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Supplementary Table 1. Oligonucleotides used in this study.

Supplementary Figure 1. Summary of tailoring gene content of rifamycin family gene clusters recovered from soil metagenomes. A. Tailoring genes that are absent or phylogenetically distinct (based on the phylogenies shown in Supplementary Figures 2-9) from the prototypical rifamycin gene cluster from *Amycolatopsis mediterranei* are indicated in the table on the right. Previously characterized rifamycin family gene clusters are shown for reference. PKS modules, with the exception of the eighth module, which shows significant functional differences, are omitted for simplicity. Abbreviations: P450, cytochrome P450; MT, methyltransferase; Hal, halogenase; GT, glycosyltransferase; Emal-AT8*, ethylmalonyl-CoA specific acyltransferase domain; Mmal-Mut, methylmalonyl-CoA mutase; CoA-T, CoA transferase; pCoA-CT, priopionyl-CoA carboxyltransferase; Epi, sugar epimerase; DH, sugar dehydratase; KR, sugar ketoreductase; OR, oxidoreductase; LanS, lanthionine synthetase; N-acylT, *N*-acyltransferase. **B.** Partial amino acid sequence alignment of the AT8 domains encoded by the *A. mediterranei* rifamycin gene cluster (Rif), the metagenomic RifCon 6, RifCon 10, and RifCon 12 gene clusters, and the *A. vancoresmycina* kanglemycin (Kng) gene cluster. Substrate specifying motifs for methylmalonyl-CoA and ethylmalonyl-CoA are shown in red and blue, respectively.^{1, 2}

Supplementary Figure 2. Phylogenetic analysis of eDNA-derived cytochrome P450 and oxidoreductase genes. A. Cytochrome P450 genes. **B.** Oxidoreductase genes. Genes from previously characterized rifamycin family gene clusters are shown for reference. Clades that lack an obvious homolog from the *A. mediterranei* rifamycin gene cluster are labeled. These labels correspond with the labels in the table shown in Supplementary Figure 1.

Supplementary Figure 3. Phylogenetic analysis of eDNA-derived methyltransferase, glycosyltransferase, and sugar biosynthesis genes. A. Methyltransferase genes. **B.** Glycosyltransferase genes. **C.** Sugar dehydratase genes. **D.** Sugar ketoreductase genes. **E.** Sugar epimerase genes. Genes from previously characterized rifamycin family gene clusters are shown for reference. Clades that lack an obvious homolog from the *A. mediterranei* rifamycin gene cluster are labeled. These labels correspond with the labels in the table in Supplementary Figure 1.

Supplementary Figure 4. HPLC analysis of the C-18 flash column fraction containing Kangs A, V1, and V2. A. HPLC chromatogram of partially purified extracts from *A. vancoresmycina* cultures monitored at 420 nm. Crude ethyl acetate extracts from *A. vancoresmycina* cultures were first fractionated by flash chromatography. Fractions with strong UV absorbance at 254 nm and 420 nm were then pooled and subjected to HPLC. Peaks corresponding to Kangs A, V1, and V2 are labeled. **B.** Kang A UV spectrum. **C.** Kang V1 UV spectrum. **D.** Kang V2 UV spectrum.

Supplementary Table 2. 13C and 1 H and chemical shifts of Kangs A, V1, and V2.

^{a 1}H and ¹³C NMR data were obtained at 600 and 150 MHz, respectively, using CD₂Cl₂ as a solvent and a collection temperature of 25 °C. Reference chemical shifts for CD₂Cl₂ were δ_H 5.32 and δ_C 54.0. The concentration of Kang A was 4.5 mM.

^{b 1}H and ¹³C NMR data were obtained at 600 and 150 MHz, respectively, using CD₃OD as a solvent and a collection temperature of 25 °C. Reference chemical shifts for CD₃OD were δ_H 3.31 and δ_C 49.0. The concentration of Kang V1 was 4.5 mM.

^{c 1}H and ¹³C NMR data were obtained at 500 and 125 MHz, respectively, using CD₃OD as a solvent and a collection temperature of -20 °C. Reference chemical shifts for CD₃OD were δ_H 3.31 and δ_C 49.0. The concentration of Kang V2 was 2.9 mM.

d,e,f,g,h Overlapped signals

*ⁱ*Signals overlapped with solvent peak.

^j 13C chemical shift only observed by HMBC

Supplementary Figure 5. NMR and HRMS data used to establish the structure of Kang A. The structure of Kang A was elucidated using a combination of HRESIMS, UV and NMR data. HRESIMS data indicated a chemical formula of $C_{50}H_{63}NO_{19}$. The UV spectrum showed absorption maxima at 227 nm, 276 nm, and 335 nm, typical of a naphthoquinone core seen in other rifamycin family molecules (Supplementary Figure 4).^{3 13}C NMR data revealed signals at δ 185.8 and 184.9, representing the quinone carbonyls at C-1 and C-4 (Supplementary Table 2). A quinone substructure was further supported by HMBC correlations from a highly deshielded singlet proton H-3 [δ 7.80 (1H, s)] to C-1, C-2 $[6 140.9]$, and C-10 $[6 132.0]$. The second ring of the chromophore was established based on extensive HMBC correlations from the protons of the C-14 methyl group $[6 2.34 (3H, s)]$ and the hydroxyl on C-8 [δ 12.60 (1H, s)] to C-6 [δ 171.8], C-7 [δ 116.9] C-8 [δ 167.4] and C-9 [δ 111.2]. The presence of a 5-membered ring attached to the naphthoquinone system was established using HMBC correlations from the H-13 methyl protons [δ 1.67 (3H, s)] to the C-11 ketone [δ 194.1] and to C-12 [δ 109.9]. Comparison of Kang A chemical shift data with NMR data from previously characterized rifamycin congeners³⁻⁵ helped define the final naphthoquinone substructure as shown.

The COSY spectra for Kang A revealed two spin systems. The larger of the two spin systems contained the majority of a rifamycin-like PK backbone. This substructure, including the presence of methyl substituents at C-32, C-33, and C-34 was supported by extensive HMBC correlations. The rare ethyl (C-K1, C-K2) branch in the PK backbone, which was suggested by the predicted substrate specificity of the PKS AT8* domain, was apparent from COSY correlations involving H-K1 $[8 1.07 (3H, d)]$, H-K2 [δ 5.06 (1H, dd)], and H-20 [δ 2.15 (1H, m)] and was supported by extensive HMBC correlations. Placement of the acetoxy group at C-25 was supported by HMBC correlations from H-36 [δ 2.02 (3H, s)] and H-25 [δ 4.36 (1H, dd)] to the C-35 carbonyl [δ 174.1]. The coupling constant between H-28 and H-29 (12.8 Hz) closely matched that observed in previously characterized rifamycin congeners, suggesting that C28-C29 adopts a *trans* configuration as seen in all known rifamycin family members.3- 8 HMBC correlations from the C-17 end of the COSY spin system to the C-16 [δ 137.0] olefinic carbon, the C-30 methyl carbon [δ 21.1], and the C-15 carbonyl [δ 171.6] allowed us to extend this spin system by 3 carbons. The chemical shift of the C-15 carbonyl is consistent with it being involved in an amide

bond as seen in other rifamycin congeners. HMBC correlations from the amide proton [δ 8.34 (1H, s)] to C-15 and to C-1 and C-3 [δ 117.0] in the naphthoquinone allowed us to connect one end of the PK backbone to the naphthoquinone substructure. An HMBC correlation from H-29 $[8\ 6.37\ (1H, d)]$ to C-12 allowed us to connect the other end of the PK backbone to the naphthoquinone substructure through an oxygen.

The structure of the K-acid was partially defined by HMBC correlations from the two protons on C-K7 [δ 2.66 (1H, d), δ 2.53 (1H, d)] to the carboxylic acid at C-K6 [δ 172.3]. Additional HMBC correlations from the protons on C-K7, as well as from protons from two methyl singlets [H-K5, δ 1.17 (3H, s), H-K8, δ 1.23 (3H, s)], were used to position the C-K4 quaternary carbon [δ 40.8], and the second carbonyl carbon [C-K3, δ 176.4] in the K-acid. Attachment of the K-acid to the ethyl modification in the PK backbone was established by an HMBC correlation from H-K2 to C-K3.

The K-sugar moiety was established based on a second COSY spin system consisting of C-K9 through C-K15. HMBC correlations between H-K14 [δ 3.36 (1H, m)] and C-K9 [δ 97.2] as well as H-K9 [δ 4.65 $(1H, dd)$] and C-K14 [δ 70.5] allowed us to connect C-K9 and C-K14 through an oxygen. The methylenedioxy bridge of the K-sugar was established by HMBC correlations from a pair of deshielded protons found on C-K12 [δ 5.13 (1H, s), δ 4.87 (1H, s)] to C-K11 [δ 74.9] and C-K13 [δ 75.9]. Additional HMBC correlations from H-27 [δ 3.85 (1H, dd)] to C-K9 and from H-K9 to C-27 [δ 81.5] were used to define the point of attachment of the K-sugar to the PK backbone.

The HRESIMS and NMR arguments presented here are consistent with the structure of the natural product Kang A, originally isolated from *Amycolatopsis mediterranei* var. *kanglensis*. ⁹ In our detailed analysis we identified several differences between our 13 C assignments and those presented in the original publication, which only reported 13C data along with the X-ray crystal structure of Kang A. We believe the more extensive 2D NMR analysis we have carried out provides a more accurate assignment of the ¹³C chemical shifts and the first assignment of the ¹H chemical shifts. The key difference in our Kang A structure and that reported previously is the configuration of the C-28:C-29 olefin. In the planar structure drawn in the original Kang A paper, the C-28:C-29 olefin appears in the *Z* configuration. Based on other rifamycin congener data sets,³⁻⁶ the 12.8 Hz coupling constant we observed between H-28 and H-29 indicates an *E* configuration. Our analysis of the original crystallographic data deposited for Kang A (Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre identifier GAGFEZ) indicates that the C28-C29 bond does in fact appear to adopt the *E* configuration rather than the *Z* configuration drawn in the original publication.

Supplementary Figure 6. ¹ H NMR spectrum of Kang A in CD2Cl2, collected at 25 °C.

Supplementary Figure 7.¹³C NMR spectrum of Kang A in CD₂Cl₂, collected at 25 °C.

Supplementary Figure 8. HMQC NMR spectrum of Kang A in CD₂Cl₂, collected at 25 °C.

Supplementary Figure 9. COSY NMR spectrum of Kang A in CD₂Cl₂, collected at 25 °C.

Supplementary Figure 10. HMBC spectrum of Kang A in CD₂Cl₂, collected at 25 °C.

Supplementary Figure 11. NMR and HRMS data used to establish the structure of the Kang V1. The predicted molecular formula for Kang V1 [HRESIMS calcd m/z for C₅₀H₆₅NO₁₉Na (M+Na⁺) 1006.4048, found *m/z* 1006.4006], suggested it was a reduced analog of Kang A. A comparison of ¹H and ¹³C NMR data from Kang A and Kang V1 suggested that this reduction was associated with the conversion of the C-11 ketone in Kang A [δ 194.1] to an alcohol [δ 77.1] in Kang V1. HMBC correlations from the Kang V1 C-11 proton [δ 5.49 (1H, s)] to C-4 [δ 188.8], C-5 [δ 109.4], C-6 [δ 164.9], and C-10 [δ 127.1] of the naphthoquinone and to C-13 [δ 25.0], as well as an HMBC correlation from the C-13 methyl protons $[8 1.86 (3H, s)]$ to C-11, confirmed that the highly deshielded C-11 ketone observed in the Kang A structure had been replaced by an alcohol in Kang V1. The remaining portions of the Kang V1 structure could be assigned using the same NMR arguments used to assign the structure of Kang A.

Supplementary Figure 14. HSQC NMR spectrum of Kang V1 in CD3OD, collected at 25 °C.

Supplementary Figure 15. COSY NMR spectrum of Kang V1 in CD₃OD, collected at 25 °C.

Supplementary Figure 16. HMBC spectrum of Kang V1 in CD₃OD, collected at 25 °C.

Supplementary Figure 17. NMR and HRMS data used to establish the structure of the Kang V2. HRMS data suggested that Kang V2 differed from Kang A by the addition of a CH₂ moiety [HRESIMS calcd *m/z* for C51H66NO19 (M+H+) 996.4229, found *m/z* 996.4197]. The UV spectra of Kang V2 supported the presence of a naphthohydroquinone moiety (λ_{max} 302 nm) instead of the naphthoquinone (λ_{max} 276) seen in Kang A and V1 (Supplementary Figure 4). The naphthohydroquinone substructure was also supported by HMBC correlations from H-3 [δ 7.99 (1H, s)] to carbons in the naphthohydroquinone substructure including a carbon at δ 150.5 ppm (C-4). In Kang A and V1, this carbon is significantly more deshielded [δ 184.9 and 188.8, respectively]. The presence of the carbonyl at C-8 in Kang V2 was supported by an HMBC correlation from the C-14 methyl protons [δ 2.01 (3H, s)] to the highly deshielded C-8 $[6 \t191.7]$. The formation of a fourth ring off of the naphthohydroquinone substructure through the addition of a highly deshielded methylene [13 C δ 98.4, 1 H δ 6.19 (1H, d), δ 5.48 (1H, d)] was defined by HMBC correlations from the new methylene protons to both C-4 [δ 150.5] and C-11 [δ 165.7]. With the exception of the chemical shifts associated with the naphthohydroquinone substructure, the same NMR arguments used to assign the structures of Kang A and V1 could be used to assign the remaining regions of the Kang V2 structure.

Supplementary Figure 18. ¹ H NMR spectrum of Kang V2 in CD3OD, collected at -20 °C.

Supplementary Figure 19. 13C NMR spectrum of Kang V2 in CD3OD, collected at -20 °C.

Supplementary Figure 20. HSQC NMR spectrum of Kang V2 in CD3OD, collected at -20 °C.

Supplementary Figure 21. COSY NMR spectrum of Kang V2 in CD3OD, collected at -20 °C.

Supplementary Figure 22. HMBC spectrum of Kang V2 in CD3OD, collected at -20 °C.

Supplementary Figure 23. Proposed biosynthesis of 3-amino-5-hydroxybenzoic acid (AHBA) and the Ksugar and K-acid moieties in *Amycolatopsis vancoresmycina***. A.** Proposed biosynthesis of AHBA. **B.** Proposed biosynthesis of NDP*-*methylene digitoxose using the NDP-hexose-4-ketoreductase (*kng22*), NDPhexose-3-ketoreductase (*kng23*), *O-*methyltransferase (*kng24*), NDP-hexose-2,3-dehydratase (*kng27*) and cytochrome P450 (*kng28*) genes from the *kng* cluster. The K-sugar is predicted to be appended to the polyketide core by the glycosyltransferase encoded by *kng26.* **C.** Proposed biosynthesis of 2,2-dimethylsuccinyl-CoA. While the predicted propionyl-CoA carboxylase (*kng30*), Mmal mutase (*kng34A/B*) and CoA transferase (*kng35*) genes found in the *kng* gene cluster are likely involved in generating a succinic acid moiety, the biosynthetic origin of a gem-dimethyl succinic acid has not been described previously and additional experiments will be required to better understand the origin of this functionality in the Kangs. Abbreviations: UPD, uridine diphosphate; iminoE4P, 1-deoxy-1-imino-D-erythrose 4-phosphate; aminoDAHP, 3,4-dideoxy-4-amino-D-arabinoheptulosonate 7-phosphate; aminoDHQ, 5-deoxy-5-amino-3-dehydroquinate; aminoDHS, 5-amino-5-deoxy-3 dehydroshikimate.

Supplementary Figure 24. Proposed biosynthesis and tailoring of the Kang polyketide core in *A. vancoresmycina***.** Polyketide synthase domains that are predicted to be non-functional based on the final structures of the Kangs are shown in lower case letters. The origin of the methylenedioxy bridge in Kang V2 is not obvious from a bioinformatic analysis; however, one potential route is the repeated use of the methyltransferase (encoded by *kng24*) and cytochrome P450 (*kng28*) that we predict are responsible for introducing this functionality into the digitoxose sugar. Abbreviations: AD, adenylation domain; ACP, acyl carrier protein, KS, ketosynthase; *AT*, malonyl-CoA specific acyltransferase; AT8*, ethylmalonyl-CoA specific acyltransferase (all other AT domains are predicted to utilize methylmalonyl-CoA), KR, ketoreductase; DH, dehydratase.

Supplementary Table 3. Gene annotations for the *kng* **biosynthetic gene cluster from** *A. vancoresmycina* **and corresponding genes from the** *A. mediterranei* **rifamycin cluster.**

Supplementary Table 4. Antibacterial activity of Kangs A, V1, and V2.

ND, not determined.

Supplementary Figure 25. Mutations found in RNAP (*rpoB***) genes sequenced from Rif^R or Kang^R** *S. aureus*. A schematic of the *rpoB* gene is shown with the three most commonly mutated sites in Rif^R *Mtb* indicated with red circles. Rif^R and Kang^R mutations identified in *S. aureus* (this study) and their frequency are indicated with blue circles. *S. aureus* mutants were generated as follows. A saturated overnight culture of *S. aureus* grown in LB was used to inoculate 24x7 mL fresh LB cultures. The 24 new cultures were allowed to grow to an OD of \sim 1.1. A defined number of cells (10⁹ cfu) from each of these 24 cultures was plated in a different well of a 24well plate containing LB agar supplemented with either Rif, Kang A, Kang V1, or Kang V2 at 64x its respective MIC. 24 wells were plated for each compound. The plates were then incubated at 37 °C for 36 hours. Colony PCR was performed on 90-100 colonies from each plate using primers designed to amplify the Rif^R fragment of the *rpoB* gene (forward primer: 5'-CAGATGATATTGACCATTTAGGTAACCGTCGT-3'; reverse primer: 5'- GCTTGTGCTACAACATAGCTATCTTCTTCG-3'). PCR amplicons were Sanger sequenced to identify mutations.

Supplementary Table 5. Table of crystallographic statistics.*^a*

^a PDB validation reports are available at:

http://files.rcsb.org/pub/pdb/validation_reports/CC/6CCV/6CCV_full_validation.pdf http://files.rcsb.org/pub/pdb/validation_reports/CC/6CCE/6CCE_full_validation.pdf http://files.rcsb.org/pub/pdb/validation_reports/DC/6DCF/6DCF_full_validation.pdf

^b Values in parentheses are for highest-resolution shell.

Supplementary Figure 26. Electron density and cation-p **bridges. A.** Stereo view of the Rif binding pocket in the *Msm* RNAP β subunit with the 2F_o-F_c electron density map (blue mesh, 1.2 σ). Rif is colored orange with the piperazine group colored green. The RNAP β subunit is cyan. Polar interactions between the RNAP and Rif are denoted by dashed lines (cation- π interactions, red; H-bonds, gray). Selected residues that interact with Rif are labeled. **B.** Same as (A) but showing the Kang A binding pocket. **C.** The Rif binding pocket, viewed roughly orthogonal to the view of Supplementary Figure 26A. Rif is shown as in (A). The RNAP β subunit is shown as an α -carbon backbone worm (light cyan). The two side chains making the cation- π sandwich (denoted by red dashed lines) with Rif are shown (cyan). **D.** Same as (C) but showing Kang A. In addition to participating in the cation- π sandwich, R604 forms a salt bridge with K-acid (violet).

Supplementary Figure 27. Electron density of S447L RNAP with Kang A. Stereo view of the Kang A binding pocket in the *Msm* RNAP S447L β subunit with the 2F_o-F_c electron density map (blue mesh, 1.2 σ). The Kang A/Rif PK backbone is colored orange with the K-sugar and K-acid colored yellow and violet, respectively. The RNAP β subunit is cyan. Polar interactions between the RNAP and Kang A are denoted by dashed lines (cation- π interactions, red; H-bonds, gray). Selected residues that interact with Kang A are labeled.

Supplementary Figure 28. RNAP footprint of promoter DNA in the presence of antibiotics. A. DNase I footprints (template strand) of *Eco* and *Msm* RNAPs on the AC50 promoter. Lanes: 1, DNase I cleavage in the absence of any proteins; 2, protection of DNA by *Eco* σ^{70} -holoenzyme; 3, protection by *Ms*m σ^{A} -holoenzyme; 4, protection by *Msm* σ^A -holoenzyme in the presence of Kang A; 5, protection by *Msm* σ^A -holoenzyme in the presence of Rif. Lane 6, A/G sequencing ladder (assignments shown on the right). **B.** Fe²⁺-mediated cleavage of the AP3 promoter in the presence of antibiotics. All lanes contained Msm o^A-holoenzyme. Lanes: 1, no Fe²⁺ added; 2, no antibiotic in the presence of Fe²⁺; 3, Kang A in the presence of Fe²⁺; 4, Rif in the presence of Fe²⁺. Lane 5: A/G sequencing ladder of AP3. Cleavage at +1 is indicated by arrow. **C.** Inhibition of dinucleotide synthesis by increasing concentrations of antibiotic (Kang or Rif) and with GTP (blue), GDP (red), or GMP (green) as the 5'-initiation nucleotide. The error bars denote standard error from four replicates.

Supplementary Table 6. Gene annotations for the metagenomic gene cluster RifCon12 and corresponding genes from the *A. vancoresmycina kng* **cluster.**

Supplementary Table 7. Gene annotations for the metagenomic gene cluster RifCon6 and corresponding genes from the *A. vancoresmycina kng* **cluster.**

Supplementary Table 8. Gene annotations for the metagenomic gene cluster RifCon10 and corresponding genes from the *A. vancoresmycina kng* **cluster.**

Supplementary Figure 29. Uncropped scans of transcription assay gels shown in manuscript Figure 3E.

Supplementary Figure 30. Uncropped scans of transcription assay gels shown in manuscript Figure 6D.

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