

Supplementary Figure 1. The previously known biosynthetic pathway of gentamicin.

Supplementary Figure 2. SDS-PAGE of purified gentamicin biosynthetic enzymes. Gel is representative example of n>5 independent experiments.

Supplementary Figure 3. Sequence alignment of GenJ with homologous other ketoglutarate dependent non-heme ion dioxygenases from *Streptomyces kanamyceticus* **(KanJ: GenBank accession no. Q6L732),** *Aspergillus fumigatus* **(Ftm0x1: Q4WAW9.1),** *Streptomyces avermitilis* **(PtlH: BAC70702.2),** *Homo sapiens* **(PAHX: NP_006205.1). Multiple alignment of each sequence was carried out by clustaIX.** The -
highly conserved residues are represented in yellow boxes and Fe(II)-dependent binding motif HXD H was marked in red.

Supplementary Figure 4. Sequence alignment of GenK2 with homologous other NAD/NADP dependent dehydrogenases/reductases from *S. kanamyceticus* **(KanK: GenBank accession no. Q2MFU6),** *Thermobaculum terenum* **ATCC BAA-198 (Tter_1570: ACZ42476),** *Anaerolinea thermophile* **UNI-1 (ANT_08180: BAJ62852),** *Streptomyces sviceus* **ATCC 29083 (SSEG_08028: EDY61449).** Rossmann fold GGXGXXG NAD/NADP binding motif was conserved in yellow boxes.

Supplementary Figure 5. GenJ-GenK2 reaction with kanamycin B (2). (**a**) MS/MS fragmentation pattern of kanamycin A (**4**). (**b**) The UPLC-qTOF-HR-MS chromatogram selected for *m/z* = 485.2453 and MS/MS spectra of enzymatically synthesized kanamycin A. The UPLC chromatogram and MS spectrum shown are representative examples of $n>5$ independent experiments.

Supplementary Figure 6. The structural determination of 2′-oxo-JI-20A, 2′-oxo-6′AGA, 2′-oxo-6′AGA2, 2′-oxo-GX2, 2′-oxo-GA, and 2′-oxo-GA2. MS/MS fragmentation patterns and MS/MS spectra of enzymatically synthesized (**a**) 2′-oxo-JI-20A, (**b**) 2′-oxo-6′AGA, (**c**) 2′ oxo-6′AGA2, (**d**) 2′-oxo-GX2, (**e**) 2′-oxo-GA, and (**f**) 2′-oxo-GA2, respectively. The spectra shown are representative examples of $n>5$ independent experiments.

Supplementary Figure 7. **ESI-MS spectra of GenJ reaction with JI-20A (17) in the presence of (a) NaBH4, (b) NaBD4, and (c) phenylhydrazine.** NaBH⁴ reduction: HR-MS $C_{37}H_{44}N_{10}O_{22}$ $[M+H]^+$ calc. 981.2704, obs. 981.2686^[a]; NaBD₄ reduction: HR-MS $C_{37}H_{43}DN_{10}O_{22}$ [M+H]⁺ calc. 982.2767, obs. 982.2716^[a]; phenylhydrazine treatment: HR-MS $C_{25}H_{42}N_6O_9$ [M+Na]⁺ calc. 593.2905, obs. 593.2931. The spectra shown are representative examples of $n>3$ independent experiments. ($^{[a]}$ All spectra were about dinitrophenyl (DNP) derivatives.)

Supplementary Figure 8. GenJ-GenK2 reaction with [2′- ²H]-JI-20A (37). (**a**) ESI-MS spectra of the GenJ-GenK2 reaction with [2'-²H]-JI-20A. (b) Expansion of the product. The spectra shown are representative examples of $n>3$ independent experiments. (All spectra were about dinitrophenyl (DNP) derivatives.)

Supplementary Figure 9. ESI-MS spectra of GenJ reaction with (a) ¹⁶O2/H² ¹⁶O, (b) ¹⁸O₂/H₂¹⁶O, (c) ¹⁶O₂/H₂¹⁸O, and (d) ¹⁸O₂/H₂¹⁸O. The spectra shown are representative examples of $n>3$ independent experiments. (All spectra were about dinitrophenyl (DNP) derivatives.)

Supplementary Figure 10. Transcriptional analysis of six gentamicin biosynthetic genes and *genJ-genK2***.** (**a**) Organization of gentamicin biosynthetic gene cluster from *Micromonospora echinospora* ATCC 15835. (**b**) Total RNAs were isolated from *M. echinospora* harvested after 60 h, 72 h, 84 h, and 96 h of cultivation. 16S rRNA gene was used as a control. Representative RT-PCR from at least three independent experiments are shown.

Supplementary Figure 11. Topological diagram of GenB1. The flanking domain and PLPbinding domain are shown in dark and light green, respectively. Secondary structure elements are indicated with helices and strands shown as cylinders and arrows, respectively. The connecting loop between α 9 and α 10 participating in the constitution of the active site of the other monomer is colored magenta and N-/C-termini are indicated by circles.

Supplementary Figure 12. Close-up view of the active site in holo-GenB1. 2*F*o-*F*c omit map (contoured at 1.0 σ) for the internal-aldimine formed between PLP (white) and Lys232 (green) shown in light blue mesh with ball-and-stick models. The electron density map was prepared by simulated annealing refinement of the final model with omission of PLP. Residues constituting the PLP-binding site are shown as green sticks. A magnesium ion and water molecules are indicated by gray and red spheres, respectively. Hydrogen bonds and ionic interactions are indicated by black dashed lines.

Supplementary Figure 13. Close-up view of the active site of holo-GenB1 in complex with NM (29). 2Fo-Fc omit map (contoured at 1.0 σ) for NM shown in light blue mesh with balland-stick models (left). Residues interacting with PLP and NM are shown as green sticks. Different conformations of Lys232 in each monomer are emphasized using thicker sticks colored in green and magenta, respectively. The view is rotated 70º for clarity, and the Schiff base intermediate formed between PLP and NM are shown (right). Atoms forming a covalent linkage are marked with labels (carbon (6'C) and nitrogen (6'N) of NM, and carbon (C4A) of PLP). Hydrogen bonds and ionic interactions are indicated by black dashed lines.

Supplementary Figure 14. Close-up view of the active site of holo-GenB1 in complex with JI-20A (17). 2*F*o-*F*c omit map (contoured at 1.0 σ) for JI-20A shown in light blue mesh with ball-and-stick models (left). Residues interacting with JI-20A are shown as green sticks. Residues involved in hydrophobic contacts (within 5Å) are presented by sticks. The moieties of ring III are labeled in gray boxes (right). The C-terminus at the methyl pocket is shown as a red ribbon model. For brevity, PLP is not shown in this figure. Hydrogen bonds and ionic interactions are indicated by black dashed lines.

Supplementary Figure 15. Relative enzymatic activities of GenB1 mutants. The Y-axis represents the C6′-amination activity toward GX2 (**15**) when the wild-type and the mutant proteins of GenB1 were respectively incubated with GenQ and GX2. Data are expressed as means $(n=3)$ ± standard deviations from three independent experiments.

Supplementary Figure 16. The flipping of ring II in JI-20A (17). NM (29) (gray) and JI-20A (black) bound to GenB1 are shown as stick models (left and right). The three sugar rings of JI-20A are labeled in red Roman Numerals (I-III). Two residues (Try132 and Asp395) forming the C-H/ π stacking and charge interactions with ring II are shown as green sticks. Orangecolored JI-20A in the right is artificially generated by rotating black-colored JI-20A about the linkage between ring I-II to match the ring II of JI-20A with that of NM (left). Steric clash between the rotated JI-20A and the active site is indicated by a yellow arrow. Hydrogen bonds and ionic interactions are indicated by black dashed lines.

Supplementary Figure 17. Cytotoxicity of gentamicin intermediates against three different mammalian renal cell lines. (a) LD_{50} (μ M) of G418 (**16**), GA2 analogs (GA2 (**13**), 6′AGA2 (**34**), 6′A2′DGA2 (**31**), and 2′DGA2 (**25**)), GA analogs (GA (**14**), 6′AGA (**35**), 6′A2′DGA (**32**), and 2′DGA (**26**)), and GX2 analogs (GX2 (**15**), JI-20A (**17**), GB (**8**), and 2′DGX2 (**27**)) against HEK-293 cells. (b) LD₅₀ (μ M) of G418, GA2 analogs, GA analogs, and GX2 analogs against LLC-PK1 cells. (c) LD₅₀ (μ M) of G418, GA2 analogs, GA analogs, and GX2 analogs

against COS-7 cells. Data were expressed as means $(n=4)$ \pm standard deviations and tested for significance using paired or unpaired two-tailed t-test with analysis of variance as appropriate. n indicates biologically independent experiments. Results with $P<0.01$ were considered significant. *P<0.01 *vs* G418; *P<0.01 *vs* series. The precise p-values are: (a) between 6′AGA2-treated HEK-293 samples and G418-treated samples: 1e-5; between 2′DGA2-treated samples and G418-treated samples: 1e-7; between 6′AGA-treated samples and G418-treated samples: 1e-5; between 2′DGA-treated samples and G418-treated samples: 2e-7; between JI-20A-treated samples and G418-treated samples: 1e-4; between 2′DGX2 treated samples and G418-treated samples: 2e-8; (**b**) between 2′DGA2-treated LLC-PK1 samples and G418-treated samples: 2e-7; between 2′DGA-treated samples and G418-treated samples: 1e-8; between GB-treated samples and G418-treated samples: 2e-4; between 2′DGX2-treated samples and G418-treated samples: 2e-8; (**c**) between 2′DGA2-treated COS-7 samples and G418-treated samples: 1e-8; between 2′DGA-treated samples and G418 treated samples: 2e-7; between 2′DGX2-treated samples and G418-treated samples: 1e-7.

Supplementary Figure 18. Comparative PTC read-through activity of gentamicin intermediates against primary human cystic fibrosis bronchial epithelial cells. G418 (**16**), GA2 analogs (GA2 (**13**), 6′AGA2 (**34**), 6′A2′DGA2 (**31**), and 2′DGA2 (**25**)), GA analogs (GA (**14**), 6′AGA (**35**), 6′A2′DGA (**32**), and 2′DGA (**26**)), and GX2 analogs (GX2 (**15**), JI-20A (**17**), GB (**8**), and 2′DGX2 (**27**)) were treated at 25 M. The ratio of full-length to truncated CFTR expressed in the gentamicin intermediates-exposed cells was determined by size exclusion chromatography with MS, described hereinabove. Data were expressed as means $(n=3)$ \pm standard deviations and tested for significance using paired or unpaired two-tailed ttest with analysis of variance as appropriate. n indicates biologically independent experiments. Results with P<0.01 were considered significant. *P<0.01 *vs* G418. Below are specific pvalues between treatments: between JI-20A-treated HEK293 samples and G418-treated samples: 1e-7; between GB-treated samples and G418-treated samples: 2e-6.

Supplementary Figure 19. Stereo view of the superimposed C tracing of GenB1 (green), RbmB (slat: PDB entry 5W70), and BtrR (salmon: PDB entry 5W71). JI-20A (**17**) bound to the active site of GenB1 is shown as ball and stick models.

Supplementary Figure 20. Structure-based sequence alignments of GenB1, BtrR, and RbmB. Secondary structure assignments in the top and bottom correspond to GenB1 and RbmB, respectively. Identical residues are highlighted with red backgrounds and conserved residues are indicated by red letters in blue boxes. C-terminal extensions observed in BtrR and RbmB are highlighted in yellow backgrounds. Expasy numbers of the aligned GenB1, BtrR, and RbmB are as follows: GenB1 from *M. echinospora* (Q70KD9), BtrR from *Bacillus circulans* (Q8G8Y2), and RbmB from *Streptomyces ribosidificus* (Q4R0W2). This figure is generated by using ESPript.

Supplementary Figure 21. Comparison of active sites between GenB1 and RbmB. Key residues determining the size and shape of the active site for JI-20A (**17**) (black) and DOS (**10**) (slat) are shown as stick models (left and middle). Residues (Tyr132 in GenB1 and Trp102 in RbmB (PDB entry 5W70)) forming the aromatic platform are emphasized using thicker sticks. Color-coding for PLPs is identical to their linked products. Superposition of the active sites between holo-GenB1 complexed with JI-20A and holo-RbmB complexed with DOS is shown as ribbon and stick model (right). For clarity, GenB1 is not shown. Clash of JI-20A with the active site of RmbB clearly shows that the active site of RbmB cannot accommodate JI-20A. The crystal structures of BtrR and RbmB are superposed with rmsd of 1.89 Å for 358 corresponding $C\alpha$ atoms. Due to this high structural resemblance, BtrR is not presented in this figure for brevity.

Supplementary Figure 22. General transamination reaction mechanism. This figure shows the transfer of an amino group in a donor substrate to PLP to form PMP. (**a**) At the resting state in transaminases, the C4΄ atom of PLP is linked to the ε-amino group of a lysine residue through a Schiff base (internal aldimine). (**b**) The amino nitrogen atom of the incoming donor substrate replaces the lysine nitrogen atom to form the external aldimine. (**c**) The displaced lysine residue abstracts a proton from the C_{α} atom in the donor substrate and attaches the proton to the C4΄ atom of PLP, which changes the location of the Schiff base: the C4^{\leq}=N Schiff base is changed to the C_α=N Schiff base in the external aldimine intermediate to form planar quinonoid. (**d**) The hydrolysis of the $C_{\alpha}=N$ bond results in the formation of the pyridoxamine phosphate (PMP). The next transfer of the amino group in PMP to an acceptor molecule occurs in the exact reversal way. The carbonyl carbon of the acceptor substrate is attacked by the amino group at the C4΄atom of PMP to form the external aldimine. This time the same lysine residue transfers a proton from the C4΄ atom to the carbonyl carbon of the acceptor substrate to generate a Schiff base between the C4΄ atom and the amino group. The hydrolysis of this Schiff base gives rise to an aminated product. K232 indicates the lysine residues for proton transfer in GenB1. The C_{α} proton is highlighted in red.

Supplementary Table 1. Incorporation of ¹⁸O into JI-20A (17) from molecular ¹⁸O² and H₂¹⁸O during the GenJ reaction. Representative data from n=3 independent experiments are shown.

All spectra were about dinitrophenyl (DNP) derivatives.

Supplementary Table 2. Crystallographic data and Refinement statistics of GenB1 from *M. echinospora*

Each dataset was collected from a single crystal. *** Values in parentheses are for highest-resolution shell.

Supplementary Table 3. Antibacterial activity of gentamicin biosynthetic intermediates. Representative data from n=3 independent experiments are shown.

MIC: minimal inhibitory concentration. Type strains and clinical isolates were obtained from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC, USA) and the Culture Collection of Antimicrobial Resistant Microbes (CCARM, Republic of Korea), respectively.

Supplementary Table 4. List of bacterial strains and plasmids used in this study

Supplementary Table 5. List of oligonucleotide primers used in this study

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