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Supplementary Figure 1. Bioinformatic analysis of *pks* gene and gene neighborhood. (**a**) Upper: Representation of predicted PKS protein showing individual catalytic domains. KS, ketosynthase; AT, acyltransferase; DH, dehydratase; KR, ketoreductase; ACP, acyl carrier protein. Lower: Prediction of PKS AT domain substrate specificity based on previously established consensus sequences for malonate or methylmalonate substrates^{1,2}. (**b**) Gene neighborhood surrounding ca_c3355 on the *C*. *acetobutylicum* ATCC 824 genome (NCBI accession NC_003030.1). Gene annotations based on NCBI designations.

Supplementary Figure 2. Procedure for deletion of *pks* gene and verification of ∆*pks* by colony PCR. (**a**) Diagram of homologous recombination-based allelic exchange method used for deletion of the *C. acetobutylicum* pks gene. Dotted line boxes represent regions of homology surrounding the *pks* gene on the wild-type chromosome. Crosses between boxes represent homologous recombination events taking place between the wild-type chromosome and plasmid pKO_pks . Following plating on solid $2xYTG +$ 5 µg/mL Th + 40 mM β-lactose, only cells which have undergone the double crossover homologous recombination event (and lack plasmid pKO pks) should be allowed to survive. th^R , thiamphenicol resistance gene; colE1, gram-negative origin of replication; *repL*, gram-positive replication protein; *bgaR*, repressor of promoter P*bgaL*; *mazF*, toxin gene driven by promoter P*bgaL*. Single barbed arrows represent primer annealing sites. (**b**) DNA electrophoresis gel of colony PCR reactions confirming deletion of *ca_c3355* (*pks*) in *C. acetobutylicum*. Lanes 2-5 show results for a wild-type colony template, while lanes 7-10 show results for a Δ*pks* colony template. Lanes 1, 6, and 11: GeneRulerTM 1 kb Plus ladder (Invitrogen, Thermo Fisher Scientific). Lanes 2 and 7: primers P1 & P2 (expected size for wildtype: 1.8 kb, expected size for Δ*pks*: no band). Lanes 3 and 8: primers P1 & P4 (expected size for wildtype: no band, expected size for Δ*pks*: 1.7 kb). Lanes 4 and 9: primers P5 & P3 (expected size for wildtype: no band, expected size for Δ*pks*: 2.1 kb). Lanes 5 and 10: primers P1 & P3 (expected size for wildtype: 8.2 kb, expected size for Δ*pks*: 4.0 kb).

Supplementary Figure 3. HRMS and UV characterization of compound **1.** (**a**) (-)-HRMS (negative mode) of **1** (calc., 237.1496). (**b**) MS/MS analysis (positive mode) of **1**. (**c**) UV spectrum of **1**.

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Supplementary Figure 4. HRMS and UV characterization of compound **2.** (**a**) (-)-HRMS (negative mode) of **2** (calc., 383.2075). (**b**) MS/MS analysis (positive mode) of **2**. (**c**) UV spectrum of **2**.

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Supplementary Figure 5. HRMS and UV characterization of compound **3.** (**a**) (-)-HRMS (negative mode) of **3** (calc., 545.2604). (**b**) MS/MS analysis (negative mode) of **3**. (**c**) UV spectrum of **3**.

Supplementary Figure 6. NMR characterization of compound 1. (a) ¹H, ¹H-COSY/TOCSY and selected HMBC correlations of **1**.

Supplementary Figure 6. (**b**) ¹ H NMR spectrum (DMSO-d6, 900 MHz) of **1**.

Supplementary Figure 6. (**c**) ¹³C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6 , 225 MHz) of **1**.

Supplementary Figure 6. (**d**) HSQC spectrum (DMSO-d6, 900 MHz) of **1**.

Supplementary Figure 6. (**e**) DQF-COSY spectrum (DMSO-d6, 900 MHz) of **1**.

Supplementary Figure 6. (**f**) HMBC spectrum (DMSO-d6, 900 MHz) of **1**.

Supplementary Figure 6. (g) TOCSY spectrum (DMSO-d₆, 900 MHz) of 1.

Supplementary Figure 6. (h) HSQC without ¹³C decoupling spectrum (CD₃OD, 900 MHz) of 1.
³J_{H5, H6} = ca 15.5 Hz; ³J_{H8, H9} = ca 15.2 Hz; ³J_{H9, H10} = ca 11.1 Hz; ³J_{H10, H11} = ca 15.2 Hz.

Supplementary Figure 7. NMR characterization of compound 3. (a) ¹H, ¹H-COSY and selected HMBC correlations of **3**.

Supplementary Figure 7. (b) ¹H NMR spectrum (CD₃OD, 900 MHz) of 3.

Supplementary Figure 7. (**c**) 13C NMR spectrum (CD3OD, 225 MHz) of **3**.

Supplementary Figure 7. (**d**) HSQC spectrum (CD3OD, 900 MHz) of **3**.

Supplementary Figure 7. (e) ${}^{1}H$, ${}^{1}H$ -COSY spectrum (CD₃OD, 900 MHz) of 3.

Supplementary Figure 7. (**f**) HMBC spectrum (CD3OD, 900 MHz) of **3**.

Supplementary Figure 7. (**g**) HSQC without 13C decoupling spectrum (CD3OD, 900 MHz) of **3**.

Supplementary Figure 8. *In vitro* reconstitution of PKS activity. (**a**) Left: SDS-PAGE gel showing soluble PKS protein (203 kDa) purified from *E. coli* BAP1 expressing pET24b_pks. Right: SDS-PAGE autoradiograph gel showing results of 14 C-labeled malonyl-CoA PKS loading assay. Lanes 2 and 3 show the results for assays performed without (Lane 2) and with (Lane 3) the addition of NADPH. Lane 1 is a negative control without PKS. (**b**) HRMS extracted ion chromatographs showing products of *in vitro* biochemical assays of purified PKS protein. Assays containing PKS and malonyl-CoA (MCA) yielded the triketide lactone compound **4** (top chromatogram), while addition of NADPH to the assay permitted the production of tetra- and penta- ketide pyrones (compounds **5** and **6**, respectively) (bottom chromatogram).

Supplementary Figure 9. HRMS and UV spectra for compounds **4**, **5**, and **6**. (**a**) Left: UV spectrum for compound **4**. Center: HRMS spectrum for compound **4**. Right: Comparison of calculated and observed masses for compound **4**. (**b**) Left: UV spectrum for compound **5**. Center: HRMS spectrum for compound **5**. Right: Comparison of calculated and observed masses for compound **5**. (**c**) Left: UV spectrum for compound **6**. Center: HRMS spectrum for compound **6**. Right: Comparison of calculated and observed masses for compound **6**. The molecular structures for **4**, **5**, and **6** were assigned based on comparison of HRMS spectra, UV spectra, and HPLC retention time to chemical standards of these compounds.

Supplementary Figure 10. Glucose concentrations for time-course batch fermentation data (complementary to **Fig. 2a-c)**. Error bars represent the standard deviation of biological duplicate experiments.

Supplementary Figure 11. Sporulation assay results (time-course) for incubation of wild-type and Δ*pks* on solid CBM medium. Error bars represent the standard deviation of biological triplicate experiments.

Supplementary Figure 12. Proposed biosynthetic pathway for the production of compounds **1**-**3**. Proposed PKS starter units are acetyl-CoA or butyryl-CoA. PKS domains include ACP, acyl carrier protein; KS, ketosynthase; AT, acyltransferase; KR, ketoreductase; and DH, dehydratase. Non-PKS contributors proposed are *trans*-ER, *trans*-enoyl reductase; Des, fatty-acyl desaturase; TE, thioesterase; and two glycosyltransferases. It is important to note that this proposed pathway is highly speculative given our limited knowledge of the tailoring enzymes involved. For example, an isomerase may be involved instead of ER and Des to change the position of the double bond.

Supplementary Table 1. ¹H (900 MHz), ¹³C (226 MHz) ¹H, ¹H-COSY and HMBC NMR data for clostrienoic acid (**1**).

Supplementary Table 2. ¹H (900 MHz), ¹³C (226 MHz) ¹H, ¹H-COSY and HMBC NMR data

Supplementary Table 3. Oil spreading assay results^a for surfactin (positive control), purified clostrienose (**3**), and 10 mM potassium phosphate buffer negative control.

	$10 \mu M$	$10 \mu M$	$100 \mu M$	$100 \mu M$
	pH 5.0	pH 8.0	pH 5.0	pH 8.0
surfactin	$+++++$	$+++++$	$+++++$	$+++++$
clostrienose	O			$+++$
control				

a o, no oil film disturbance; +, unstable clearing zone < 5 mm diameter; ++, stable clearing zone 5 – 10 mm diameter; +++, stable clearing zone 10 – 15 mm diameter; ++++, near complete oil film dispersal; +++++, complete oil film dispersal. Solutions were prepared in 10 mM potassium phosphate buffer at the indicated pH and concentration.

Supplementary Table 4. Drop collapse assay results^a for surfactin (positive control), purified clostrienose (**3**), and 10 mM potassium phosphate buffer negative control.

^ao, stable droplet bead \sim 2 mm diameter; +++, collapsed droplet \sim 4 mm diameter; ++++, collapsed droplet ~ 6 mm diameter. Solutions were prepared in 10 mM potassium phosphate buffer at the indicated pH and concentration.

Supplementary Table 5. Primers used in this study.

Supplementary Methods

Purification and structure elucidation of compounds 1-3. To yield sufficient amounts of compounds **1**, **2**, and **3** for complete structure elucidation, 34 L of wild-type *C. acetobutylicum* culture was generated from several rounds of fermentation using a New Brunswick Scientific Bioflow 115 Benchtop Fermenter. Overnight cultures (10 mL CGM, 30 g/L glucose, stagnant, 37°C) inoculated with heat shocked individual colonies of *C. acetobutylicum* were cultured until reaching OD₆₀₀ ~ 1. A 10% inoculum was then used to start a subculture (50 mL CGM, 30 g/L glucose, stagnant, 37°C), and the subculture was incubated until reaching $OD_{600} \sim 1$. A 10% inoculum was used to start the final subculture (300 mL CGM, 80 g/L glucose, stagnant, 37°C), and the final subculture was incubated until reaching $OD_{600} \sim 1$. The 300 mL culture was then aseptically transferred to the Bioflow 115 fermenter pre-loaded with 10.0 L of nitrogen-sparged CGM (80 g/L glucose, 1 mL Antifoam 204, 37°C). The fermentation was then allowed to proceed for 72 hours. The temperature was maintained at 37°C, agitation was provided by stirring at 200 rpm, and the pH was maintained above 5.0 via automatic addition of 3 M NH4OH.

After combining the pooled fermentation culture (34 L) and removing the cell pellets via centrifugation (3,500 xg, 15 min, room temperature), the cell-free culture supernatant was extracted using two volumes of ethyl acetate. Following isolation of the organic extract, the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation and the residue was redissolved in dichloromethane. The dark yellow oily residue (10.8 g) was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (60 Å, 220-440 mesh), and the compound-rich fractions were eluted with an ethyl acetate/hexane gradient system. Each of the compound-rich fractions were combined and concentrated to dryness (3.6 g of compound **1**, 1.1 g of compound **2**, and 2.4 g of compound **3**). Further purification of compounds **1**, **2** and **3** was performed individually. Each yellow residue of compounds **1**, **2** and **3** was subjected to reverse-phase high-performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC, Agilent 1260 HPLC with DAD) on a semi-preparative C18 column (10 μ m, 250 x 22 mm, 300 Å, Vydac) with a linear gradient of 2-98% CH₃CN (vol/vol) over 1 hour in H₂O with 0.1% formic acid at a flow rate of 5 mL/min. Product-rich fractions containing compound **1**, **2** and **3**, respectively, were collected manually and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was redissolved in methanol (2-4 mL), and was again purified by RP-HPLC (Agilent 1260 HPLC with DAD) using a C18 column (5 μ m, 250 x 10 mm, 300 Å, Vydac) with a linear gradient of 25-80% CH₃CN (vol/vol) over 30 min in H₂O with 0.1% formic acid (vol/vol) at a flow rate of 2 mL/min. Fractions containing compound **1**, **2** and **3**, respectively, were collected manually and concentrated under vacuum. The residues of compound **1**, **2** and **3** were redissolved in methanol (0.5-2 mL) for further purification. Purification was again performed by RP-HPLC using a C18 column (5 µm, 250 x 4.6 mm, 100 Å, Inertsil ODS-4 column) with an isocratic system of 22% (compound **3**), 25% (compound **2**), and 30% (compound **1**) CH3CN (vol/vol) over 30 min in H2O with 0.1% formic acid (vol/vol) at a flow rate of 1 mL/min. Fractions containing compound **1**, **2** and **3**, respectively, were collected manually and concentrated under vacuum. The resulting purified compounds **3** were dried (0.9 mg) and analyzed by HRMS and NMR. The amount of **2** was too low for NMR analysis. The residue of compound **1** required further purification, and was redissolved in methanol (0.5 mL) again for the final purification. The final purification was performed by RP-HPLC using a C18 column (3.5 μ m, 100 x 4.6 mm, Agilent Eclipse Plus) with an isocratic system of 26% CH3CN (vol/vol) over 30 min in H₂O with 0.1% formic acid (vol/vol) at a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min. Fractions containing compound **1** were collected manually and concentrated under vacuum. The resulting purified compound **1** was dried (1.1 mg) and analyzed by HRMS and NMR. LC-HRMS analysis was performed on an Agilent Technologies 6520 Accurate-Mass QTOF LC-MS instrument fitted with an Agilent Eclipse Plus C18 column (4.6 x 100 mm). A linear gradient of 2-98% CH3CN (vol/vol) over 40 min in H2O with 0.1% formic acid (vol/vol) at a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min was used. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Biospin 900 MHz spectrometer with a cryoprobe in d4 methanol or d6-DMSO (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories).

To determine the absolute stereochemistry of the secondary alcohol in **1**, an additional 15 mg of **1** was purified and dissolved in 10 ml of absolute EtOH, and 0.75 mg of 10% Pd/C was added. The flask was purged with hydrogen, and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours under positive pressure of hydrogen. Reaction progress was monitored by TLC. The reaction was quenched by filtration, and the solvent was dried under vacuum to yield 3 hydroxytetradecanoic acid (3-HTA) as a white powder (reaction yield: 75%). The resulting 3-HTA product was analyzed by LC-HRMS, 1 H NMR, 13 C NMR, and the specific rotation was measured. The specific rotation of **1** was also measured.

Compound 1 Data:

¹H NMR (900 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.02 (s, 1H), 6.00 (m, 2H), 5.57 (m, 1H), 5.56 (m, 1H), 5.44 $(m, 1H), 5.42$ $(m, 1H), 4.72$ $(s, 1H), 3.84$ $(m, 1H), 2.73$ $(t, J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H $), 2.31$ $(dd, J = 15.0, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.18 (dd, J = 15.0, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (m, 2H), 2.00 (dt, J = 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (tq, J = 7.7, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 3H) ppm. 13C NMR (226 MHz, DMSO-*d6*) δ 172.94, 132.25, 130.74, 130.35, 130.08, 130.04, 127.43, 67.23, 41.86, 40.17, 35.00, 34.05, 22.02, 13.55 ppm. ESI-HRMS (m/z) : [M-H]⁻ calcd. for C₁₄H₂₂O₃ 237.1496; found 237.1496. [α] $_0^{20}$ -9.1° (*c* 1, CHCl₃).

Compound 3 Data:

¹H NMR (900 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 6.01 (m, 2H), 5.98 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (m, 1H), 5.54 (m, 1H), 5.53 (dt, J = 15.4, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (dt, J = 15.4, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd, $J = 8.6, 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.04 (m, 1H), 3.97 (dd, $J = 8.6, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dd, $J = 3.7, 1.6$ Hz, 1H),

3.82 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd, J = 9.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (dq, J = 9.8, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.64 $(\text{ddd}, \text{J} = 7.1, 5.9, 1.7 \text{ Hz}, 1H), 3.60 \text{ (dd, J} = 10.8, 5.9 \text{ Hz}, 1H), 3.59 \text{ (dd, J} = 10.8, 7.1 \text{ Hz}, 1H),$ 3.41 (dd, J = 9.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (dd, J = 15.3, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dd, J $= 15.3$, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (m, 2H), 2.03 (dt, J = 7.3, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (tq, J = 7.4, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (226 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 171.51, 133.48, 132.88, 132.47, 131.82, 130.74, 127.59, 103.51, 93.80, 82.61, 79.17, 78.46, 74.52, 73.58, 72.52, 71.51, 71.33, 69.29, 64.34, 42.57, 41.45, 36.58, 35.77, 23.66, 17.94, 14.00 ppm; ESI-HRMS (*m/z*): [M-H]⁻ calcd. for C₂₆H₄₂O₁₂ 545.2604; found 545.2600.

3-HTA Data:

¹H NMR (900 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.01 (m, 1H), 2.56 (dd, J = 16.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (dd, J = 16.6, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.44 (m, 2H), $1.35 - 1.22$ (m, 17H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (226 MHz, CDCl3) δ 176.28, 68.22, 40.95, 36.76, 32.13, 29.86, 29.84, 29.79, 29.77, 29.69, 29.56, 25.65, 22.91, 14.35 ppm. ESI-HRMS (m/z): [M-H]⁻ calcd. for C₁₄H₂₈O₃ 243.1966; found 243.1933. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -15.7° (*c* 1, CHCl₃).

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