Supplementary Information

Kistamicin biosynthesis reveals the biosynthetic requirements for **production of highly active crosslinked glycopeptide antibiotics**

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Supplementary Figures

Supplementary Figure 1. Kistamicin biosynthetic gene cluster from *Actinomadura parvosata*

(A) The kistamicin biosynthetic gene cluster from *Actinomadura parvosata* subsp. *kistnae* (*Nonomuraea* sp. ATCC55076) spans around 60 kb and habours four genes (arrows) that encode a nonribosomal peptide synthetase (orange), an MbtH protein (purple), non-proteinogenic amino acids 4hydroxyphenylglycine (Hpg, red) and 3,5-dihydroxyphenylglycine (Dpg, yellow), two Cytochrome P450 encoding genes – *oxyA* and *oxyC* (pink), a gene encoding a FAD-type halogenase (green) as well as several transporter genes (blue), two genes code for a two-component system supposed to be involved in regulation of resistance gene expression, three genes encode regulatory proteins belonging to StrR-, LuxR-, and GntR families, respectively (light grey), other functions (dark grey) as well as genes with unknown functions (white). (B) The kistamicin NRPS is comprised of seven modules (module 1-7) that are further subdived into domains (circles) responsible for all catalytic steps involved in formation of the linear heptapeptide precursor. The Oxy enzmes interact with the X domain (pink) found in the last module of the NRPS and catalyse three crosslinking reactions, leading to the final structure of kistamicin. NRPS domain key: A, adenylation domain; C, condensation domain; E, epimerisation domain; PCP, peptidyl carrier protein; TE, thioesterase; X, Oxy recruiting domain.

Supplementary Figure 2. Phylogenetic tree of different Oxy enzymes involved in GPA biosynthesis

The protein sequences of the Oxy enyzmes found within the biosynthetic gene clusters of the glycopeptide antibiotics kistamicin (kis), complestatin (com), vancomycin (van), teicoplanin (tei), balhimycin (bal), A47934 (sta), A40926 (dbv), ristomycin/ ristocetin (ris) and chloroeremomycin (cep) were aligned using Muscle¹ before RaxML² was used to generate the maximum likelihood phylogeny. Oxy enzymes catalysing similar reactions are evolutionary related to each other and are classified as OxyA, OxyB, OxyC or OxyE enzymes. The kistamicin Oxy enzymes (red) separate (along with the homologous Oxy enyzmes from complestatin biosynthesis) very early within their respective Oxy grouping.

Supplementary Figure 3. Phylogenetic tree of the condensation domains from GPA biosynthesis

The protein sequences of the C-domains contained within the NRPS machinery of the glycopeptide antibiotics kistamicin (kis), complestatin (com), vancomycin (van), teicoplanin (tei), balhimycin (bal), A47934 (sta), A40926 (dbv), ristomycin (ris) and chloroeremomycin (cep) were aligned using Muscle¹ before RaxML² was used to generate the maximum likelihood phylogeny. Results show that the Cdomains cluster within the modules of the NRPS in which they are found (with the exception of modules 3 from the vancomycin and balhimycin clusters), with the complestatin and kistamicin (red) C-domains branching the earliest within each clade.

Supplementary Figure 4. Numbering of atoms within kistamicin. Shows the structure of kistamicin with numbering that is used to identify the signals within the NMR data

Supplementary Figure 5. HMBC correlations observed in the structure of kistamicin. Each ring (A-G) within the kistamicin structure showing the HMBC correlations identified.

Supplementary Figure 6. ¹ H NMR spectra for kistamicin

Supplementary Figure 7. Expanded ¹ H NMR trace for kistamicin (4.7 – 10.2 ppm)

Supplementary Figure 8.¹³C NMR trace for kistamicin

Supplementary Figure 9. Expanded ¹³C NMR trace for kistamicin (90 – 190 ppm)

Supplementary Figure 10. Expanded ¹³C NMR spectra for kistamicin (54 – 62 ppm)

Supplementary Figure 11. HSQC spectra for kistamicin

Supplementary Figure 12. Schematic representation of the *kisN* **(***oxyA***) deletion strategy**

The 1.5 kb upstream and downstream fragments of *kisN* (*oxyA*) gene were cloned into pGUSA21 vector. The 1^{st} crossover occurrence relies on homologous recombination of the plasmid pGUSA21 *kisN*-up down. The selection of mutants where the plasmid is integrated into the chromosome occurs on apramycin and X-gluc (5-bromo-4-chloro-1*H*-indol-3-yl β-D-glucopyranosiduronic acid; blue colonies) containing plates. The 2^{nd} crossover causes the disintegration of the plasmid and eventually the deletion of *kisN*. It can be provoked by exposing the cells to stress (e.g. formation of protoplasts, cultivation at 39 °C). The occurrence of the 2^{nd} crossover is proven by X-gluc selection (red colonies) (Supplementary Figure 13A) and PCR analyses (Supplementary Figure 14). The same procedure was applied for deletion of kisO gene (Supplementary Figure 13B and Supplementary Figure 16)*.*

Supplementary Figure 13. Screening of *Actinomadura parvosata* **mutants**

Growth of *Actinomadura parvosata* subsp. *kistnae*_pGUSA21_*kisN-*up_down and *A. parvosata* subsp. *kistnae*_pGUSA21_*kisO*-up_down protoplasts and X-gluc (5-bromo-4-chloro-1H-indol-3-yl-Beta-Dglucuronic acid) screening for deletion mutants *A. parvosata ΔkisN* (A) and *A. parvosata ΔkisO* (B) on R5 agar plates $(Ø10$ cm) overlaid with 20 mM X-gluc.

Supplementary Figure 14. PCR Analysis for verification of the in-frame deletion of *kisN*

The in-frame deletion was confirmed for two *Actinomadura parvosata ΔkisN* mutants. (A) lane 1: Marker, 1 kb ladder; lane 2 and 3: A. parvosata ΔkisN DNA: no amplicon for *kisN* gene; lane 4: wild type DNA: amplification of a 1172 bp fragment. The primer pair kisN-Ndel-Fw/kisN-HindIII-Rv was used. (B) lane 1: Marker, 1 kb ladder; lane 2 and 3: *A. parvosata_*ΔkisN DNA: no amplicon; lane 4: H₂O; lane 5: wild type DNA: amplification of a 2500 bp fragment. In all cases, the primer pair Delta kisN Fw/ Delta kisN-Rv was used. (C) lane 1: Marker, 1 kb ladder; lane 2 and 3: *A. parvosata ΔkisN* DNA amplification of a 3553 bp fragment; lane 4: wild type DNA: amplification of a 4708 bp fragment. The primer pair Delta kisN Fw/kisO-XbaI-Rv was used. Primers are listed in Supplementary Table 3.

Supplementary Figure 15. PCR-Verification of *kisN***-complementation**

The integration of pRM4.2 *kisN*-plasmid was confirmed for two *A. parvosata* pRM4.2 kisN complemented mutants. (A) lane 1 Marker, 1 kb ladder; lane 2 and 3: DNA of A. parvosata pRM4.2 *kisN* complemented mutants 1 and 2: amplification of a 1336 bp fragment, lane 4: pRM4.2 *kisN* plasmid DNA: amplification of a 1336 bp fragment: In all cases, the primer pair pRM4SeqFw/pRM4SeqRv was used. (B) lane 1: Marker, 1 kb ladder; lane 2 and 3: DNA of A. parvosata pRM4.2_kisN complemented mutants 1 and 2: amplification of a 1172 bp fragment; lane 4: A. *parvosata* wild type DNA: amplification of a 1172 bp fragment. The primer pair kisN-NdeI-Fw/kisN-HindIII-Rv was used. Primers are listed in Supplementary Table 3.

Supplementary Figure 16. PCR Analysis for verification of the in-frame deletion of *kisO*

The in-frame deletion was confirmed for one *Actinomadura parvosata ΔkisO* mutant. (A) lane 1: Marker, 1 kb ladder; lane 2: A._Δ*kisO* DNA: no amplicon for *kisO* gene; lane 3: wild type DNA: amplification of a 1301 bp fragment. In all cases, the primer pair kisO-HindIII-Fw / kisO-XbaI-Rv was used. (B) lane 1: Marker, 1 kb ladder; lane 2: *A. parvosata ΔkisO* DNA: no amplicon; lane 3: wild type DNA: amplification of a 2800 bp fragment. The primer pair Delta kisO Fw/ Delta kisO-Rv was used. Primers are listed in Supplementary Table 3.

Supplementary Figure 17. Production of kistamicin in the Actinomadura parvosata mutants

Two different mutants (1 + 2) of *Actinomadura parvosata* Δ*kisN* and the complemented mutant Δ*kisN* + kisN (1+2) were extracted and analysed by HRMS. The specific kistamicin A (1171.3225 [M+H]⁺) metabolite and its isotopic peaks from different producer strains were analysed. Isotopic patterns are important to identify the correct kistamicin species. The purple colour indicates the $[M+H]^+$ isotope, with other colours represent different isotopes (blue -1, red +1, orange +2, cyan +3, green +4), respectively. (A) Extracted ion chromatogram of the respective compound in the different mutants. (B) Integrated peak areas of the respective compound peak in comparison to the expected (calculated) isotope contribution between $36 - 48$ min; this is normalised to the intensity of the highest intensity peak in the different strains for comparison. (C) Retention times of the respective kistamicin intermediates and the peak width of these species; black lines indicate indicate retention times where these ions were at their maximum intensity within the total peak width. The deletion of *kisN* lead to the loss of kistamicin in the *Actinomadura parvosata ΔkisN* mutants, which is then restored through complementation of these mutants with a plasmid containing the *kisN* gene.

Supplementary Figure 18. Production of kistamicin intermediates in *A. parvosata ΔkisN*

(A) Extracted ion chromatograms for kistamicin A, 1171.3235 [M+H]⁺ (black); bicyclic heptapeptide, 1173.3392 [M+H]⁺ (red); monocyclic heptapeptide, 1175.3548 [M+H]⁺ (green); linear heptapeptide, 1177.3705 [M+H]⁺ (blue) with 5 ppm tolerance; (B) HRMS spectrum of of detected monocyclic heptapeptide 1175.3548 [M+H]⁺ with 0.3 ppm mass error.

Supplementary Figure 19. Production of kistamicin intermediates in *A. parvosata ΔkisN* **+** *kisN*

(A) Extracted ion chromatograms for kistamicin A, 1171.3235 [M+H]⁺ (black); bicyclic heptapeptide, 1173.3392 [M+H]⁺ (red); monocyclic heptapeptide, 1175.3548 [M+H]⁺ (green); linear heptapeptide, 1177.3705 [M+H]⁺ (blue) with 5 ppm tolerance. (B) HRMS spectrum of detected fully cyclised kistamicin with a mass of 1171.3235 [M+H]⁺ with 0.9 ppm mass error. (C) Close up and (D) highly zoomed views of the HRMS spectrum of monocyclic kistamicin: this has a mass of 1175.3548 [M+H]⁺ with mass error of 3.3 ppm, indicating that the complemented mutant fully restored kistamicin cyclisation.

Supplementary Figure 20. Production of kistamicin monocyclic (C-*O***-D) heptapeptide**

Two different mutants (1 + 2) of *Actinomadura parvosata* Δ*kisN* and the complemented mutant Δ*kisN* + k isN (1+2) were extracted and analysed by HRMS. The kistamicin monocyclic heptapeptide 1175.3548 [M+H]⁺ and its isotopic peaks from different producer strains were analysed. Isotopic patterns are important to identify the correct kistamicin species. The purple colour indicates the $[M+H]$ ⁺ isotope, with other colours represent different isotopes (blue -1, red +1, orange +2, cyan +3, green +4), respectively. (A) Extracted ion chromatogram of the respective compound in the different mutants. (B) Integrated peak areas of the respective compound peak in comparison to the expected (calculated) isotope contribution between $42 - 46$ min; this is normalised to the intensity of the highest intensity peak in the different strains for comparison. (C) Retention times of the respective kistamicin intermediates and the peak width of these species; black lines indicate indicate retention times where these ions were at their maximum intensity within the total peak width. The monocyclic heptapeptide is present in significant amounts in the *Actinomadura parvosata* Δ*kisN* mutants. Complementation of these mutants with a plasmid containing the *kisN* gene then leads to a large reduction of this intermediate that is explained by the functional biosynthetic route in this case leading to production of kistamicin A.

Supplementary Figure 21. MSMS spectrum of monocyclic heptapeptide of *A. parvosata ΔkisN*

The *Actinomadura parvosata ΔkisN* mutant produces a monocyclic heptapeptide with a Hpg4-Tyr6 crosslink, as observed by the presence of a crosslink on the internal ion, Hpg4-Tyr6 (hcY). (A) MSMS spectrum of monocyclic heptapeptide with a mass of 1175.3548 [M+H]+. (B) Structure of fragment hcY^ (mass 494.1113 Da) identified in the spectrum that indicates the crosslink is found between Hpg4-Tyr6 in the monocyclic heptapeptide of *Actinomadura parvosata ΔkisN* mutant. Symbols: Y tyrosine; W tryptophan; h Hpg; d Dpg; c chloroHpg; # CO loss; * NH₃ loss; ^ crosslink (H₂ loss); The b ions extend from the N-terminus, and y ions extend from C-terminus. Fragmentation ions follow standard nomenclature for such experiments, see 3,4 .

Supplementary Figure 22. Production of kistamicin monocyclic 1-6 hexapeptide (C-*O***-D)**

Two different mutants (1 + 2) of *Actinomadura parvosata* Δ*kisN* and the complemented mutant Δ*kisN* + kisN (1+2) were extracted and analysed by HRMS. The kistamicin monocyclic hexapeptide (1026.3071 [M+H]⁺) and its isotopic peaks from different producer strains were analysed. Isotopic patterns are important to identify the correct kistamicin species. The purple colour indicates the $[M+H]$ ⁺ isotope, with other colours represent different isotopes (blue -1, red +1, orange +2, cyan +3, green +4), respectively. (A) Extracted ion chromatogram of the respective compound in the different mutants. (B) Integrated peak areas of the respective compound peak in comparison to the expected (calculated) isotope contribution between $40 - 45$ min; this is normalised to the intensity of the highest intensity peak in the different strains for comparison. (C) Retention times of the respective kistamicin intermediates and the peak width of these species; black lines indicate indicate retention times where these ions were at their maximum intensity within the total peak width. The monocyclic (C-O-D) hexapeptide is present in significant amounts in the *Actinomadura parvosata ΔkisN* mutants. Complementation of these mutants with a plasmid containing the *kisN* gene then leads to a large reduction of this intermediate that is explained by the functional biosynthetic route in this case leading **EVALUAT CREATERT CONTROM THE SUBARY SUPPLEMENT CONDUCT THE SUBARY (1+2) were extracte (1026.3071 [M+H]⁺) and its in patterns are important to id [M+H]⁺ isotope, with other consumerant to id [M+H]⁺ isotope, with oth**

Supplementary Figure 23. MSMS spectrum of monocyclic hexapeptide 1-6 of *A.parvosata ΔkisN* The *Actinomadura parvosata ΔkisΝ* mutant produces a monocyclic hexapeptide 1-6 with an Hpg4-Tyr6 crosslink, characterised by the presence of intact y3 to y5 and the absence of y2. Additionally, y3 can lose the chloroHpg at position 5 together with a CO group. (A) MSMS spectrum of the monocyclic hexapeptide with a mass of 1026.3071 $[{\sf M+H}]^\dagger$. (B) HRMS and (D) chemical structure of fragment y3#^c (mass 301.1183 $[$ M+H]⁺). (C) HRMS and (E) chemical structure of fragment $y4#*^{\wedge}$ -c (mass 449.1343 Da). Both fragments indicate that the crosslink is between Hpg4-Tyr6 in the monocyclic hexapeptide of *Actinomadura parvosata ΔkisN* mutant. Symbols: Y tyrosine; W tryptophan; h Hpg; d Dpg; c chloroHpg; # CO loss; * NH₃ loss; \wedge crosslink (H₂ loss); The b ions extend from the N-terminus, and y ions extend from C-terminus. Fragmentation ions follow standard nomenclature for such experiments, see $3,4$.

Supplementary Figure 24. Production of kistamicin bicyclic hexapeptide 1-6

Two different mutants (1 + 2) of *Actinomadura parvosata* Δ*kisN* and the complemented mutant Δ*kisN* + kisN (1+2) were extracted and analysed by HRMS. The kistamicin bicyclic hexapeptide (1024.2915) [M+H]⁺) and its isotopic peaks from different producer strains were analysed. Isotopic patterns are important to identify the correct kistamicin species. The purple colour indicates the $[M+H]^+$ isotope, with other colours represent different isotopes (blue -1, red +1, orange +2, cyan +3, green +4), respectively. (A) Extracted ion chromatogram of the respective compound in the different mutants. (B) Integrated peak areas of the respective compound peak in comparison to the expected (calculated) isotope contribution between $39 - 45$ min; this is normalised to the intensity of the highest intensity peak in the different strains for comparison. (C) Retention times of the respective kistamicin intermediates and the peak width of these species. The bicyclic hexapeptide is present in significant amounts in the *Actinomadura parvosata ΔkisN* mutants. Complementation of these mutants with a plasmid containing the *kisN* gene then leads to a large reduction of this intermediate that is explained **Example the continuo of the complement of the complement of the continuous of the standard and analysed by H**

Supplementary Figure 25. Production of bicyclic hexapeptide in *Actinomadura parvosata ΔkisN* (A) Extracted ion chromatograms for bicyclic kistamicin hexapeptide $(1-6)$ 1024.2915 $[M+H]$ ⁺ (black), monocyclic hexapeptide 1026.3071 $[M+H]^+$ (red) and linear hexapeptide 1028.3228 $[M+H]^+$ (green) with 5 ppm tolerance from the *Actinomadura parvosata ΔkisN* mutant. The mutant produces several bicyclic hexapeptides 1-6, indicated by several peaks with the mass of 1024.2915 $[M+H]$ ⁺ shown in black. The HRMS spectrum of (B) monocyclic hexapeptide at 43.9 min and (C) bicyclic hexapeptide at 42.28 min.

Supplementary Figure 26. MSMS spectrum of one bicyclic hexapeptide in *A. parvosata ΔkisN*

The *Actinomadura parvosata ΔkisN* mutant produces several bicyclic hexapeptides 1-6 as shown in Supplementary Figure 25. (A) MSMS spectrum of the bicyclic hexapeptide at 40.92 min. It demonstrates a Tyr1-Trp2 and Hpg4-Tyr6 crosslinks. The Hpg4-Tyr6 crosslink is characterised by the presence of intact y3 and y4 with crosslinks and the absence of y2. Additionally, y3 and y4 can lose the chloroHpg at position 5 together with a CO (and $NH₃$) group. The fragmentation pattern shows again the m/z : $y3#^A$ -c = 301.1183 (B) and $y4#^A$ -c = 449.1343 (C) like in the monocyclic hexapepetide (see Supplementary Figure 23). The presence of a b2 ion with a crosslink ($b2^N$) and related ions confirms the crosslink occurs within the N-terminal two residues (Tyr1-Trp2). Fragment b2^ indicates the presence of a crosslink between Tyr1-Trp2 in the one of the bicyclic forms of the hexapeptide produced by the *Actinomadura parvosata ΔkisN* mutant; the exact position of the crosslink is not clear. MSMS of other bicyclic species indicate the common presence of Tyr1 in these different links, including Tyr1-Dpg3 (data not shown). (D) Chemical structure of b2^. Symbols: Y tyrosine; W tryptophan; h Hpg; d Dpg; c chloroHpg; # CO loss; * NH₃ loss; \wedge crosslink (H₂ loss); The b ions extend from the N-terminus, and y ions extend from C-terminus. Fragmentation ions follow standard nomenclature for such experiments, see $^{3,4}.$

Supplementary Figure 27. Kistamicin with different A-B ring crosslinking containing Hpg-7

Comparison of the potential energies and free energies of the kistamicin 15-membered A-O-B ring relative to those of 13- and 12-membered AB ring analogues. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

7: Kistamicin native 16-membered C-*O*-D Ring

8: Kistamicin 14-membered CD ring analogue

Supplementary Figure 28. Kistamicin with different C-D ring crosslinking

Comparison of the potential energies and free energies of the kistamicin 16-membered C-O-D ring relative to those of a 14-membered CD ring analogue. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 29. Kistamicin with different A-B ring crosslinking containing Dpg-7

Comparison of the potential energies of pekiskomycin (modelled as 9), containing the native 12membered AB ring, relative to the pekiskomycin analogue 10 containing a 14-membered A-O-B ring. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

11: Diphenyl ether **12:** 2-Hydroxybiphenyl

*E***rel = 0 kcal/mol** *G***rel = 0 kcal/mol** *E***rel = -7.6 kcal/mol** *G***rel = -6.3 kcal/mol**

Supplementary Figure 30. Diphenyl ether vs. 2-hydroxybiphenyl

Relative potential energies and free energies of diphenyl ether 11 and 2-hydroxybiphenyl 12. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 31. Geometry of the A-*O*-B ring in kistamicin

Comparison of the geometry of the A-O-B ring in kistamicin relative to the fully relaxed geometry. The substituents on the ether oxygen and α -carbon have been modelled as hydrogens.

Supplementary Figure 32. Structural comparisons of the OxyA_{kis}/X_{kis} complex

(A) Overlay of the Oxy enzyme in the OxyA_{kis}/X_{kis} complex with the OxyB_{tei}/X_{tei} complex showing only the position of X_{tei} relative to the OxyA_{kis}/X_{kis} complex (X_{tei} shown in grey, OxyA_{kis}/X_{kis} complex coloured as in Figure 3, helices shown as cylinders). (B) Overlay of the X domains from the OxyA_{kis}/X_{kis} complex and OxyB_{tei}/X_{tei} complexes (coloured as in panel (A)). (C) Overlay of Oxy homologues on OxyA_{kis} structure (OxyA_{kis} shown in yellow; from left OxyA_{tei} (coloured green), OxyE_{tei} (coloured orange), OxyB_{tei} (coloured magenta), OxyC_{van} (coloured aquamarine)).

Supplementary Figure 33. CO spectra of OxyA and OxyC

UV/vis absorption spectra (black) and reduced, CO-complex (red) shown for purified OxyA_{kis} (A) and $OxyC_{kis}$ (B). Both proteins are able to be reduced by sodium dithionite treatment that is then subsequently used to generate the reduced CO complex, as is shown by the shift of the absorption maximum from 418 nm to 450 nm.

Supplementary Figure 34. Synthesised peptide K1-7-CoA

(A) Structure, (B) HPLC chromatogram and (C) MS spectrum of synthesised peptide K1-7-CoA.

 $[M-2H]²$ / 2 = 687.85 Da; MW_{calculated} = 1377.70 Da

Supplementary Figure 35. Synthesised peptide K4-7D-CoA

(A) Structure, (B) HPLC chromatogram and (C) MS spectrum of synthesised peptide K4-7D-CoA. In red, the central Hpg residue, which is synthesised in D- and L-form.

 $[M-2H]²$ / 2 = 687.85 Da; MW_{calculated} = 1377.70 Da

Supplementary Figure 36. Synthesised peptide K4-7L-CoA

(A) Structure, (B) HPLC chromatogram and (C) MS spectrum of synthesised peptide K4-7L-CoA. In red, the central Hpg residue, which is synthesised in D- and L-form.

 $[M-2H]²$ / 2 = 632.80 Da; MW_{calculated} = 1267.60 Da

Supplementary Figure 37. Synthesised peptide K2-4D-CoA

(A) Structure, (B) HPLC chromatogram and (C) MS spectrum (bottom) of synthesised peptide K2-4D-CoA. In red, the central Hpg residue, which is synthesised in D- and L-form.

Supplementary Figure 38. Synthesised peptide K2-4L-CoA

(A) Structure, (B) HPLC chromatogram and (C) MS spectrum (bottom) of synthesised peptide K2-4L-CoA. In red, the central Hpg residue, which is synthesised in D- and L-form.

Supplementary Figure 39. Synthesised peptide K3-6-CoA

(A) Structure, (B) HPLC chromatogram and (C) MS spectrum of synthesised peptide K3-6-CoA.

Chemical Formula: $C_{62}H_{73}N_{12}O_{26}P_3S$
Exact Mass: 1526.3693 Molecular Weight: 1527.3053

RT: 15.865 min in a gradient 15-15-45% in ACN (0.1% FA)

 $[M+H]^{+}$ = 1527.95 Da; MW_{calculated} = 1527.38 Da ${\rm \left[M+H\right]}^{2+}/2 = 764.55$ Da; MW $_{\rm calculated}$ = 764.19 Da

Supplementary Figure 40. Synthesised peptide K3-7-CoA

(A) Structure, (B) HPLC chromatogram and (C) MS spectrum of synthesised peptide K3-7-CoA.

[M-2H]²⁻ / 2 = 708.18 Da; MW_{calculated} = 1414.35 Da

Supplementary Figure 41. Synthesised peptide K1-4-CoA

(A) Structure, (B) HPLC chromatogram and (C) MS spectrum of synthesised peptide K1-4-CoA.

 $[M-2H]²$ / 2 = 894.85 Da; MW_{calculated} = 1791.70 Da

Supplementary Figure 42. Synthesised peptide P1-7-CoA

(A) Structure, (B) HPLC chromatogram and (C) MS spectrum of synthesised peptide P1-7-CoA.

Supplementary Figure 43. Synthesised peptide T1-7-CoA

(A) Structure, (B) HPLC chromatogram and (C) MS spectrum of synthesised peptide T1-7-CoA.

Supplementary Figure 44. Overview of extracted ion chromatograms of the Oxy-catalysed turnover Extracted ions from analysis in positive mode $[M+H]^+$ of different kistamicin peptides shown with high magnification. Peaks with monocyclic mass are indicated by a pink star, peaks with bicyclic mass by a blue star. *peaks were subtracted from the calculation because they lie under the main peaks. MA, methylamine, linear mass (black), monocyclic mass (pink), bicyclic mass (blue) and tricyclic mass (green). Enzyme components present in each reaction are indicated adjacent to the Y-axis in each trace within the figure.

Supplementary Figure 45. XIC of the Oxy-catalysed turnover of kistamicin tetrapeptides K4-7D

Extracted ions from analysis in positive mode $[M+H]^+$ of linear tetrapeptide K4-7D methylamide (MA) with a mass of 642.2 Da (black), monocyclic methylamide product with the mass of 640.2 Da (pink) and bicyclic methylamide product with the mass of 638.2 Da (blue) following methylamine cleavage. Enzyme components present in each reaction are indicated adjacent to the Y-axis in each trace within the figure. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 42. XIC of the Oxy-catalysed turnover of kistamicin tetrapeptides K4-7L

Extracted ions from analysis in positive mode [M+H]⁺ of linear tetrapeptide K4-7L methylamide (MA) with a mass of 642.2 Da (black), monocyclic methylamide product with the mass of 640.2 Da (pink) and bicyclic methylamide product with the mass of 638.2 Da (blue) following methylamine cleavage. Enzyme components present in each reaction are indicated adjacent to the Y-axis in each trace within the figure. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 47. XIC of the Oxy-catalysed turnover of kistamicin tetrapeptide K3-6

Extracted ions from analysis in positive mode $[M+H]^+$ of linear tetrapeptide K3-6 methylamide with a mass of 642.2 Da (black), monocyclic methylamide (MA) product with the mass of 640.2 Da (pink) and bicyclic methylamide product with the mass of 638.2 Da (blue) following methylamine cleavage. Enzyme components present in each reaction are indicated adjacent to the Y-axis in each trace within the figure. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 48. XIC of the Oxy-catalysed turnover of kistamicin pentapeptide K3-7 Extracted ions from analysis in positive mode $[M+H]^+$ of linear pentapeptide K3-7 methylamide with a mass of 791.3 Da (black), monocyclic methylamide (MA) product with the mass of 789.3 Da (pink) and bicyclic methylamide product with the mass of 787.3 Da (blue) following methylamine cleavage. Enzyme components present in each reaction are indicated adjacent to the Y-axis in each trace within

the figure. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 49. XIC of the Oxy-catalysed turnover of kistamicin hexapeptide K1-6

Extracted ions from analysis in positive mode $[M+H]^+$ of linear hexapeptide K1-6 methylamide with a mass of 1007.4 Da (blue), monocyclic methylamide (MA) product with the mass of 1005.4 Da (cyan) and bicyclic methylamide product with the mass of 1003.4 Da (green) following methylamine cleavage. Enzyme components present in each reaction are indicated adjacent to the Y-axis in each trace within the figure. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Extracted ions from analysis in positive mode $[M+H]^+$ of the linear heptapeptide K1-7 methylamide (MA) with a mass of 1156.43 Da (black), monocyclic methylamide product with the mass of 1154.42 Da (pink) following methylamine cleavage, bicyclic product with the mass of 1152.40 Da (blue) and tricyclic product with the mass of 1150.39 Da (green). Enzyme components present in each reaction are indicated adjacent to the Y-axis in each trace within the figure. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 51. XIC of the Oxy-catalysed turnover of kistamicin tetrapeptide K1-4

Extracted ions from analysis in positive mode $[M+H]^+$ of linear tetrapeptide K1-4 methylamide with a mass of 679.29 Da (black), monocyclic methylamide (MA) product with the mass of 677.27 (pink) and bicyclic methylamide product with the mass of 675.26 Da (blue) following methylamine cleavage. Enzyme components present in each reaction are indicated adjacent to the Y-axis in each trace within the figure. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 52. XIC of the Oxy-catalysed turnover of kistamicin tripeptides K2-4 Extracted ions from analysis in positive mode $[M+H]^+$ of linear tripeptide methylamide with a mass of 532.21 Da (black) and monocyclic methylamide (MA) product with the mass of 530.2 Da (pink). (A) K2-4D, (B) K2-4L. Enzyme components present in each reaction are indicated adjacent to the Y-axis in each trace within the figure. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 53. HRMS analysis of OxyC turnover product K3-7

In the *in vitro* K3-7 assay with OxyC, there is a monocyclic pentapeptide and numerous bicyclic peptides present. (A) Base peak chromatogram of all ions (black), and extracted ion chromatograms of linear 791.3035 [M+H]⁺ (red), monocyclic 789.2879 [M+H]⁺ (green) and bicyclic 787.2722 [M+H]⁺ (blue) at 10 ppm. HRMS highlighting the linear (B), monocyclic (C) and bicyclic (D) pentapeptide. The abundant monocyclic co-elutes with both other versions, and forms low level gas-phase dimers.

Supplementary Figure 54. Analysis of OxyC turnover product K4-7

In the *in vitro* K4-7 assay with OxyC, there are the linear tetrapeptide 642.2558 [M+H]⁺ and one monocyclic tetrapeptide 640.2402 [M+H]⁺. (A) HPLC chromatograms, from top to bottom: TIC, Base peak full scan, Base peak MS2 scans, XIC linear tetrapeptide 642.2558 [M+H]⁺, XIC monocyclic tetrapeptide 640.2402 [M+H]^+ , XIC bicyclic tetrapeptide 638.22 [M+H]^+ . MSMS spectra of linear K4-7 (B) and monocyclic tetrapeptide (C). The monocyclic tetrapeptide appears to has a Hpg4-Tyr6 crosslink, as the Hpg7-MA is cleaved off. Fragmentation ions follow standard nomenclature for such experiments, see ^{3,4}.

Supplementary Figure 55. Analysis of OxyC turnover product K1-6

In the *in vitro* K1-6 assay with OxyC, there is the linear hexapeptide 1007.3934 $[M+H]^+$, several monocyclic hexapeptides 1005.3777 [M+H]^+ and low levels of bicyclic hexapeptide 1003.3621 $\text{[M+H]}^+.$ (A) Base peak chromatogram of linear (black), monocyclic (red) and bicyclic (green) hexapeptide targeted PRM, with selected peaks labelled. Representative MSMS spectra of labelled peaks of linear (B, peak 1 (37.7 min)) and monocyclic peptides (C, peak 2 (39.5 min)). The monocyclic spectrum shown supports a Hpg4-Tyr6 crosslink. The peak at 314.1492m/z, labelled with @, represents a loss of Hpg and CO from the y3^ ion, which due to the sequence is somewhat ambiguous; however, it is more likely to result from a Hpg4-Tyr6 crosslink through loss of the Hpg5 residue and CO, rather than a loss of CO from a y2^ (representing a Hpg5-Tyr6 crosslink) as there is no loss of methylamine. Possible fragments are shown in (D), indicating different fragments with similar masses that makes analysis difficult. Several other linkages were present in the other monocyclic and bicyclic peaks. Fragmentation ions follow standard nomenclature for such experiments, see $3,4$. es 1005.3777 $\textsf{[M+H]}^+$ and low levels of l nnea inj us ci ifferent fragments wi HN ating dirie a lipg4-iyi

Supplementary Figure 56. Analysis of OxyC turnover product K1-4

In the *in vitro* K1-4 assay with OxyC, there are the linear tetrapeptide 679.2875 [M+H]⁺ and two different kind of monocyclic tetrapeptides 677.2718 [M+H]⁺. (A) Base peak chromatogram of linear (black) and monocyclic tetrapeptide (red). (B-D) MSMS of linear (B, peak 1 (34.2 min)) and monocyclic tetrapeptide (C, peak 2 (31.6 min), and D, peak 3 (34.3 min). Peak 2 appears to have a Tyr1-Hpg3 crosslink. Peak 3 represents a Tyr1-Hpg4 linkage, due to 255 ion abundance (linked Tyr and Hpg) and losses of Hpg and Trp from the parent with CO loss and virtual absence of both y1 and b3. Fragmentation ions follow standard nomenclature for such experiments, see $3,4$.

Supplementary Figure 57. Comparison of the activity of OxyC homologues

A turnover assay was performed with a GPA type I OxyC (from chloroeremomycin) and type V OxyC (from kistamicin) to check AB/ A-O-B ring formation in peptides with different C-terminal residues. Peptides tested include a teicoplanin related peptide T1-7 bearing a Hpg7 residue (A) and a pekiskomycin (Type I) peptide P1-7 bearing a Dpg-7 residue (B). These assays show that the chloroeremomycin OxyC homologue is active for AB ring formation in the peptide with a Hpg-7 residue (13-membered ring based on comparison to reported activity for balhimycin OxyC homologue),⁵ whilst the kistamicin OxyC homologue is not active for A-O-B ring formation in a peptide with a Dpg-7 residue. Peptide preparation and cyclisation assays performed using reported protocols.⁶⁻⁸ Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data and HMBC correlations for Kistamicin A (700 MHz, methanol- d_4) Numbering of Kistamicin A according Supplementary Figure 4, HMBC correlation Supplementary Figure 5 and NMR spectra Supplementary Figures 6-11.

* observed in methanol- d_3 (where all the amide protons were visible)

Supplementary Table 2. Bacterial strains and plasmids used in this study

Supplementary Table 3. Primers used in this study

Supplementary Table 4: Media used in this study

level 1.5), positive Fo-Fc (green, sigma level 3.0) and negative Fo-Fc (red, sigma level 3.0)).

 $^{(1)}$ Values in parentheses refer to the highest recorded resolution shell.

 $^{(2)}$ 5% of reflections were randomly selected before refinement.

 $⁽³⁾$ Percentage of residues in the Ramachandran plot</sup>

Supplementary Table 6. Similar proteins to OxyA from kistamicin biosynthesis

Top ranking and carrier-protein interacting P450 structures with high levels of homology to the OxyA $_{\rm kis}$ in complex with the X-domain as identified by Dali.¹³

Supplementary Table 7. Similar proteins to the X domain from kistamicin biosynthesis

Top ranking structures with high levels of homology to the X_{kis} -domain in complex with OxyA $_{kis}$ as identified by Dali.¹³

Supplementary Table 8. Comparison of the protein-protein interface within the two Oxy/X-domain complexes identified to date as performed by PISA.³⁷

 a indication of hydrophobic nature of the interface, > 0.5 indicates the interface is less hydrophobic than usual for a protein-protein interface

Supplementary Table 9. Theoretical molecular weight of synthesised kistamicin peptides

Masses of starting material peptide-CoAs and their subsequent modifications during turnovers. MA: peptide generated from methylamine cleavage to generate methylamide peptide

Supplementary Discussion

In terms of the peptide-producing NRPS, these differences are found in the 1^{st} , 3^{rd} and 4^{th} modules, whilst the incorporation of Tyr-1, Trp-2 and Hpg-7 lead to a divergence in peptide structure (Figure 1, **Supplementary Figure 1**). In module 1, the lack of activation domain here implies that the tyrosine residue activated and loaded onto this position must be derived from an additional source. Previous work has shown that carrier protein (CP) domains can be aminoacylated by tRNA synthetases, 38 and that A-domains can be utilised to load tRNAs, 39 indicating a degree of crossover between these systems: this is one possible mechanism to account for the lack of the A_{core} -domain 1 in kistamicin biosynthesis. Furthermore, the D-configuration of this amino acid implies that the epimerisation of this residue would be occurring during initial peptide bond formation in the neighbouring condensation (C) domain, which is in agreement with early work on the chloroeremomycin (Type I) system.⁴⁰ Further important differences found in the kistamicin NRPS when compared to Type I-IV GPAs are the placement of E-domains within modules 3 and 4: specifically, the presence of an Edomain in module 3 and a lack of such a domain in module 4. Whilst a module 3 E-domain has previously been reported in the NRPS producing $A47934⁴¹$ this domain was shown to have been inactivated in this system, leading to the structure of A47934 matching other GPAs in possessing an (L)-configured residue at position 3 of the peptide. In the case of kistamicin, the presence of this Edomain agrees with the structural analysis performed for the initial identification of kistamicin that demonstrated a (D)-configured 3,5-dihydroxyphenylglycine (Dpg) residue at this position.⁴² The results of OxyC_{kis} reconstitution shows that peptides with residue 3 in a (D)-configuration are preferred over those with this residue in the (L)-configuration, which is consistent with the activity of this E-domain. The stereochemistry of the central Hpg residue installed by module 4 of the GPA NRPS is a key feature in all GPA structures, as this forms the central connection between both the C-O-D ring and D-O-E/ DE ring of the GPA. All GPA structures to date have shown this central residue to be (D) configured.^{43,44} However, the kistamicin cluster does not possess an E-domain in this module (Figure 1). Given the central nature of this residue, alteration of the stereochemistry of this position to the (L)-form would appear highly unlikely, with OxyC_{kis} reconstitution again showing the importance of a (D)-configuration of Hpg-4. This implies a dual C/E function for one of the neighbouring C-domains that are involved with peptide bond formation at this residue, although the identity of this potential dual C/E-domain is not clear from phylogenetic analyses (**Supplementary Figure 3**). When comparing kistamicin with the only other characterised Type-V GPA complestatin, the relative similarity of these molecules is not repeated in their NRPS architectures, as modules 1, 3 and 4 in the complestatin NRPS conform to that of a standard GPA.⁴⁵ Differences found within the complestatin NRPS – such as the extended linker between the X- and thioester (TE) domains in the final module, unique methyl transferase domain and

the silent additional E-domain within the 6^{th} module – are not repeated within the kistamicin cluster, indicating significant diversity within the biosynthetic machineries of these two Type-V GPAs (Figure **1**).⁴⁵

Supplementary Methods

OxyE complementation in A. parvosata WT

Due to the results from the A. parvosata Δ oxyA (Δ kisN) strain showing that OxyC_{kis} could install an addition crosslink between the Tyr-1 and Trp-2/ Dpg-3 residues of the C-O-D crosslinked peptide, we also tested whether the addition of a Type IV OxyE enzyme to the kistamicin WT producer would be able to reproduce the insertion of an extra ring at the N-terminus of kistamicin. To this end, we ascertained that the heterologous expression of *oxyE* (*staG*) gene⁴⁶ from the A47934 Type IV GPA into the A. parvosata WT kistamicin producer does not support insertion of an F-O-G ring between Tyr-1 and Dpg-3 in kistamicin. This lack of activity could stem from a number of reasons, concerning either the timing of OxyA ring formation restricting the activity of Oxy E^{47} or changes in the peptide structure or the stereochemistry of the Dpg-3 residue.

Molecular Modelling of the rings in kistamicin

Molecular modelling calculations were undertaken to compare the stability of native kistamicin (containing a 15-membered A-O-B ring) relative to kistamicin analogues containing 13- or 12membered AB rings. The peptides were modelled as structures 1–3, where the *N*-terminal tyrosine residue was replaced by an acetyl group (Figure 3). First, the conformations of each peptide were explored using the Macrocycle Conformational Sampling algorithm of MacroModel 11.7.^{48,49} The conformer sampling was conducted with the OPLS 2005 forcefield,^{50,51} using the GB/SA model⁵² to simulate solvation in water. The default settings of the Macrocycle Conformational Sampling protocol in MacroModel were used, in which 5000 cycles of large-scale low mode searches were performed on a set of seed structures obtained from 5000 cycles of MD simulated annealing, with eigenvectors determined for each new global minimum, and included the "enhanced" option for torsional sampling (which samples certain C-N and C-O single bonds with higher rotational barriers). For each molecule, the three most stable conformers identified by this protocol were then submitted to single-point energy calculation with density functional theory (DFT), performed with M06-2X/6-31G(d)⁵³ in Gaussian 09.⁵⁴ The conformer having the lowest DFT energy was used for analysis. This series of calculations provided the relative potential energies reported in Figure 3, which predict that the native kistamicin structure, containing the 15-membered A-O-B ring (1), is about 10 kcal/mol less stable than the analogues containing the 13- (2) and 12-membered (3) AB rings. In a similar series of calculations where the conformer sampling was performed with the OPLS3 forcefield rather than with OPLS 2005, the order of stabilities of 1–3 was the same, the spread between the most stable and least stable isomers was smaller (5 kcal/mol).

Each molecule was then truncated to give just the A-O-B or AB ring as shown in **Supplementary Figure 27.** Free valences were capped with hydrogen atoms. The 15-, 13-, and 12-membered macromonocycles 4–6 were subjected to full geometry optimization with M06-2X/6-31G(d). This series of calculations showed that the 15-membered A-O-B ring substructure of kistamicin (4) was again about 10 kcal/mol less stable than the 12- or 13-membered AB rings of the analogues (5, 6). This suggests that the origins of the difference in stability between native kistamicin and the smaller-ring AB analogues are localized largely within the A-O-B/AB ring.

A similar analysis was performed for the kistamicin C-O-D ring (**Supplementary Figure 28**). The native 16-membered C-O-D ring **7** was compared with the 14-membered CD ring analogue 8. In this case, the C-O-D ring was 3-4 kcal/mol less stable than the CD ring. The 14-membered biaryl structure in 8 is analogous to that found in arylomycins.

We also explored ring size effects in pekiskomycin, a GPA which natively contains an AB ring **(Supplementary Figure 29**). The native structure **9**, containing a 12-membered AB ring, was compared with a ring-expanded analogue 10 containing a 14-membered A-O-B ring. In this case the native ABcontaining structure was 2.7 kcal/mol more stable than the larger-ring A-O-B analogue.

Each of these sets of calculations reveals a common trend, namely that larger-ring diaryl ethers are less stable than the isomeric smaller-ring biaryl alcohols. This trend can, in part, be attributed to the intrinsic stabilities of diaryl ethers relative to biaryl alcohols. For example, calculations on diphenyl ether **11** and 2-hydroxybiphenyl **12** (**Supplementary Figure 30**) predict that ether **11** is about 7 kcal/mol less stable than biaryl alcohol 12, the same trend observed in the GPAs above.

Ring strain also contributes to the relative stabilities of diaryl ether versus biaryl alcohol-containing macrocyclic rings in GPAs. In kistamicin, the B ring is a locus of deformation: as shown in **Supplementary Figure 31,** the aryl ring is puckered and the ether oxygen and α -carbon are bent significantly out of plane.

The Cartesian coordinates for 1-12 are provided in the raw data folder. For species 1, 2, 3, 9 and 10, where a DFT single-point energy calculation was performed using the OPLS 2005 optimized geometry, the M06-2X/6-31G(d) single-point electronic potential energy (E) is reported. For species 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, **11** and **12**, which were fully optimized with DFT, both the M06-2X/6-31G(d) electronic potential energy (E) and Gibbs free energy (G, 298.15 K, 1 atm) are reported.

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