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Genetic Engineering and Heterologous Expression of the Disorazol Biosynthetic Gene Cluster via Red/ET Recombineering

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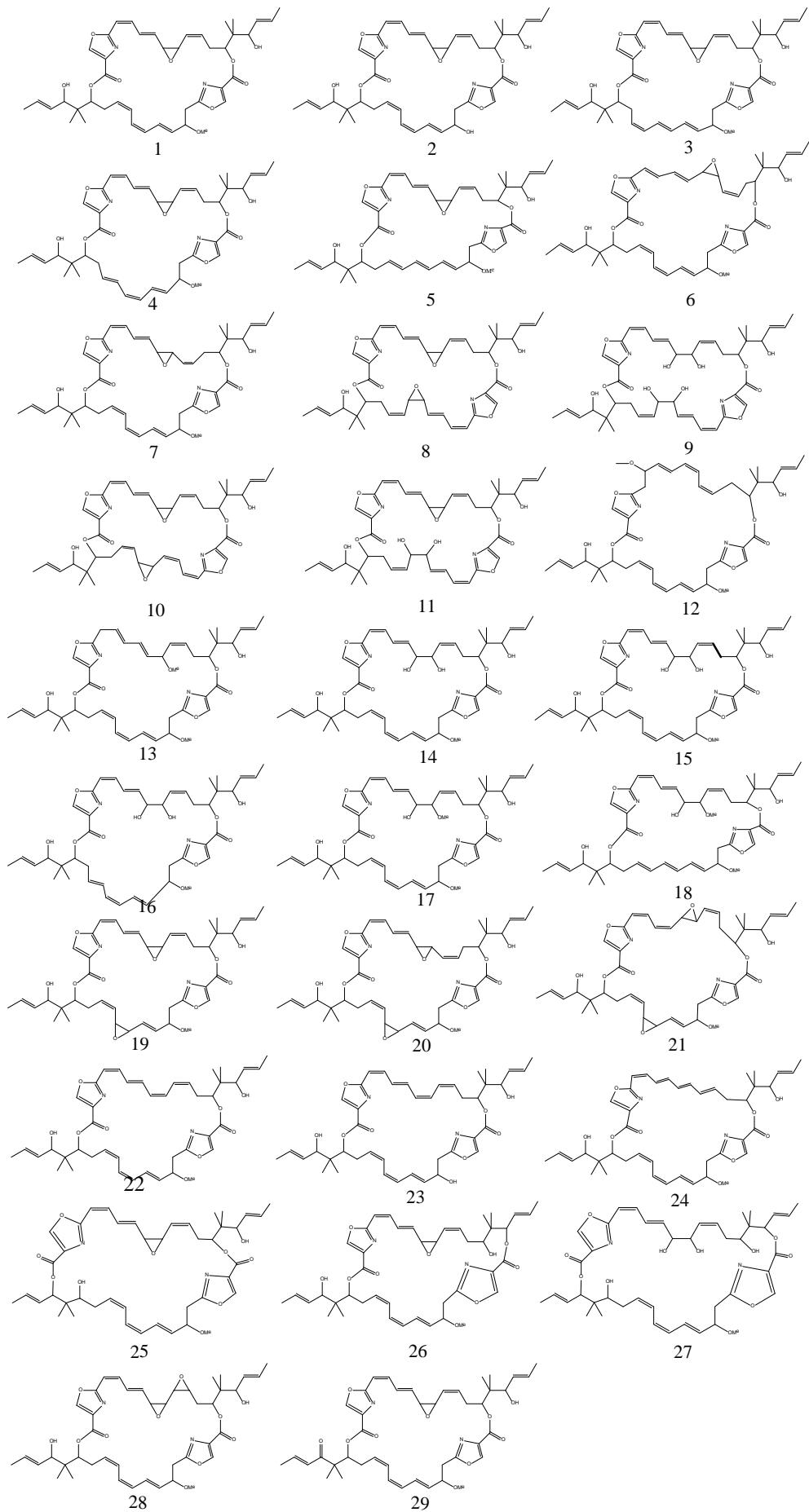
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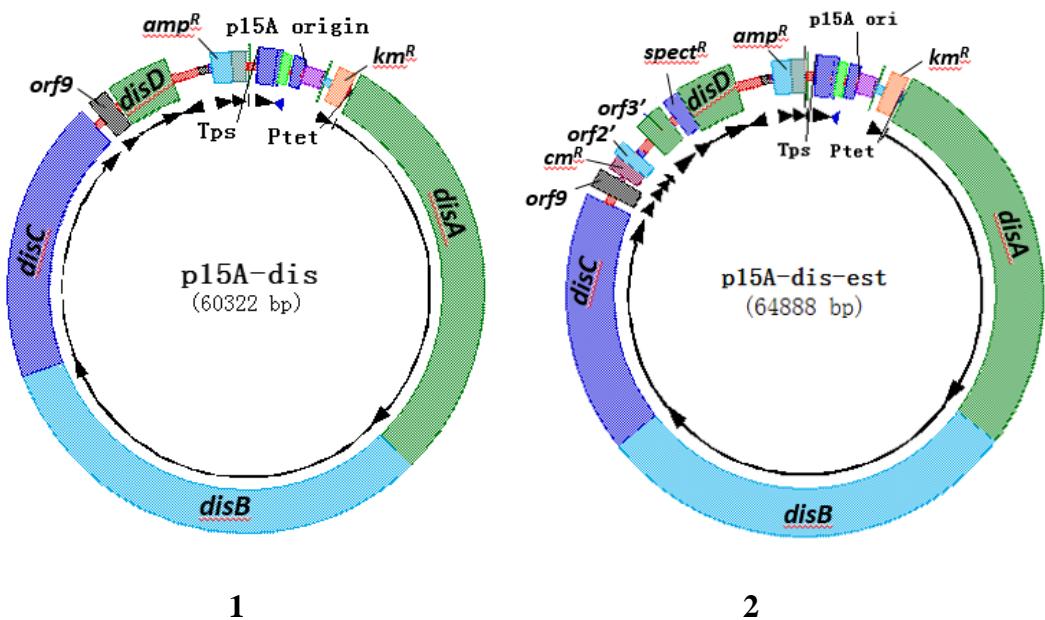
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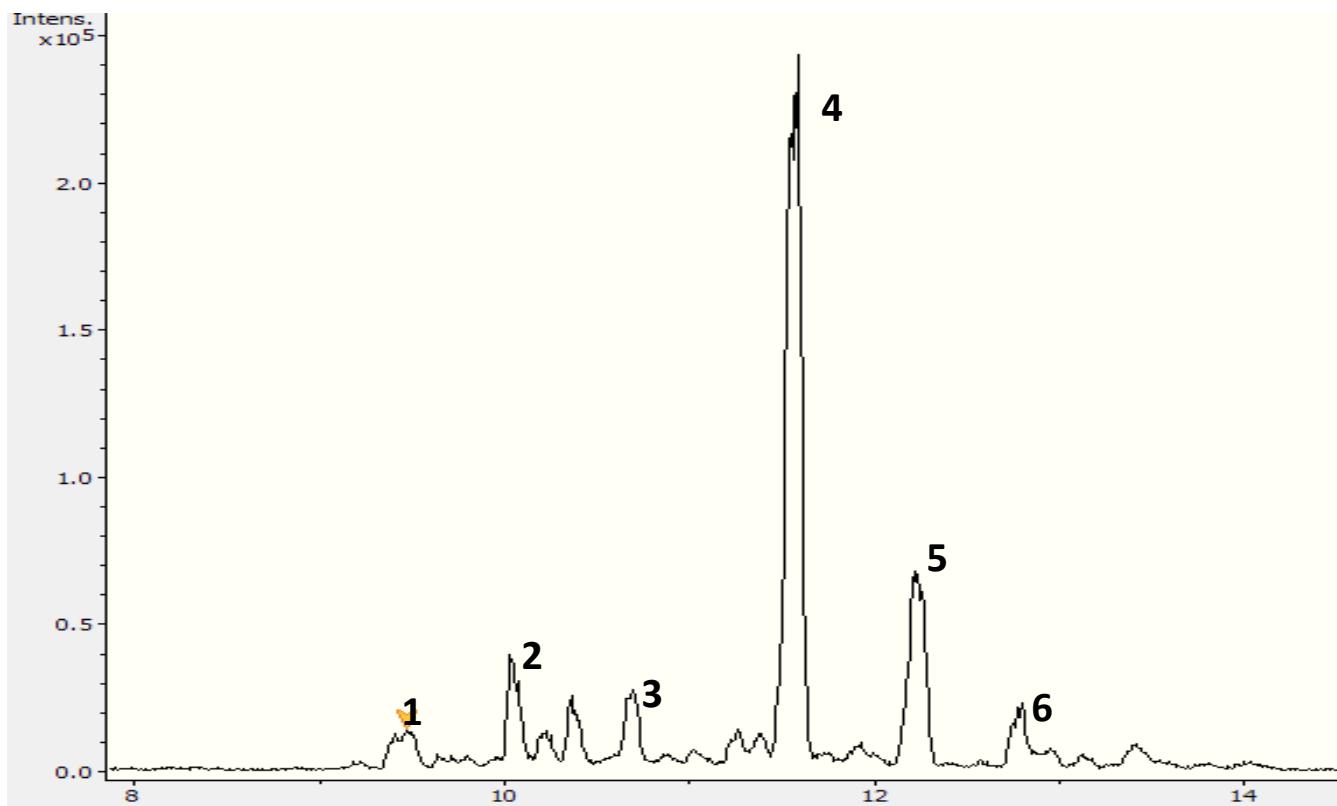
**Figure S1.** Chemical structures of disorazols.

1. Disorazol A<sub>1</sub>
2. Disorazol A<sub>2</sub>
3. Disorazol A<sub>3</sub>
4. Disorazol A<sub>4</sub>
5. Disorazol A<sub>5</sub>
6. Disorazol A<sub>6</sub>
7. Disorazol A<sub>7</sub>
8. Disorazol B<sub>1</sub>
9. Disorazol B<sub>2</sub>
10. Disorazol B<sub>3</sub>
11. Disorazol B<sub>4</sub>
12. Disorazol C<sub>1</sub>
13. Disorazol C<sub>2</sub>
14. Disorazol D<sub>1</sub>
15. Disorazol D<sub>2</sub>
16. Disorazol D<sub>3</sub>
17. Disorazol D<sub>4</sub>
18. Disorazol D<sub>5</sub>
19. Disorazol E<sub>1</sub>
20. Disorazol E<sub>2</sub>
21. Disorazol E<sub>3</sub>
22. Disorazol F<sub>1</sub>
23. Disorazol F<sub>2</sub>
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27. Disorazol G<sub>3</sub>
28. Disorazol H
29. Disorazol I



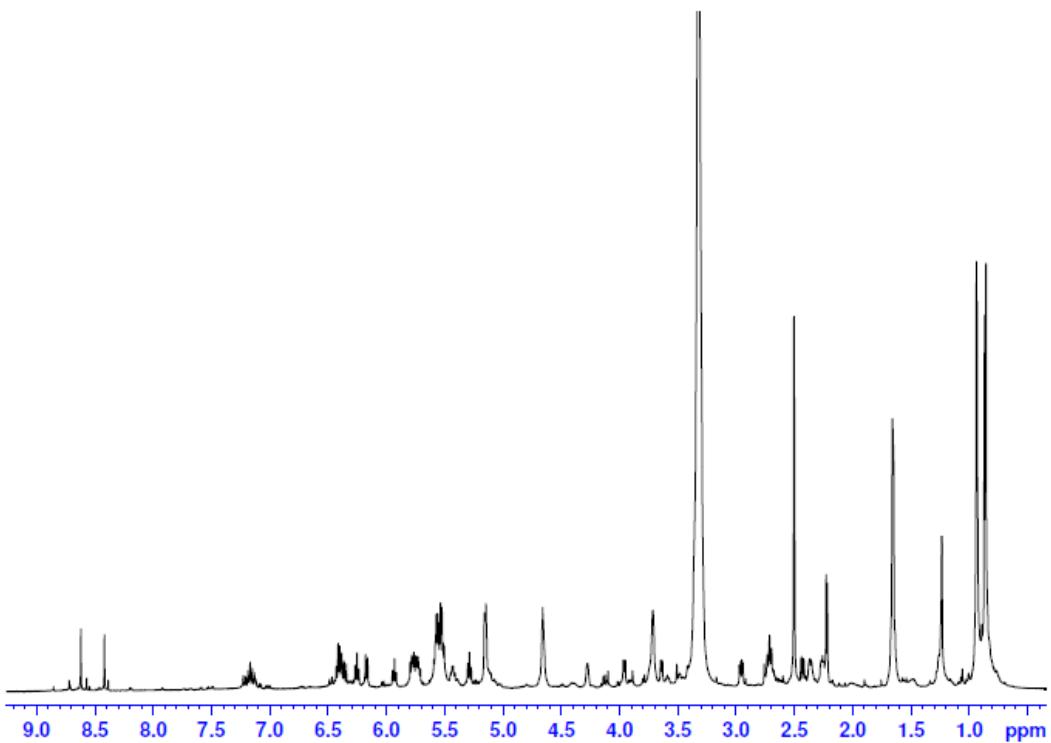
**Figure S2.** Heterologous expression constructs of two type of expression plasmids p15A-dis and p15A-dis-est.

Construct 1 is p15A-dis. Then we insert the repaired carboxyl esterase gene *orf3'* and the SAM-dependent methyl transferase gene *orf2'* together into p15A-dis by Red/ET recombineering to form construct 2 p15A-dis-est. After insertion, two genes are in the middle of *orf9* gene and *disD* gene.

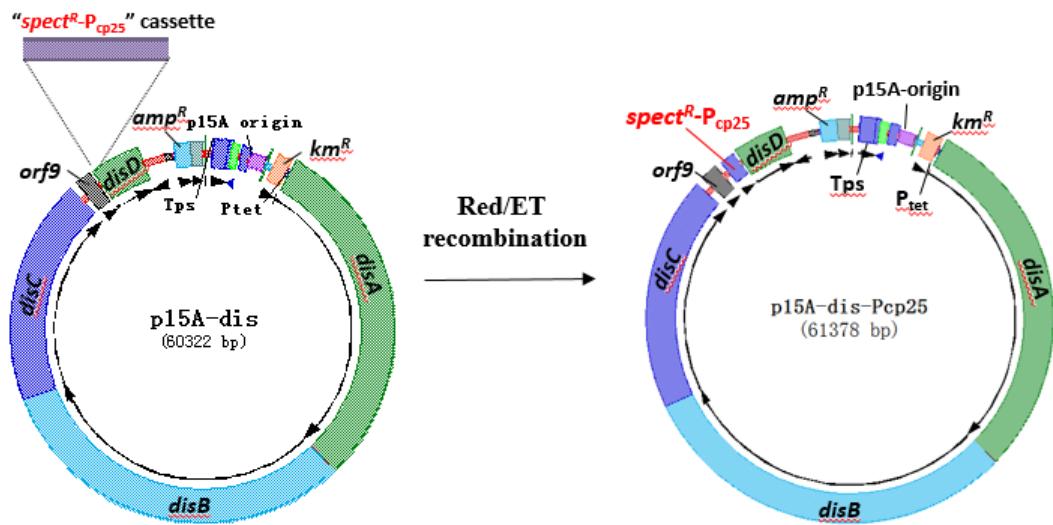


**Figure S3.** related to Figure 3. HPLC-MS analysis (BPC  $m/z$  720-780) of extracts from *M. xanthus*:: *p15A-dis*.

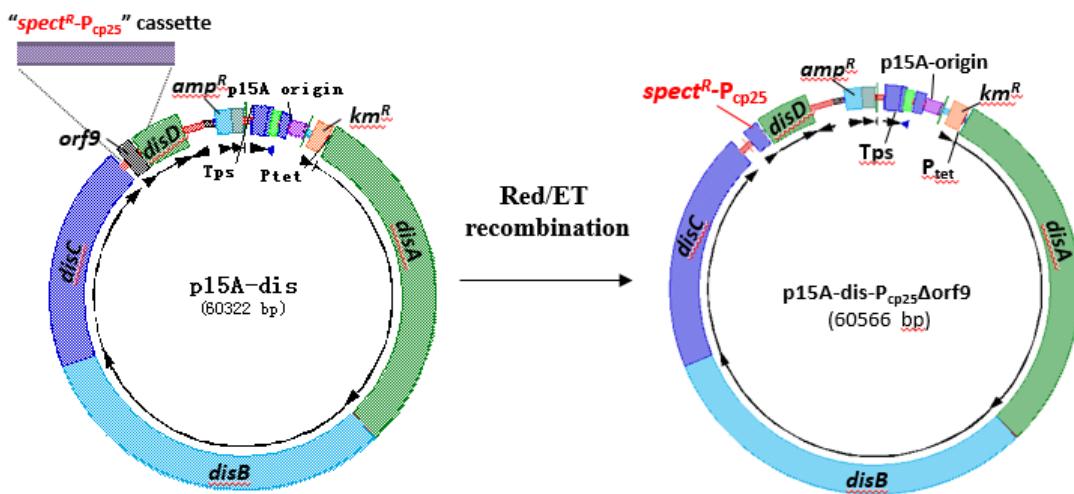
The peaks are disB<sub>4</sub> (1),  $m/z$  761 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; dis762 (2),  $m/z$  763 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; disB<sub>2</sub> (3),  $m/z$  779 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; disA<sub>2</sub> (4),  $m/z$  745 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; disA<sub>1</sub> (5),  $m/z$  759 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; disF<sub>2</sub> (6),  $m/z$  729 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



**Figure S4.**  ${}^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of disorazol A<sub>2</sub>.



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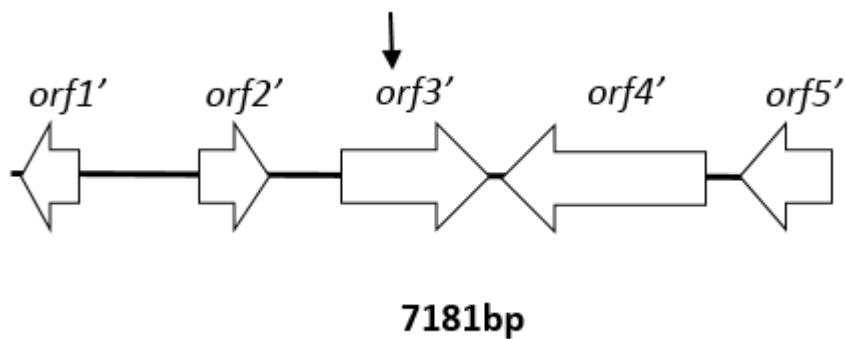


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**Figure S5.** Modify *disD* gene through Red/ET recombineering.

1: only insert promoter  $P_{cp25}$  in front of *disD* gene.

2: insert promoter  $P_{cp25}$  in front of *disD* gene by deletion *orf9* gene.



**Figure S6.** Construct of the recovered plasmid pTn-Rec\_IE2. (data according to Kopp et al.)

Diagram of the genes encoded adjacent to the transposition site of mutant So12\_EXI\_IE-3 that was cloned into the recovered plasmid pTn-Rec\_IE-2. ↓ is the location of the transposon insertion site.

**Table S1** Oligonucleotides used in this study

name	sequences(5'-3')	Notes
P1	AATGTCGCACAATGTGCCATTTC ACTTCACAGGTCAACGCTCACGCTGA CGCTGTCCGCCAGACCGACTTGGC TTCTACCTGCGGATCCTGGTGATGATG GCGGGATCGTTG	Used to replace the backbone of disBAC plasmid
P2	AATGAATAGTCGACAAAAATCTAGA TAACGAGGATCAACGATGGAGCAGGA GCCATTGCGATCATCGCGTAGCGT GCCGATTCCCAGGATCCTGTGACGG AAGATCACTTCG	
P3	TCCGCTGCATCCTGGATCTGGATATGG ACAGGAAGGCAGTTGAAGAACGTCGAG TTTGAACAAAACAACTTATATCG	Used to replace the backbone of pTn-Rec_IE2 plasmid
P4	CTCAGCCCGCGTCGAGCGCGTAGACG GCCGTGGCCGTCTTCGCCCCGTCAAGG TCTTACCAATGCTTAATCAGTGAG	
P5	TACCGTCGCGGCCACGCGCATCTGGG GCCCCCTCGGCATGAACGATACGATG TACAACCCGCCGCCGGAGCTCCACGA GCGCGTGGCGGCCACGGCTACTCGA CC	Used to delete R6k-Tn-hyg genes in order to form full length of esterase gene
P6	CAGATCGCTGAGATAGGTGCCTCACT GATTAAGCATTGGTAAGCTTGAGACC CTTGCCCGGGAAACATGTATGCTTCA TCGGTTCTCCTCTTATAATTTTTAA TCTGTTA	Used to form the homology arm to p15A-dis plasmid
P7	CCTCAGCCCGCGTCGAGCGCGTAGAC GGCCGTGGCCGTCTTCGCTAACGTG ACTGGCAAGAGATAT	
P8	TGACCTCCGGCTCGAGCACGCGGCC AGCGACATGCTCGCATCCTCTCCGTT ACGCCCCGCCCTGCCACTC	Used to form the homology arm to p15A-dis plasmid
P9	TCAGCCCCATACGATATAAGTTGTTT GTTCAAACTCGACTTCAAGCTTGCGCC GAGGCGAGCCCTGGCGGGCACGTCG TGGCGCGCGCCTCCTGGTGTCCCTGT TGATACC	
P10	TGGAAAGCGCGATGACCATCCAGGAG TTTGCCAACCTGTCTGCGGAG	Used to verify <i>M. xanthus</i> ::p15A-dis mutant.
P11	TGTGGGAGGCGAGGGCCTCGGCAGAAG AGGGTGAGGAGCAGGGCCGTCGG	

P12	TGGAGGTCCGCCGATGCCGAGGGC GAGCTCACGAGCGCTCGCGCGCA GGAGCCCTACGCCCGCCCTGCCACT CATCGCAG	Used to inactivate <i>disA</i> gene
P13	TGATAGAGAAAAGTGAATGAATAGT TCGACAAAAATCTAGGAGGATGATGA CGCCAACCTTGCGAAAATGAGAC	
P14	CGTAGGACACCCGGTTGGCGATCGAC GAGTAATCGGCCTCGCGATCACGGG GTTTCCCTTGTGGAGCTCGTCCTGTTA CGCCCCGCCCTGCCACTCATCGCA	Used to inactivate <i>disB</i> gene
P15	TGCGCCGCTCGGCTATTACCAATCGAC CTGGACCAGAACGCGCTTGAAACGT CGGGGTAACCTCCAACTTTGGCGA AAATGAGAC	
P16	CGGCTCGGTGAGCGAGAGCCGCAGCT CGAAGAAGGGCCACTGATCCAGGGGG AATACCCCTTACGCCCGCCCTGCCAC TCATCGCAG	Used to inactivate <i>disC</i> gene
P17	TGGCCGGCGTACCGGGCGAGGAGCTG ACTCGGCTCTACGCCATCCTGCAAGA GGAATGATGACCAAACTTTGGCGAAA ATGAGAC	
P18	TGAGACCCTGCCCAGGAAACATGTA TGCTTTCATCGGTTCTCCTCTATCA CTGATAGGGAGTGGTAAAATAACTCT ATCAATGATAGAGTGTCAACAGTACT ATGTGATTATACC	Used to insert P <sub>cp25</sub> promoter in front of <i>disD</i> gene
P19	CGCGCCGAGGCGAGCCCTGGCGGGC ACGTCGTGGCGGCAGCCTCCCTCCCCG CGAGCACGTGTTGACAATTAATC	
P20	TGCGTTGATATCGAGCGATCCGCATG ATAGACGACCCCGCGCTGAACCGAGC ACGTGTTGACAATTAATC	Used to delete <i>orf9</i> gene by insertion of P <sub>cp25</sub> promoter in front of <i>disD</i> gene

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**Table S2** related to Figure 3. Target screening analysis data of extracts from *M. xanthus::p15A-dis.*

RT [min]	m/z	Compound	sum formula
4.36	335.16205	Ar001-23-2	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S <sub>1</sub>
12.48	384.28846	AS_DK1622_383-1	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>38</sub> N <sub>1</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
12.48	384.28846	AS_DK1622_383-2	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>38</sub> N <sub>1</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
5.1	631.27543	Citilin A	C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>39</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub>
<b>12.81</b>	<b>729.37322</b>	<b>Disorazol F2</b>	<b>C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>52</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub></b>
<b>11.58</b>	<b>745.36879</b>	<b>Disorazol A2</b>	<b>C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>53</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>10</sub></b>
<b>12.24</b>	<b>759.38345</b>	<b>Disorazol A1</b>	<b>C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>55</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>10</sub></b>
<b>12.24</b>	<b>759.38345</b>	<b>Disorazol A3</b>	<b>C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>55</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>10</sub></b>
<b>12.24</b>	<b>759.38345</b>	<b>Disorazol A4</b>	<b>C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>55</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>10</sub></b>
<b>7.77</b>	<b>779.37324</b>	<b>Disorazol B2</b>	<b>C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>55</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>12</sub></b>
<b>9.49</b>	<b>761.36162</b>	<b>Disorazol B4</b>	<b>C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>53</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>11</sub></b>
<b>10.04</b>	<b>763.37894</b>	<b>Disorazol 762</b>	<b>C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>54</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>11</sub></b>
7.44	519.25799	DKxanthen-518	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>35</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub>
7.8	519.25783	DKxanthen-518	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>35</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub>
7.18	535.25311	DKxanthen-534	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>35</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub>
7.54	535.25281	DKxanthen-534	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>35</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub>
8.07	549.26825	Dkxanthen-548	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>37</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub>
3.56	183.09128	Marinoquinoline A	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>2</sub>
5.36	225.13794	Marinoquinoline B	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>2</sub>
5.84	259.12181	Marinoquinoline C	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>2</sub>
2.55	197.12852	Mediacompound-Amb-001	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
3.56	245.12887	Mediacompound-Amb-002	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
4.01	245.12862	Mediacompound-Amb-003	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
3.51	211.14406	Mediacompound-Amb-004	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
13.01	416.31467	Myxalamid A	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>42</sub> N <sub>1</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
12.59	402.2989	Myxalamid B	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>40</sub> N <sub>1</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
11.84	388.28299	Myxalamid C	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>38</sub> N <sub>1</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
13.83	430.33012	Myxalamid-430	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>44</sub> N <sub>1</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
5.4	405.16444	Myxochelin A	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>25</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>
3.93	404.18101	Myxochelin B	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>26</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>6</sub>
13	624.4456	Myxovirescin A	C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>62</sub> N <sub>1</sub> O <sub>8</sub>
12.73	622.42858	Myxovirescin B	C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>60</sub> N <sub>1</sub> O <sub>8</sub>
16.86	632.44647	Myxovirescin C	C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>63</sub> N <sub>1</sub> Na <sub>1</sub> O <sub>7</sub>
11.03	642.45472	Myxovirescin Variante KP641	C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>64</sub> N <sub>1</sub> O <sub>9</sub>
2.3	261.12324	Tyr-Pro Dioxopiperazin	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
2.41	261.1234	Tyr-Pro Dioxopiperazin	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>

The shadow part are disorazol and its derivatives (in bold in the table).

**Table S3** related to Figure 3. NMR data for disA<sub>2</sub> comparison with the natural product.

pos	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ , mult (J in Hz) Disorazol <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub>	$\delta_{\text{H}}$ , mult (J in Hz) Disorazol <sup>2</sup> A <sub>2</sub>
3-H	8.34, s br	8.42, s
5-H	6.18, d br (11.7)	6.17, d (11.9)
6-H	6.47, dd (11.7, 11.9)	6.41, m
7-H	7.36, dd (11.9, 15)	7.16, dd (11.4, 14.7)
8-H	5.71, m	5.75, m
9-H	3.66, dd (4.2, 9.9)	3.64, dd (4.4, 9.9)
10-H	4.06, dd (4.2, 9.7)	3.96, dd (4.2, 10.0)
11-H	5.34, dd (9.7, 11.5)	5.28, dd (9.0, 11.2)
12-H	5.86, ddd (5.5, 11, 11)	5.77, m
13-Ha	2.88, m	2.71, m
13-Hb	2.46, ddbr	2.43, dd (3.2, 14.6)
14-H	5.35, dd (2.5, 11)	5.15, m
16-H	3.88, d (7.5)	3.73
17-H	5.64, m	5.74, m
18-H	5.71, m	5.15, m
19-H <sub>3</sub>	1.74, d (1, 6)	1.65
20-H <sub>3</sub>	1.07 <sup>a</sup> , s	0.94 <sup>a</sup> , s
21-H <sub>3</sub>	1.03 <sup>a</sup> , s	0.93 <sup>a</sup> , s
3'-H	8.49, s	8.62, s
5'-Ha	3.11, dd (5.4, 14.9)	2.95, dd (6.0, 14.7)
5'-Hb	2.65, dd (3.8, 14.9)	2.43, dd (3.3, 14.4)
6'-H	4.42, m	4.66, m
7'-H	5.88, dd (9, 15.1)	5.93, dd (9.4, 12.0)
8'-H	6.43, dd (11, 15.1)	6.39, m
9'-H	6.01, dd (11, 11)	6.17, d (11)
10'-H	6.37, dd (11, 11)	6.36, m
11'-H	6.48, dd (11, 11)	6.40, m
12'-H	5.55, ddd (5.5, 11, 11)	5.54, m
13'-Ha	2.88, m	2.72, m
13'-Hb	2.36, m	2.26, m
14'-H	5.35, dd (2.5, 11.6)	5.15, m
16'-H	3.88, d (7.5)	3.72, m
17'-H	5.64, m	5.54, m
18'-H	5.71, m	5.50, m
19'-H <sub>3</sub>	1.74, d	1.65
20'-H <sub>3</sub>	1.02 <sup>b</sup> , s	0.85 <sup>b</sup> , s
21'-H <sub>3</sub>	1.01 <sup>b</sup> , s	0.87 <sup>b</sup> , s

<sup>1</sup>NMR data taken in MeOH-*d*<sub>4</sub>, <sup>2</sup>DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub><sup>a,b</sup> overlapping signals.

**Table S4** Proteins encoded on the recovered plasmid pTn-Rec\_IE-2 and their putative function in disorazol biosynthesis (data according to Kopp et al.)

Gene	Size (bp)	Proposed function of the similar protein	Similarity/ Identity
<i>orf1'</i>	522	arylesterase-related protein	29% / 43%
<i>orf2'</i>	591	SAM- dependent methyl transferase	48% / 58%
<i>orf3'</i>	1284	putative esterase β-lactamase	35% / 51%
<i>orf4'</i>	1782	adenylate cyclase	31% / 51%
<i>orf5'</i>	854	outer membrane protein (incomplete)	36% / 46%

## **Genetic inactivation of the disorazol biosynthetic genes**

As mentioned earlier, ten PKS modules and one NRPS module are encoded in the genes *disA-C* in the conserved disorazol biosynthetic gene cluster. To confirm that *disA-C* is involved in the biosynthesis of disorazol, the module was inactivated by disrupting the gene, including the PKS modules 1 and 5 and the NRPS module, on the p15A-dis expression construct (Figure 1). A 1100 bp fragment conferring chloramphenicol resistance (cm) to the linker region between these modules was separately inserted into the p15A-dis construct by homologous recombination in *E. coli*. The modified deletion constructs pDisA, pDisB and pDisC were screened using low-salt LB plates plus chloramphenicol and then verified by restriction analysis (Table S1). The successfully modified constructs were then transformed into *M. xanthus* DK1622, and the production profile of positive recombinants was analyzed by HPLC-MS (Figure S6-I).

The mutant strains no longer produced disorazols. The missing peaks indicate that all these modules and genes are vital for the disorazol biosynthetic pathway. Without any one of these genes, no disorazols are produced. It is, however, still possible that the significant changes in the cluster architecture that were caused by the gene inactivation may have affected the expression of the biosynthetic enzymes (Figure S6-II).

## **Biological evaluation**

Cell lines were obtained from the German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (*Deutsche Sammlung für Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen*, DSMZ) or were part of our internal collection and were cultured under conditions recommended by the depositor. Half-inhibitory concentrations (IC<sub>50</sub>) in terms of growth inhibition were determined as described previously<sup>1</sup>. In brief, cells were treated in 96-well plates with serial dilutions of disorazol A<sub>1</sub> and A<sub>2</sub> for 5 d. Cell viability was assessed via tetrazolium salt reduction and average IC<sub>50</sub> values were obtained in two independent experiments by sigmoidal curve fitting.

### **Supplemental references**

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