Discovery and characterization of the tubercidin biosynthetic pathway

from Streptomyces tubercidicus NBRC 13090

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1. Additional Figures



Figure S1. LC-MS analysis of the target metabolite produced by *S. coelicolor* M1154/12G4.

(A) MS/MS analysis of the TBN authentic standard. The fragmentation pattern of TBN is also shown in this panel. (B) MS/MS analysis of the target metabolite produced by the recombinant *S. coelicolor* M1154/12G4. (C) MS/MS analysis of TBN produced by *S. tubercidicus* NBRC 13090.





Proteins include TubE (*S. tubercidicus* NBRC 13090), 4Z1O (*Sulfolobus solfataricus*, PDB: 4Z1O_A), ASE41_09735 (*Streptomyces* sp. Root264, Accession no: KRD23283.1), SPAR_33976 (*S. sparsogenes* DSM 40356, Accession no: OMI34940.1), APS67_002980 (*Streptomyces* sp. AVP053U2, Accession no: ODA72681.1), Francci3_1751 (*Frankia casuarinae*, Accession no: ABD11127.1). The sequences were aligned by ClustalW and merged with ESPript online program.





(A) SDS-PAGE analysis of the purified TubE from *E. coli*. (B) Schematic of the TubE-catalyzed reaction with daG as potential substrate. (C) Extracted ion chromatogram (EIC) analysis of the substrate daG and the deduced product daGMP. As indicated in Figure S3C, the target [M+H]⁺ ion of daG could only be detected from the TubE reaction, suggesting that this compound is not the substrate of TubE. (D) MS/MS analysis of the compound **1**. The fragmentation pattern is also shown in this panel. (E) MS/MS analysis of the target metabolite of the compound **X**. As indicated, the main fragment ions of **X** are well-matched to the theoretical pattern of dephosphorylated form of **1**, suggesting that **X** is spontaneously produced in the process of HPLC analysis.



Figure S4. ¹H and ¹³C NMR analysis of the compound 1.

(A) ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound **1** (600 MHz, D₂O). The ¹H NMR data of compound 1 is listed as follows: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 7.42 (1H, s), 5.74 (1H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 4.33 (1H, t, *J*=18.0 Hz), 4.22 (1H, t, *J*=12.0 Hz), 4.10 (1H, m), 3.97-3.92(2H,m). (B) ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **1**. ¹³C NMR data of compound **1** is indicated as follows: ¹³C NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 166.64, 160.24, 152.78, 150.83, 124.86, 113.10, 96.70, 86.98, 83.14, 73.99, 70.10, 64.56.



Figure S5. ¹**H**-¹**H cosy, HMBC, and HSQC spectrums of the compound 1.** (A) ¹H-¹H cosy spectrum of compound **1** (600 MHz, D₂O). (B) HMBC spectrum of compound **1** (600 MHz, D₂O). (C) HSQC spectrum of compound **1** (600 MHz, D₂O).



Figure S6. Bioinformatic analysis of the GMP reductase TubD with its homologs.

The detailed information for TubD and its homologs is as follows: 4MJM is from *Bacillus anthracis* Str. Ames (PDB: 4MJM_A), ASE41_09740 is from *Streptomyces* sp. Root264 (Accession no: KRD23537.1), B7755_48970 is from *Streptomyces* sp. NBS 14/10 (Accession no: OXL22932.1), CG747_03540 is from *Streptomyces* sp. CB02959 (GenBank: PJN41753.1), and NIES4075_41930 is from *Tolypothrix* sp. NIES-4075. The sequences were aligned by ClustalW and merged with ESPript online program.



Figure S7. Biochemical characterization of TubD-catalyzed reaction.

(A) SDS-PAGE analysis of the purified TubD from *E. coli*. (B) MS/MS analysis of the IMP (inosine monophosphate) authentic standard. The fragmentation pattern is also indicated in this panel. (C) MS/MS analysis of the target metabolite of TubD-catalyzed reaction. (D) Biochemical determination of the factors that potentially affects the enzymatic activities of TubD. TubD reaction, the complete TubD reaction; -NADPH, the TubD reaction without NADPH added; -DTT, the TubD reaction without DTT added; -K⁺, the TubD reaction without K⁺ added; N.C, the reaction without TubD added as negative control.



Figure S8. Bioinformatics analysis of the Nudix superfamily hydrolase TubG.

Bioinformatics analysis of TubG with its homologs. Proteins include TubG (*S. tubercidicus* NBRC 13090), ASE41_09725 (*Streptomyces* sp. Root264, Accession no: KRD23281), CUT44_11950 (*Streptomyces* sp. TRM SA0054, Accession no: PJE97395), B7755_48955 (*Streptomyces* sp. NBS 14/10, OXL22929), and CDG81_12205 (*Actinopolyspora erythraea*, ASU78919). These sequences are aligned by ClustalW and merged with ESPript online program. The conserved NUDIX motif "GX5EX7REUXEEXGV" was highlighted with green asterisks (*) at the bottom of the conserved residues.



Figure S9. Biochemical analysis of TubG and its reaction.

(A) SDS-PAGE analysis of the purified TubG overexpressed in *E. coli*. (B) MS/MS analysis and fragmentation pattern of the adenosine authentic standard. (C) MS/MS analysis of the target product from TubG reaction using AMP as substrate.



Figure S10. Target-directed genome mining of the gene clusters for the potential TBN-related antibiotics.

The potential gene clusters of the TBN-related antibiotics were obtained using the TubA, TubB, and TubC as probes. As indicated here, the proposed functions for the conserved proteins are highlighted with corresponding colors.

2. Additional Tables

Sample	S. tubercidicus NBRC 13090	
No. of all scaffolds	38	
Bases in all scaffolds	7888449	
No. of large scaffords(> 1000 bp)	22	
Bases in large scaffolds	7880373	
Largest length	1607930	
Scaffold N50	1309713	
Scaffold N90	358127	
G+C content	70.78	
N rate	0.00679	
No. of all contigs	53	
Bases in all contigs	7887913	
No. of large contigs(> 1000 bp)	36	
Bases in large contigs	7878900	
Largest length	1302292	
Contig N50	783438	
Contig N90	298401	
Gene num	7263	

Table S1. Parameters for the genome sequencing and assembly of *S. tubercidicus*.

Strain/		Poforonco	
Plasmid /	Relevant characteristics		
Cosmid			
Strain			
S. tubercidicus			
NBRC 13090	Wild-type producer for tubercidin	[1]	
S. coelicolor M1154	S. coelicolor A3(2) derivative used as heterologous host	[2]	
M1154⁄12G4	S. coelicolor M1154 derivative containing cosmid 12G4	This study	
M1154/pJTU2463b	S. coelicolor M1154 derivative containing pJTU2463b	This study	
E. coli			
DH10B	F ⁻ , <i>mcrA</i> , Δ(<i>mrr-hsd</i> RMS- <i>mcr</i> BC), φ80d, <i>lac</i> ZΔM15,	Gibco-BRL	
	∆lacX74, deoR, recA, lendA, lara∆139, D(ara, leu)7697,		
	galU, galK, λ ⁻ , rpsL, nupG		
Rosetta(DE3)/pLysS	F ⁻ , ompT, hsdS _B ($r_B m_B^-$), gal, dcm λ (DE3 [lacl lacUV5-T7	Novagen	
	gene1 ind1 sam7 nin5]) pLysS (Cml ^R)		
ET12567(pUZ8002)	F ⁻ , <i>dam⁻</i> , 13::Tn9, <i>dcm⁻</i> 6, <i>hsd</i> M, <i>hsd</i> R, recF143,	[3]	
	zjj-202::Tn10, galK2, galT22,ara14, pacY1, xyl-5,leuB6,		
	thi-1, pUZ8002		
EPI300-T1 ^R	host cell for genomic library construction	Epicenter	
Plasmids			
pEASY-Blunt	pUCori, lacZ, f1 ori, neo, bla	TransGen	
		Biotech	
pJTU2463b	int, aac(3)IV, oriT, RK2, phiC31, attP	[4]	
pET28a	<i>neo, rep</i> ^{pMB1} , T7 promoter	Novagen	
pET28a/tubE	pET28a derivative with an engineered Ndel-EcoRI	This study	
	fragment containing tubE cloned into counterpart sites		
pET28a/tubD	pET28a derivative with an engineered Ndel-EcoRI	This study	
	fragment containing tubD cloned into counterpart sites		
pET28a/tubG	pET28a derivative with an engineered Ndel-EcoRI	This study	
	fragment containing tubG cloned into counterpart sites		
12G4	pJTU2463b derived cosmid containing the entire TBN	This study	
	biosynthetic gene cluster		

Table S3. PCR primers used in this study.

Primers	Sequence (5'3')
TubidF	CGAGGGCGACGACTACGAGA
TubidR	CGGGTGGTGAAGCCATAAGT
2463seqF	GCCATAGAGGGGCGTCGTG
2463seqR	TAAGTGCGGCGACGATAGT
TubDexF	gtccat ATGCGAATCTCCGAACCGA
TubDexR	ggaatTCATCCCGCCACCGCCTT
TubEexF	gtccat ATGAGCGCGGAACAGGTCG
TubEexR	ggaatTCACCGGTGCACCCGCGCCG
TubGexF	gtccat ATGGACCGATTCGCGCGAG
TubGexR	ggaatTCACGGCGCGCGCACCGG

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