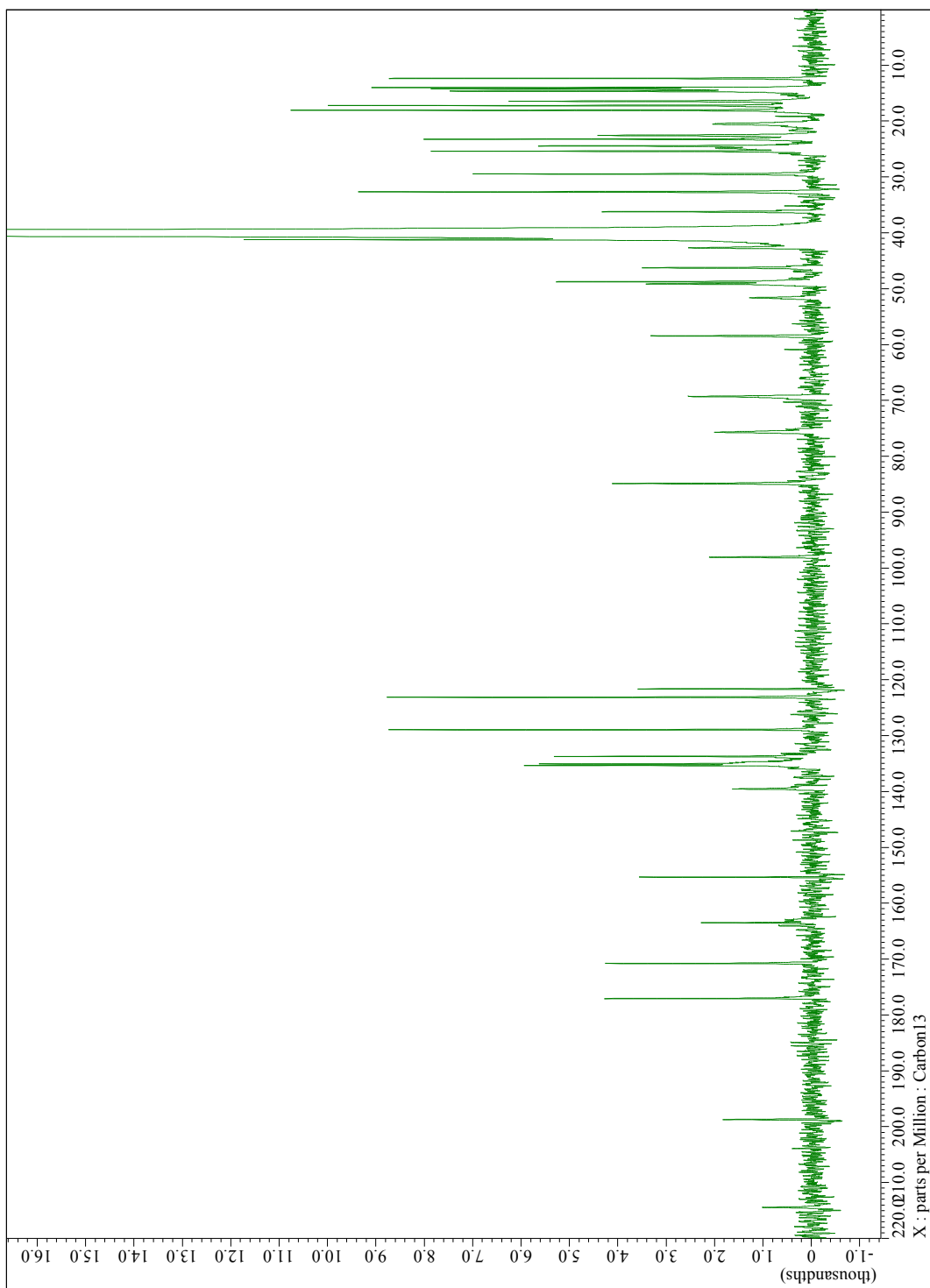
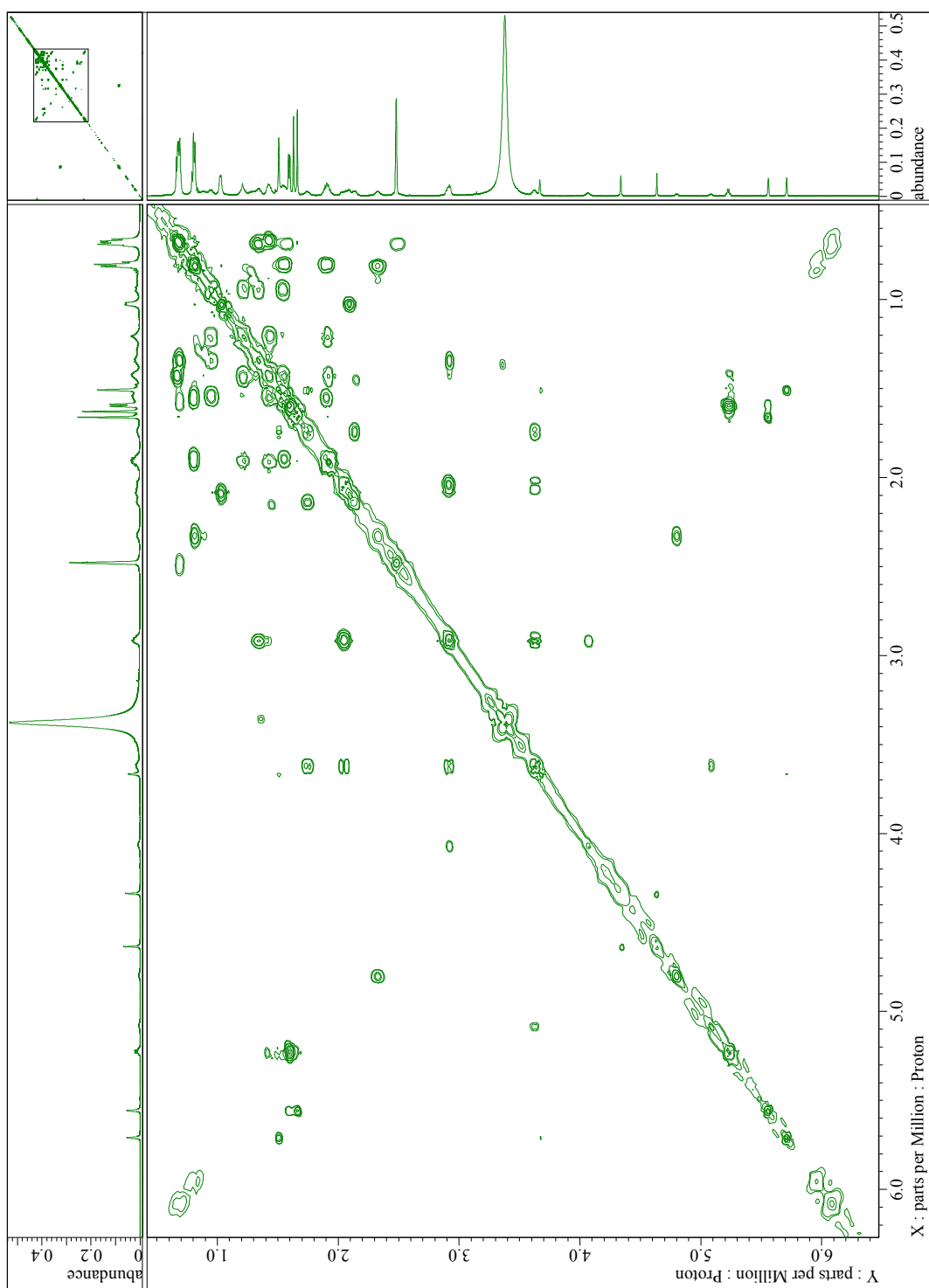


Figure S12. ^{13}C NMR ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$) spectrum for 3.



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Figure S13. DQF-COSY spectrum for **3**.

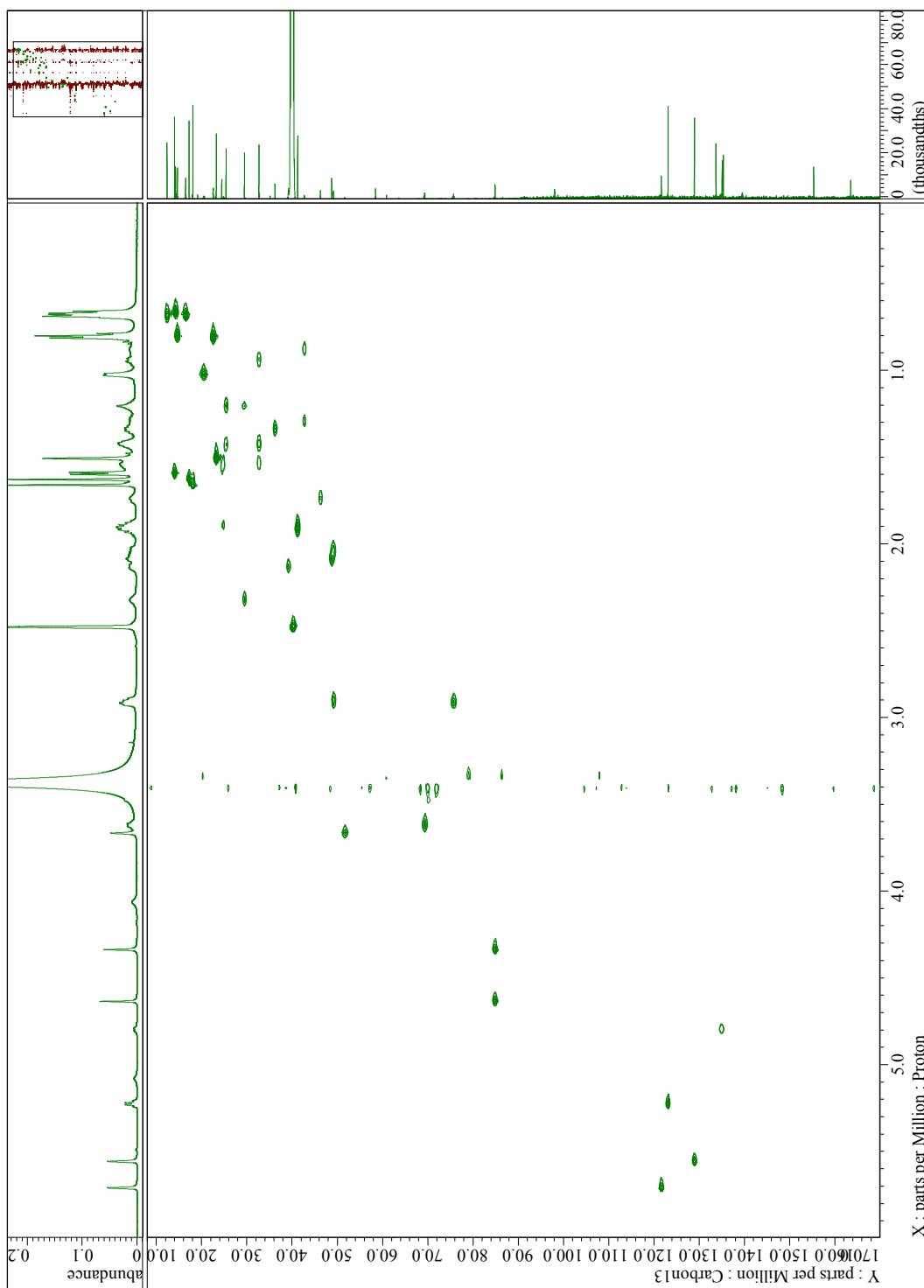
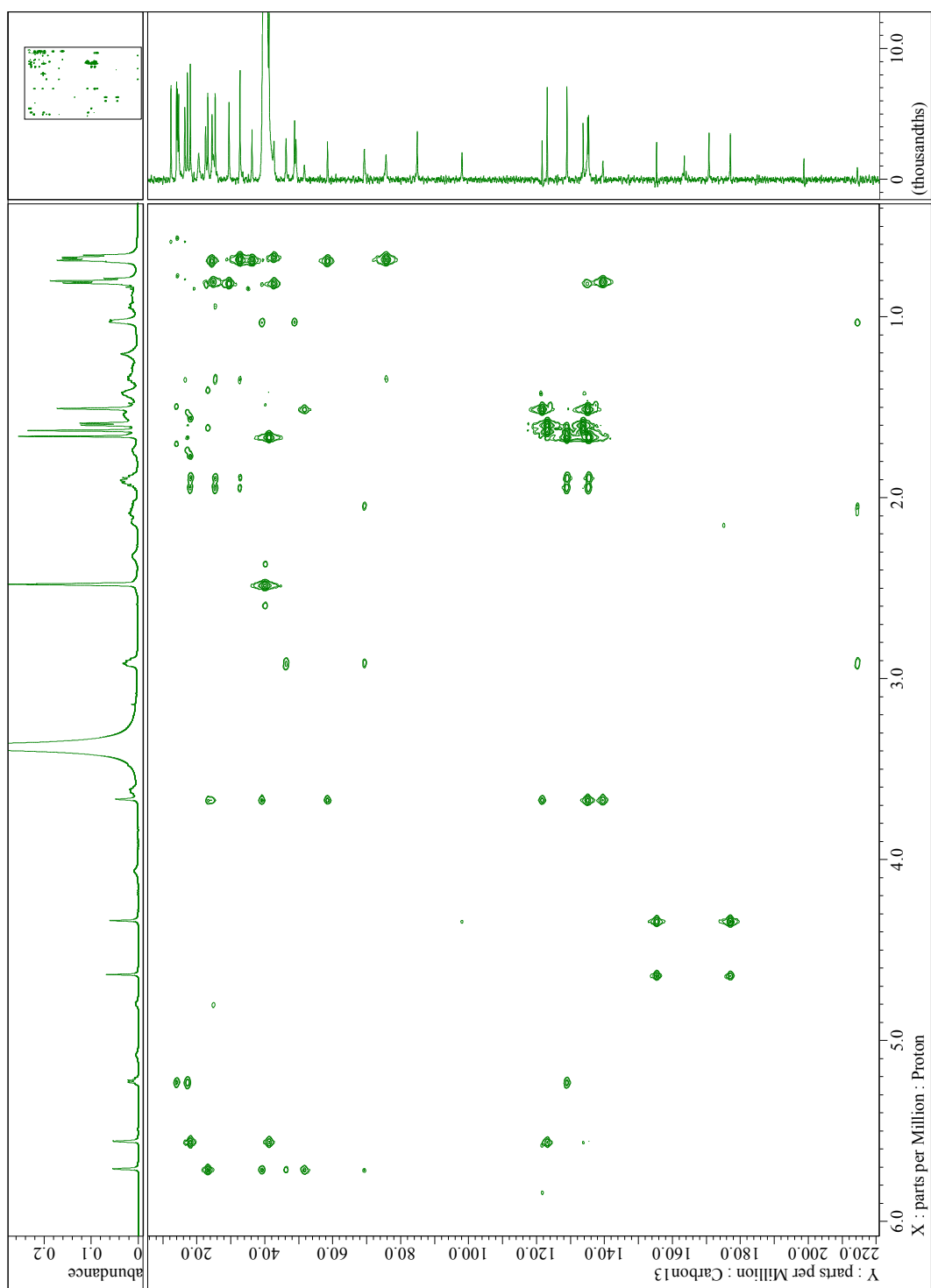


Figure S14. HSQC spectrum for **3**.



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Figure S15. HMBC spectrum for 3.

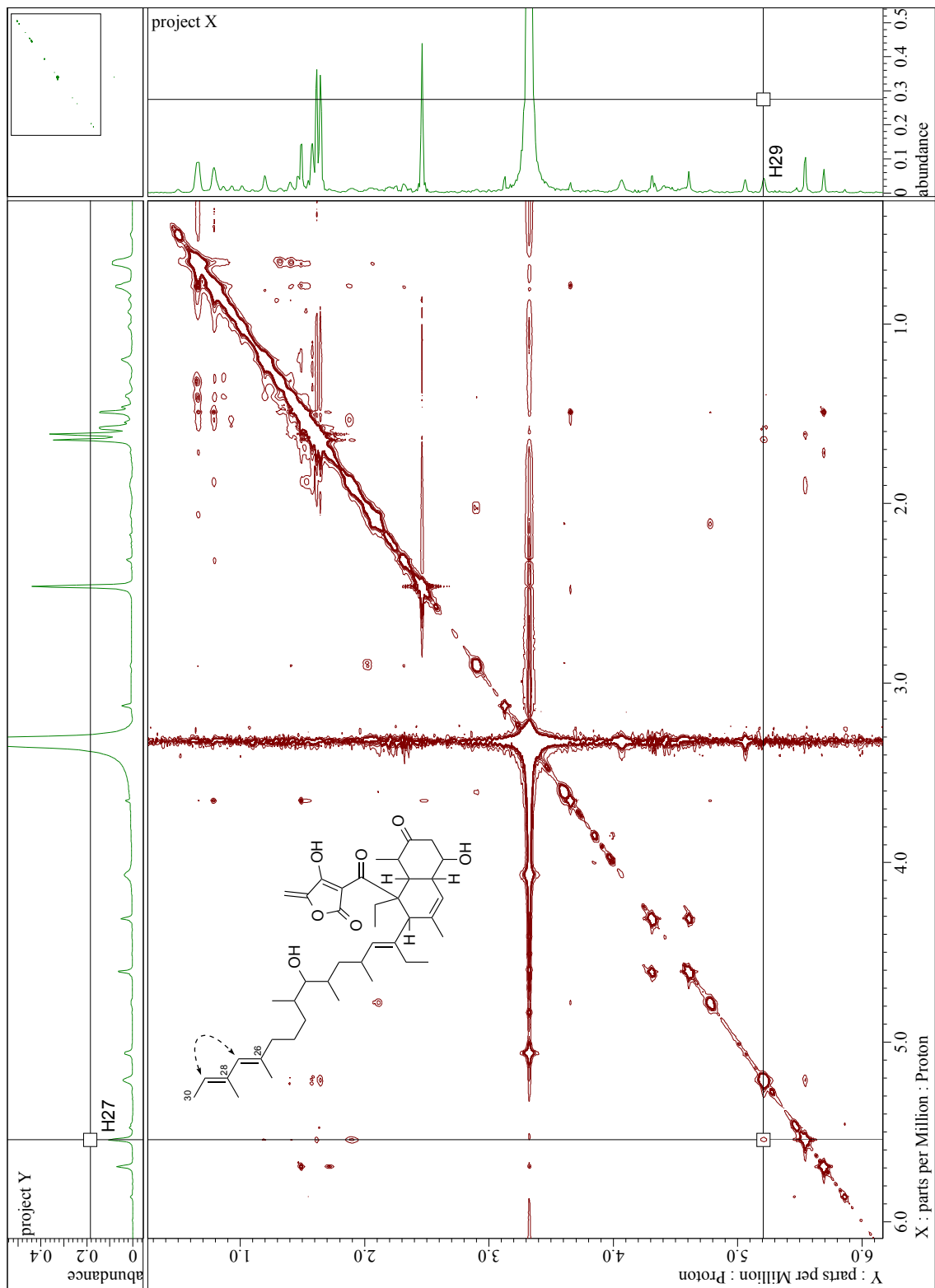


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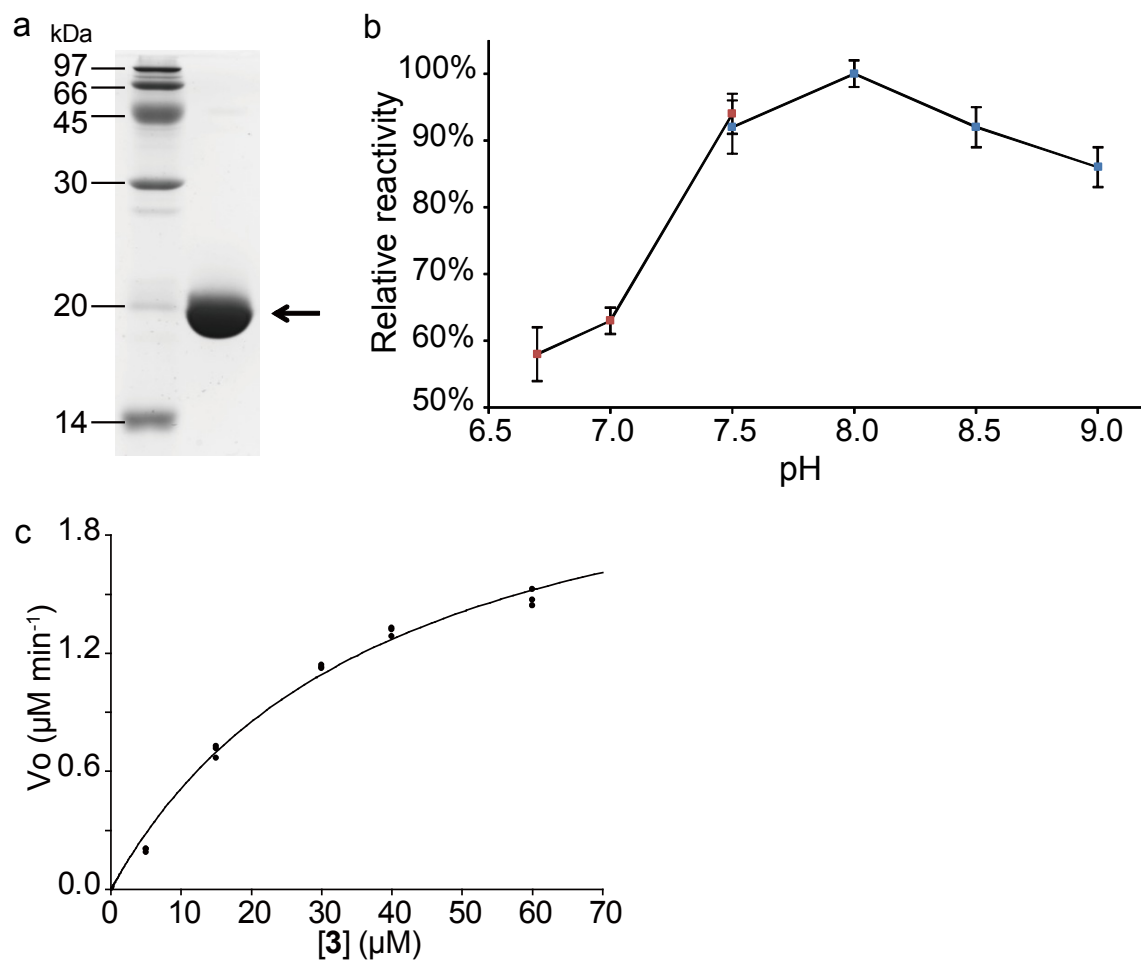


Figure S17. Characterization of VstJ.

(A) SDS-PAGE analysis. The estimated molecular weight of His8-VstJ is 17,400 Da. (B) pH dependence of the VstJ reaction. Red and blue dot represent the relative reactivities in 50 mM HEPES-NaOH or Tris-HCl buffer at each pH, respectively. (C) Michaelis-Menten plot for VstJ against **3**.

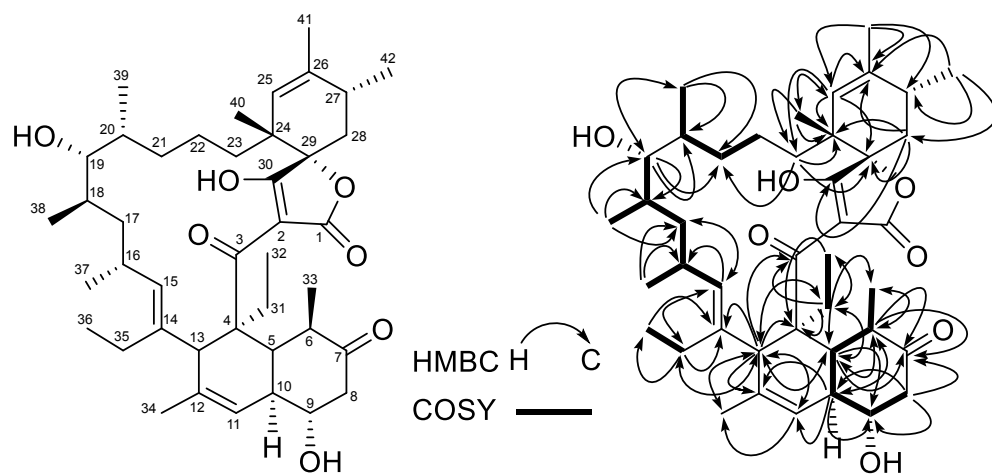


Figure S18. Structure of **4** and correlations of HMBC and DQF-COSY of **4**.

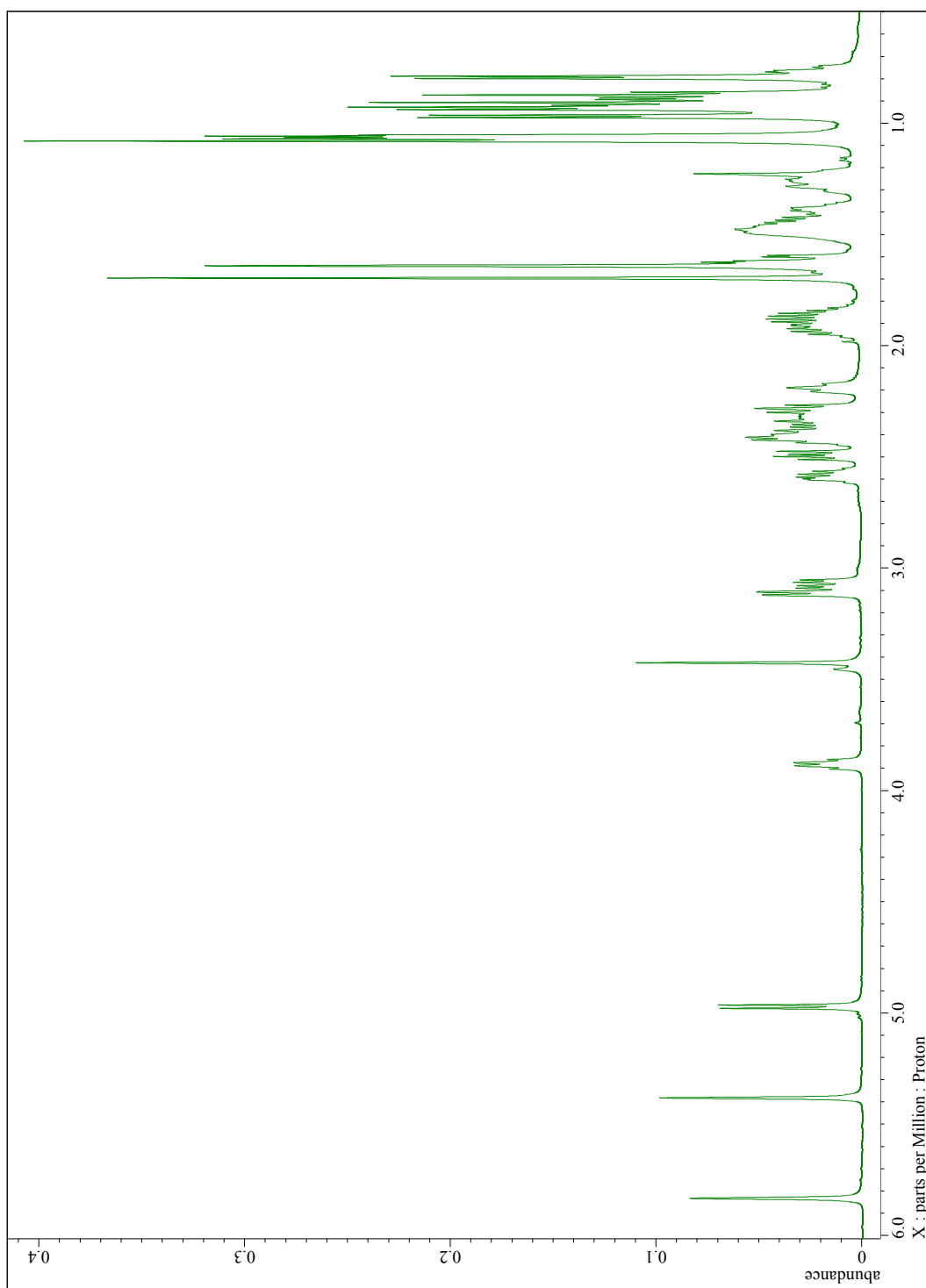


Figure S19. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) spectrum for **4**.

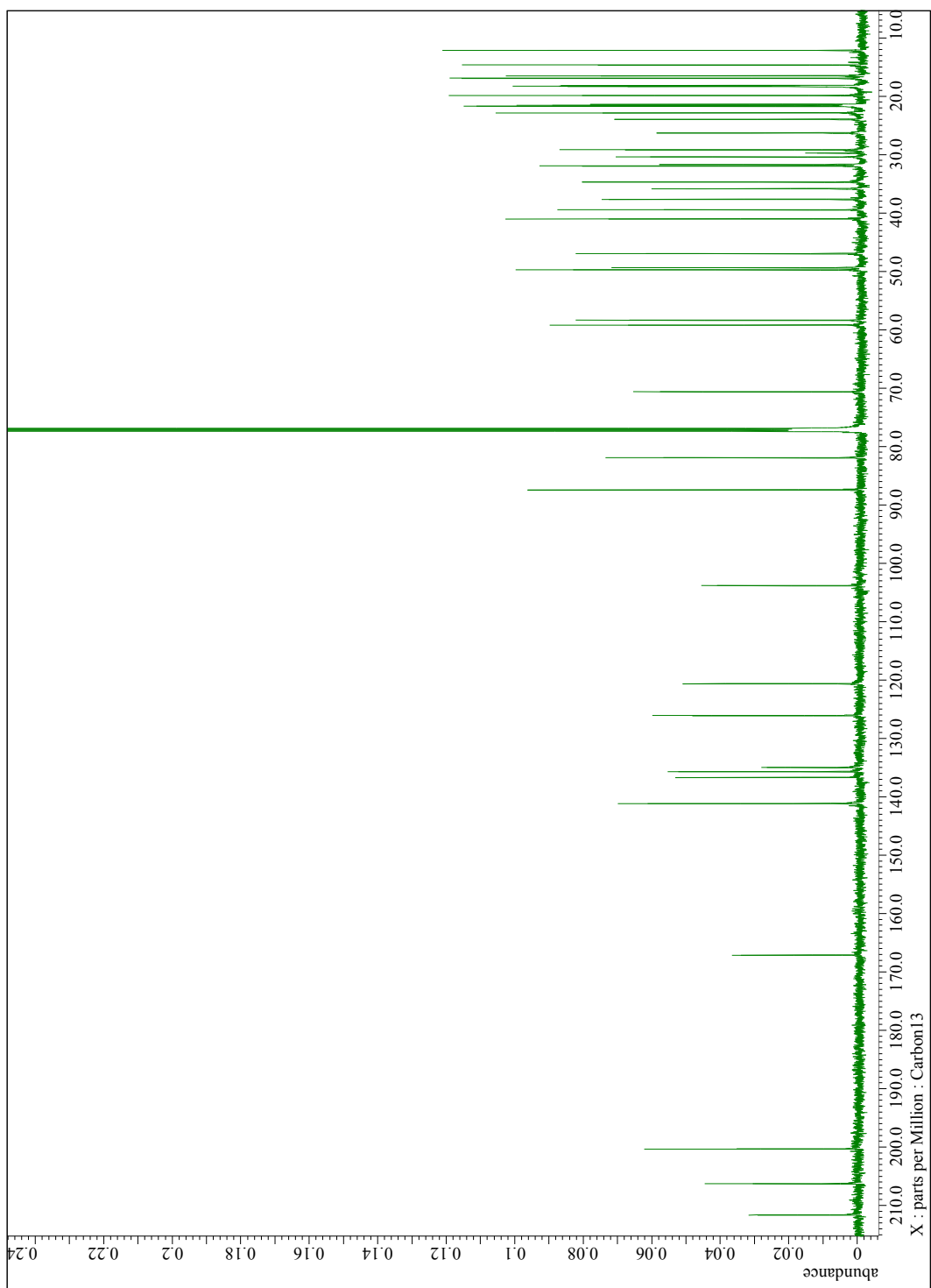


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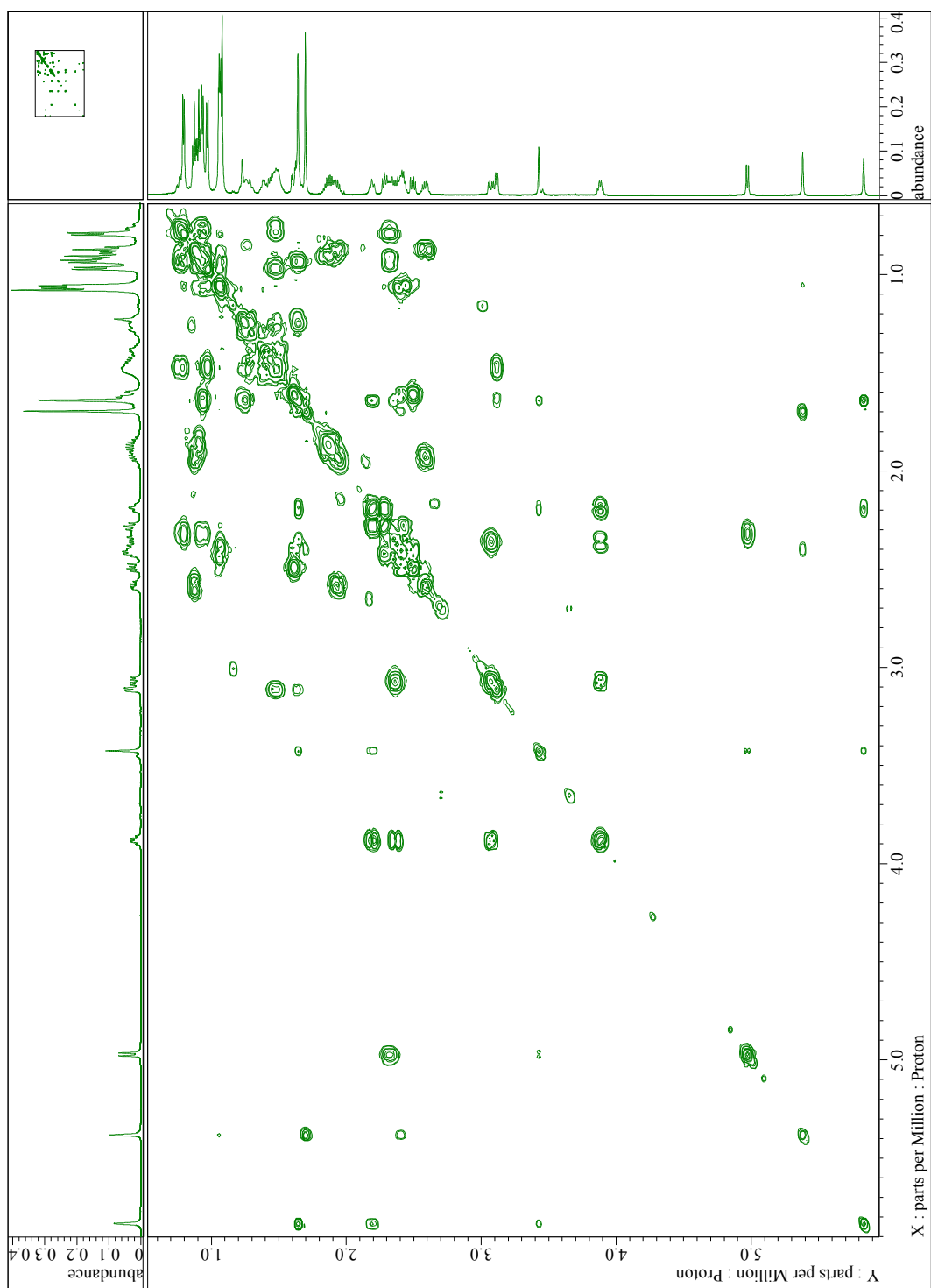


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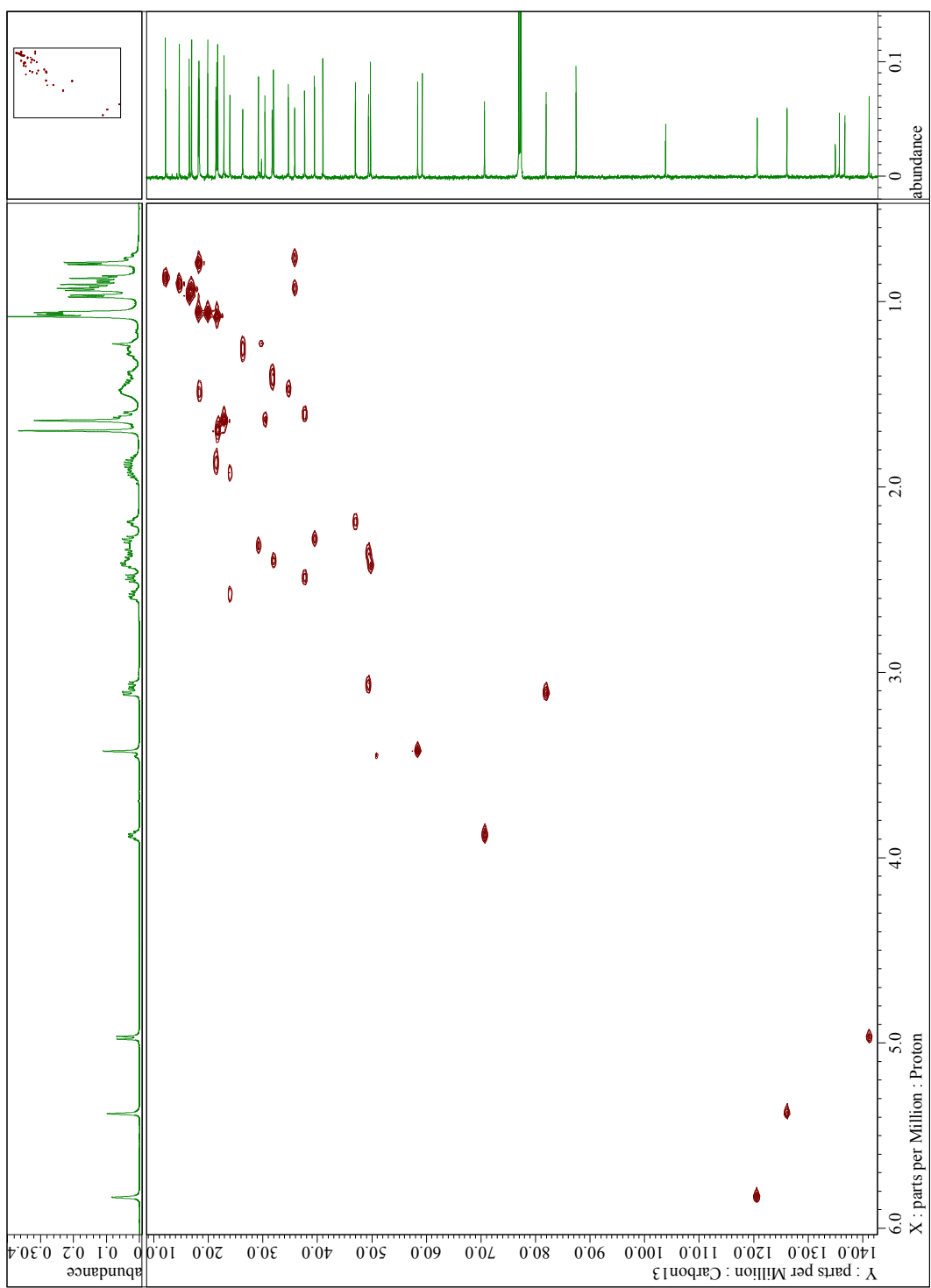


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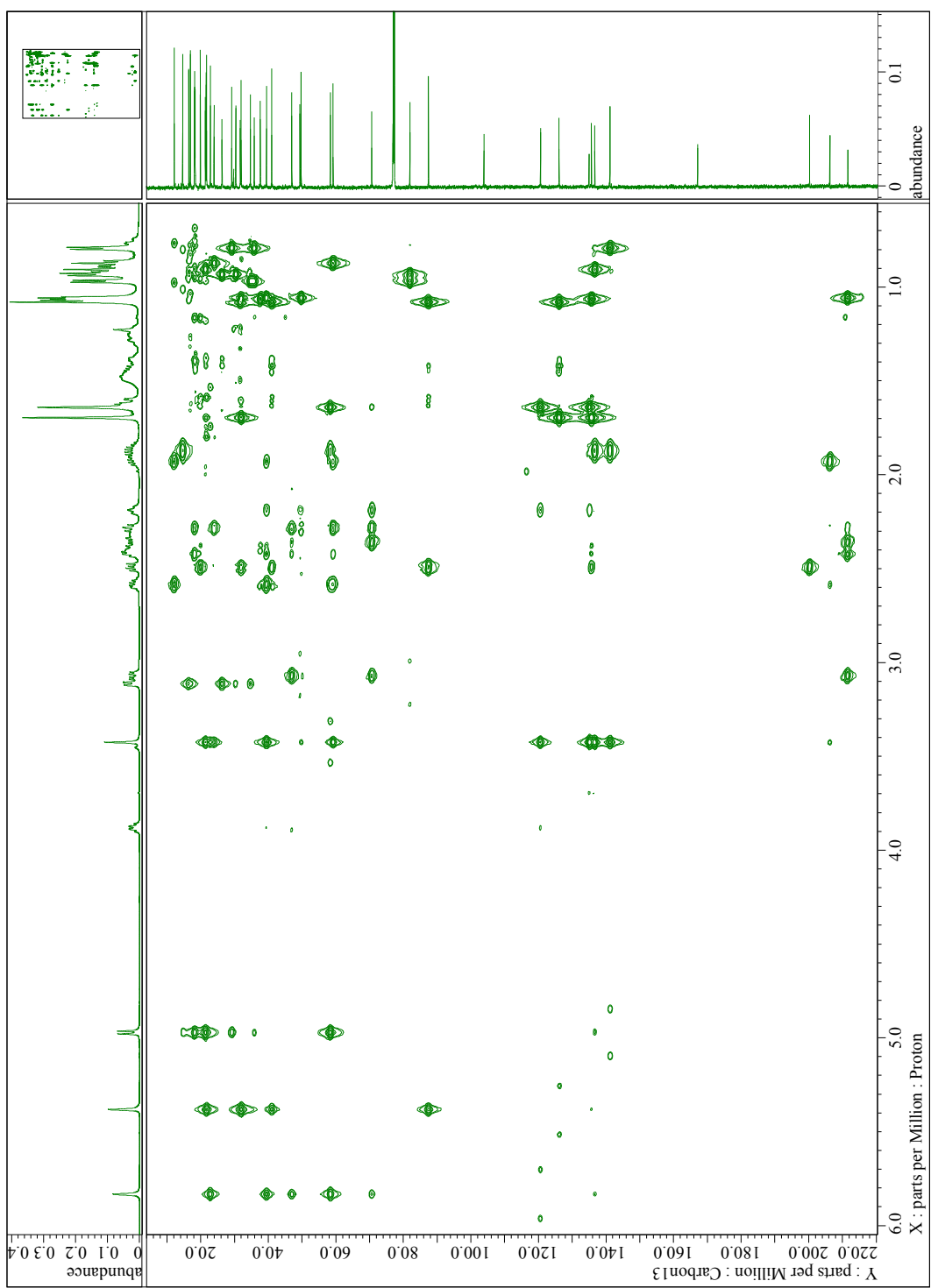


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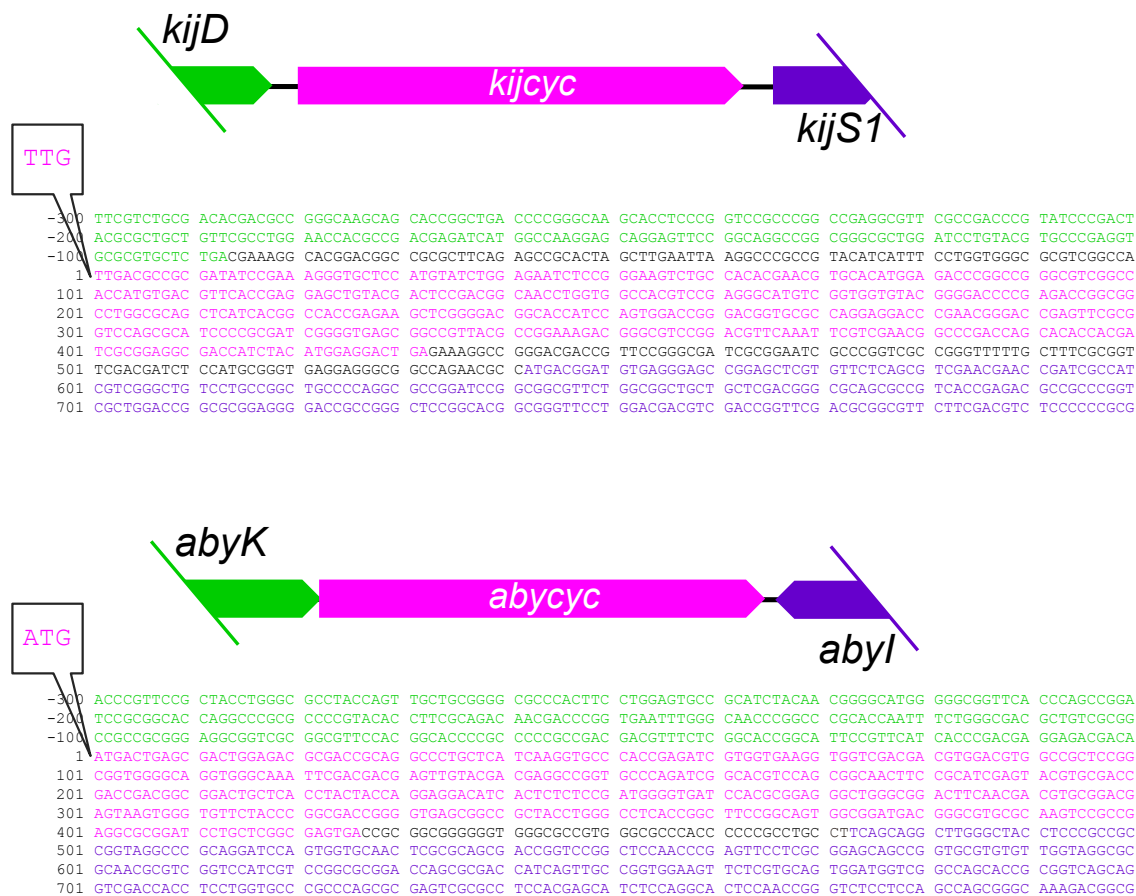


Figure S24. Annotation of VstJ homologues, KijCyc and AbyCyc in the biosynthetic gene clusters of kijanimicin and abyssomicin.

Biosynthetic gene clusters of kijanimicin (accession number: EU301739) and abyssomicin (accession number: JF752342) have been reported. VstJ homologues in biosynthetic gene clusters of Kijanimicin and Abyssomicin are not annotated as genes. Here, we name each of additional genes *kijCyc* and *abyCyc*, respectively.

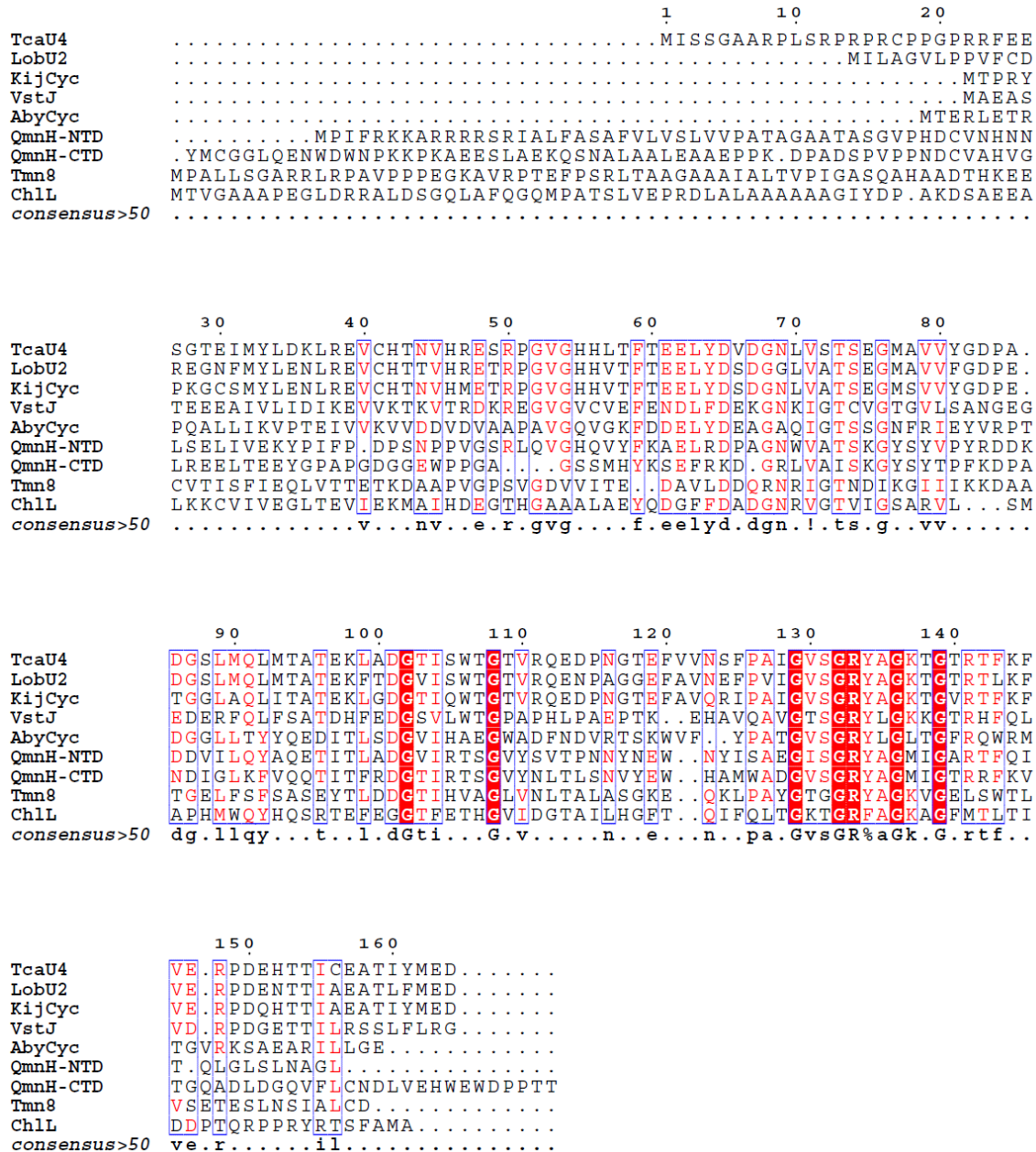


Figure S25. Multiple alignment of VstJ and its homologues.

The amino acid sequences of AbyCyc and KijCyc are deduced as shown in Fig. S18. QmnH-NTD and QmnH-CTD show N-terminal (1 aa to 178 aa) and C-terminal (179 aa to 376 aa) domains of QmnH (accession number: AF157012). VstJ and its homologues show weak homology. However, some amino acid residues are highly conserved among the VstJ homologues.

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