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Collateral sensitivity to pleuromutilins in vancomycin-resistant

Enterococcus faecium

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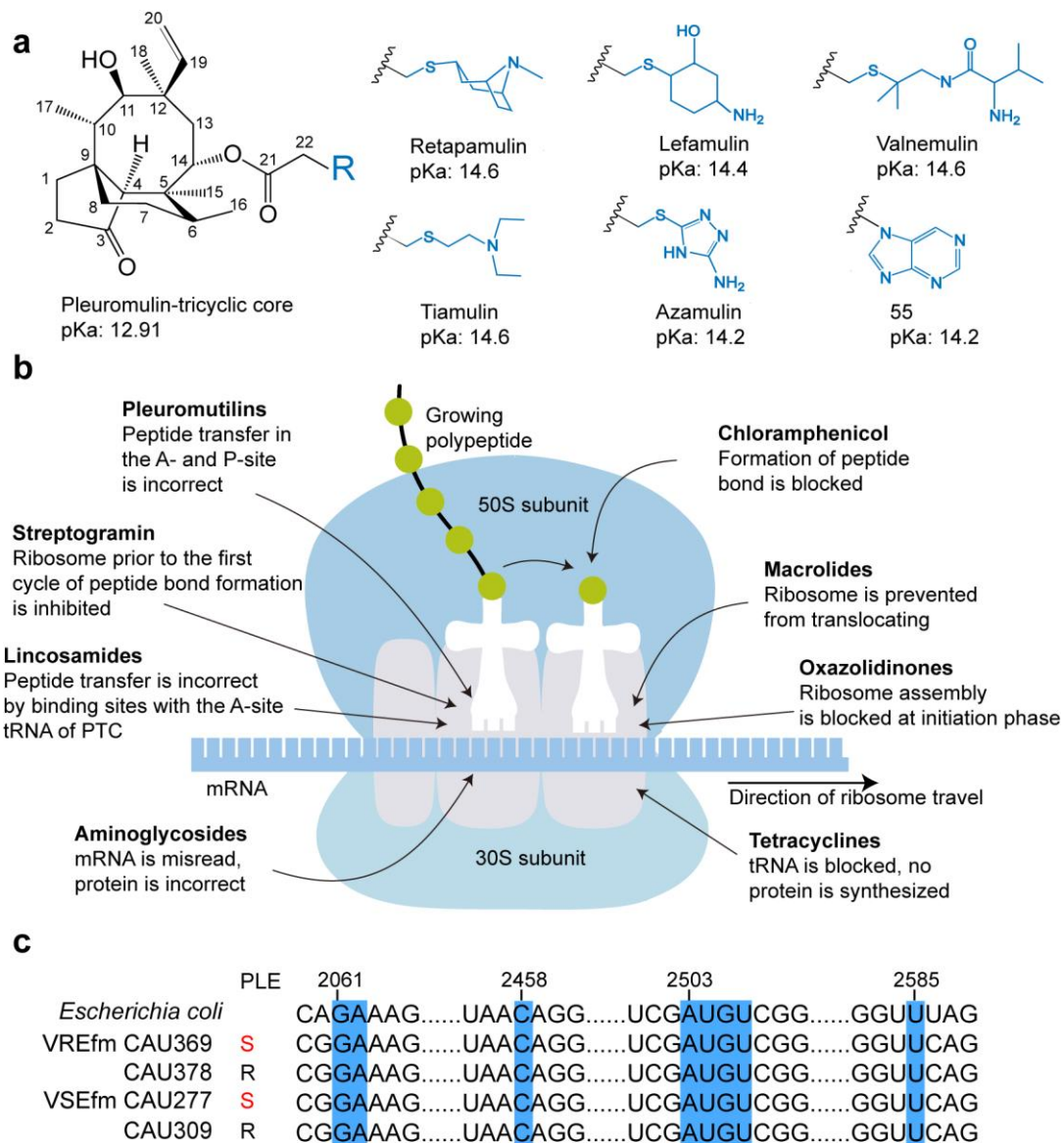
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Supplementary Fig. 2 The mode of action of pleuromutilins

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(a) Chemical structures of pleuromutilins. Compound **55** in (a) was named in the reference¹.

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(b) Modes of action of ribosome-targeting antibiotics.

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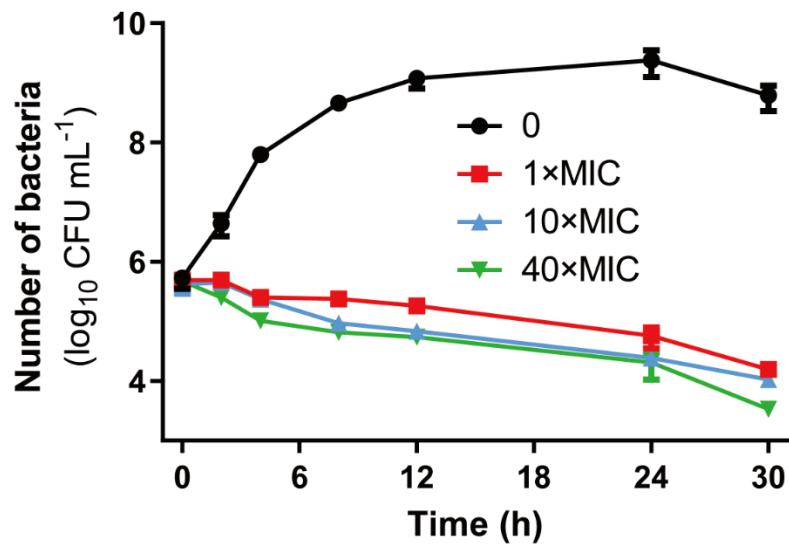
(c) Binding sites of pleuromutilins in the PTC domain. No mutations were found at

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the sites in 40 *E. faecium* isolates. More details about the binding sites were shown in

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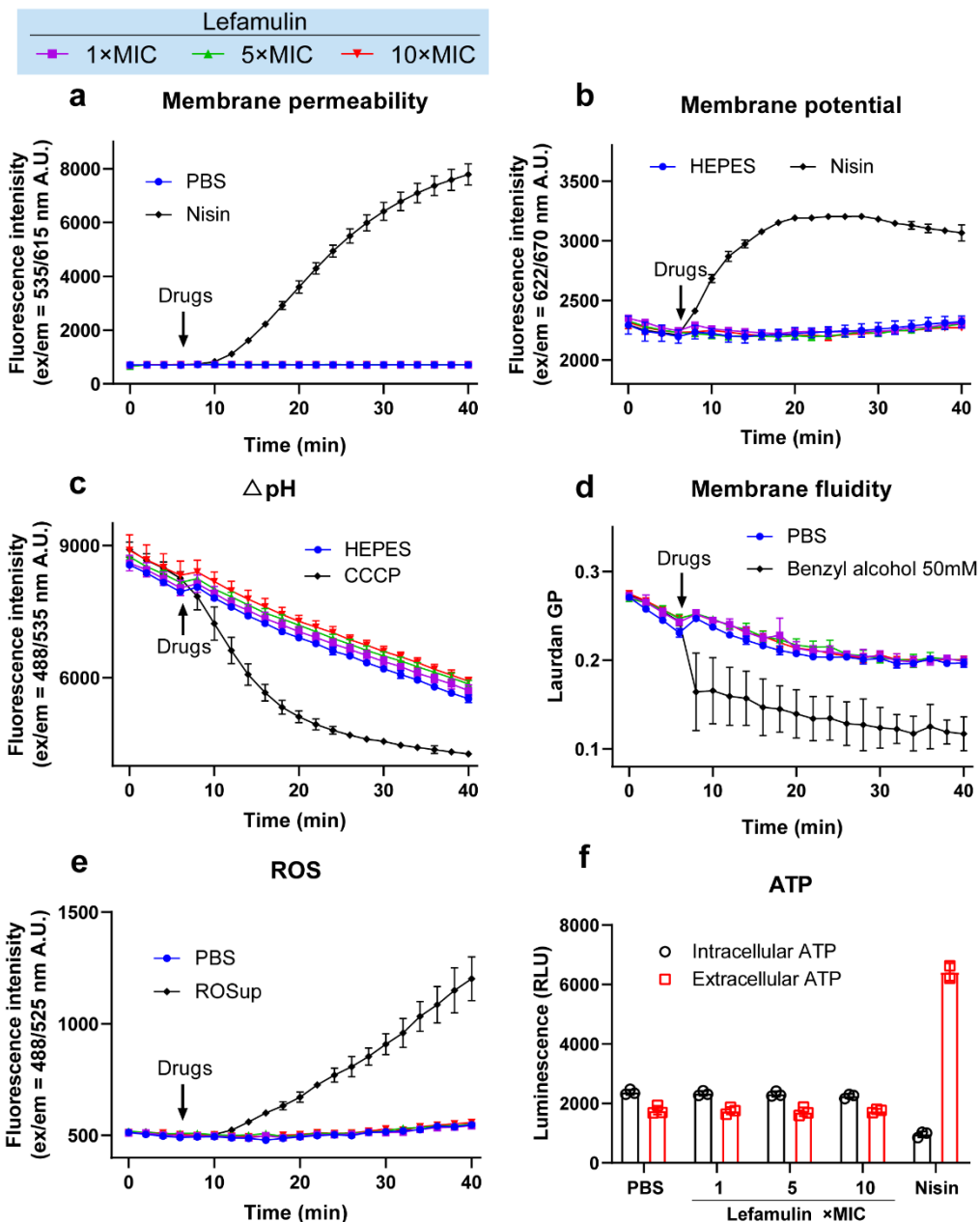


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74 **Supplementary Fig. 3 Bacteriostatic activity of lefamulin against VRE_{fm}.**

75 Time-dependent killing curves of VRE_{fm} CAU369 in the presence of lefamulin.
 76 VRE_{fm} CAU369 at exponential phase were challenged with 1×MIC, 10×MIC and
 77 40×MIC lefamulin. Experiments were performed as three biologically independent
 78 experiments, and the mean ± S.D. (n = 3) is shown. *P* values were determined by non-
 79 parametric one-way ANOVA.

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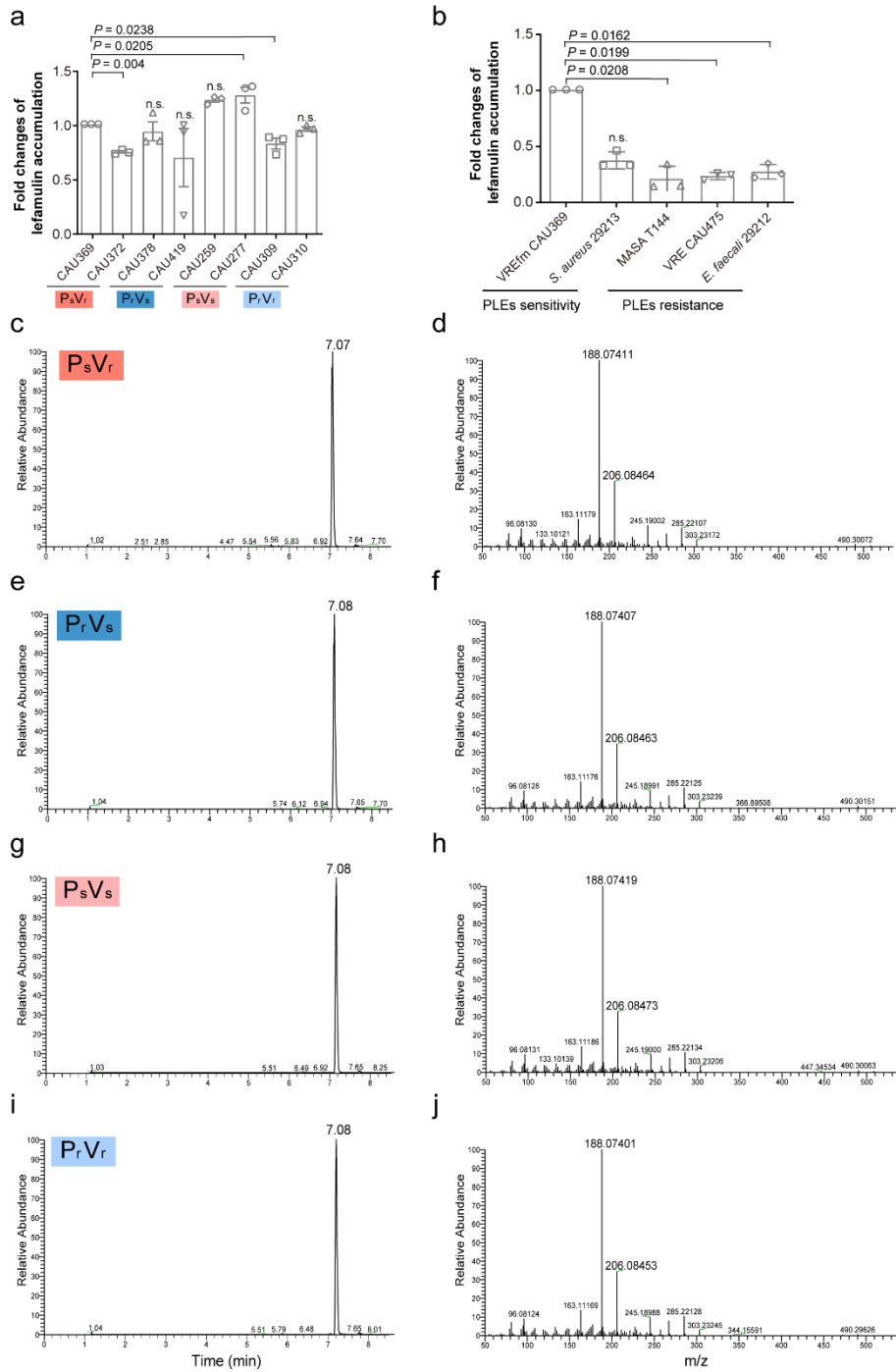
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82 **Supplementary Fig. 4 Maintained integrity and functions of VRE_{fm} membrane.**

83 (a-d) Membrane permeability (a), membrane potential (b), Δ pH (c) and membrane
 84 fluidity (d) of VRE_{fm} CAU369 treated with lefamulin at the levels of 1×MIC, 5×MIC
 85 and 10×MIC. The arrows indicate the time points of added compounds. Nisin (100
 86 μ g/mL), CCCP (50 μ M) and benzyl alcohol (50 mM) were used as positive controls.
 87 PI (10 μ M), DiSC3(5) (1 μ M), BCECF-AM (10 μ M) and Laurdan were used as
 88 probes.

89 (e-f) ROS accumulation (e) and levels of intracellular and extracellular ATP (f) in
 90 VRE_{fm} CAU369 in the presence of lefamulin. ROSup and Nisin (100 μ g/mL) were
 91 used as positive controls.

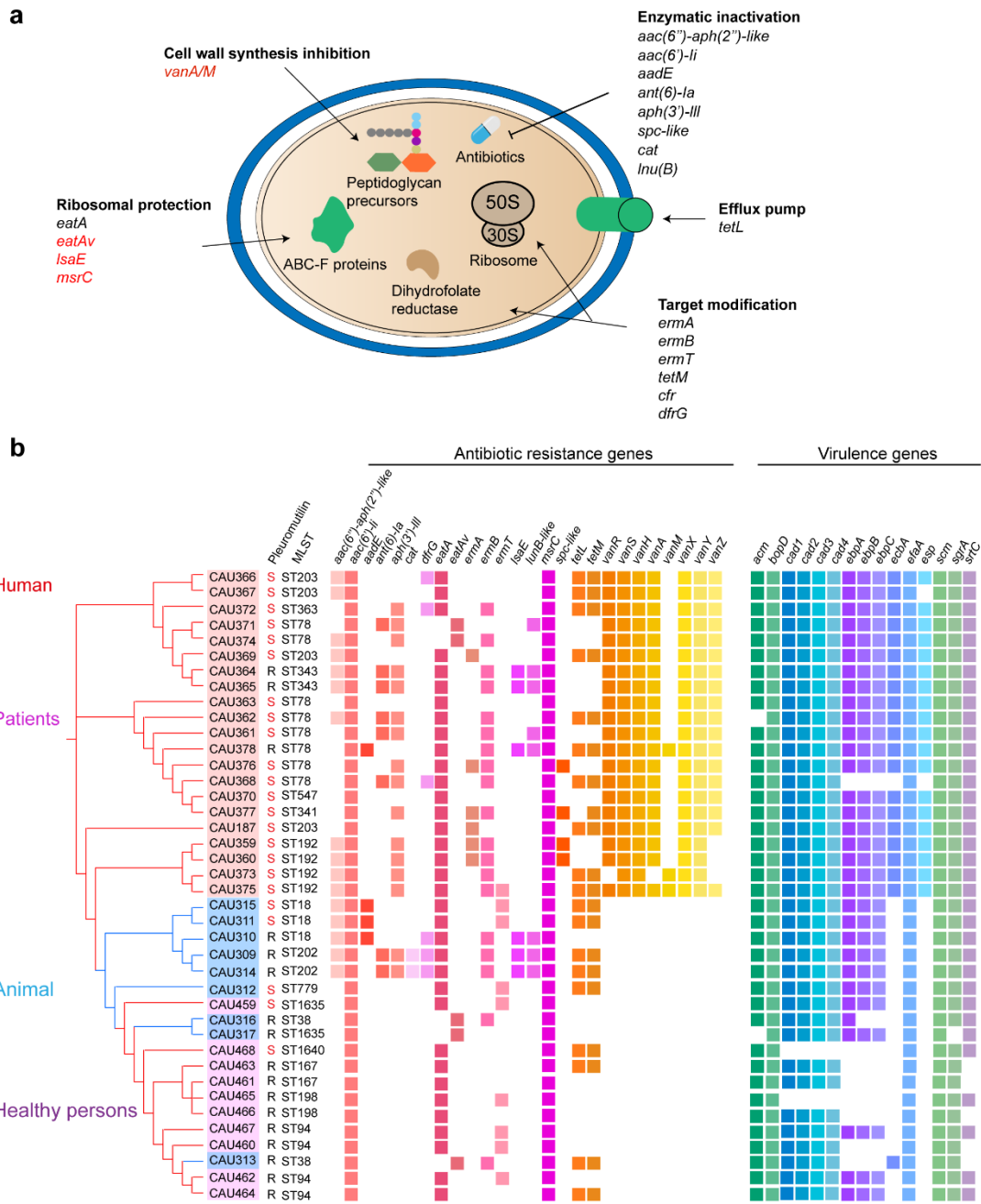
92 Experiments were performed as three biologically independent experiments, and the
 93 mean \pm S.D. (n = 3) is shown. *P* values were determined by non-parametric one-way
 94 ANOVA.



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96 **Supplementary Fig. 5 Accumulated lefamulin in bacteria.**

97 **(a-b)** Fold changes of lefamulin accumulation in diverse isolates of *E. faecium* **(a)**, *E.*
 98 *faecalis* and *S. aureus* **(b)**. Accumulations of lefamulin in *E. faecium* (n = 8), *E.*
 99 *faecalis* (n = 2) and *S. aureus* (n = 2) after treatments of 0.3 µg/mL lefamulin for 1 h.
 100 **(c-j)** Chromatographic and MS/MS spectra of lefamulin in four phenotypes of *E.*
 101 *faecium* isolates. No further chemical modifications were observed in all isolates.
 102 Experiments were performed as three biologically independent experiments, and the
 103 mean ± S.D. (n = 3) is shown. *P* values were determined by non-parametric one-way
 104 ANOVA.



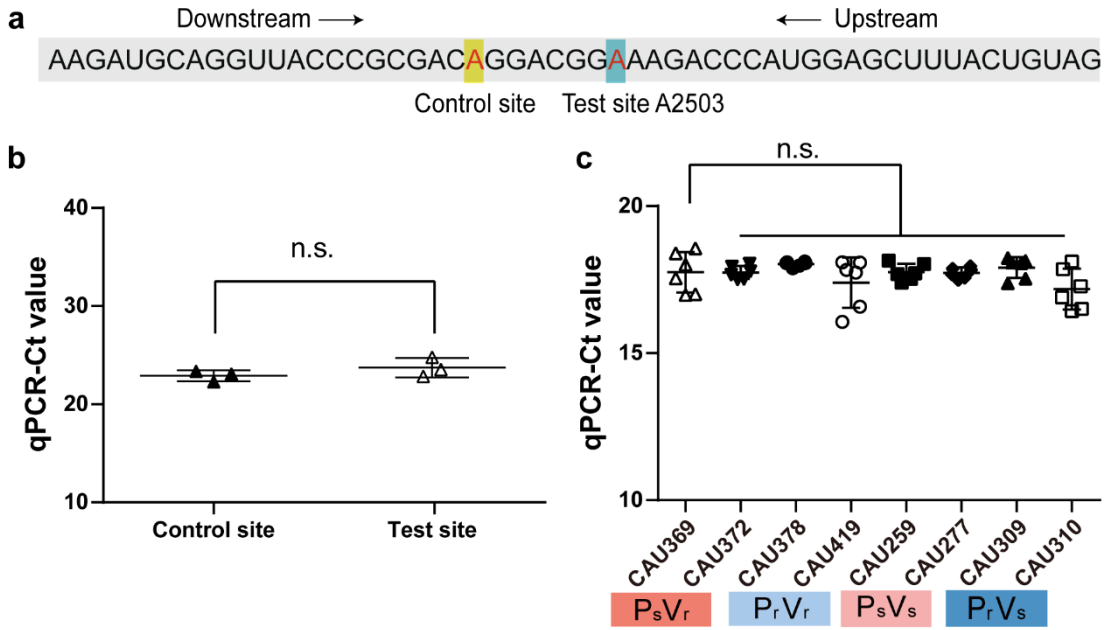
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106 **Supplementary Fig. 6 Multiple resistance genes and virulence genes in *E.***
 107 ***faecium* isolates**

108 (a) Scheme of mechanisms of resistance to antibiotics in *E. faecium*.

109 (b) Multiple resistance genes and virulence genes in 40 *E. faecium* isolates.

110 Phylogenetic tree of 40 *E. faecium* isolates of different origins was shown (Left). Red
 111 “S” represents that isolates are sensitive to pleuromutilins, and black “R” represents
 112 resistance. No *cfr* was found in these isolates.



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114 **Supplementary Fig. 7 No methylation on A2503 in *E. faecium*.**

115 **(a)** Locations of A2503 and control site in sequence of PTC.

116 **(b)** qPCR-Ct values of select m⁶A of control site and test site in VRE_{fm} CAU369.

117 Control site was used as non-methylated negative controls compared with test site.

118 Test site is not methylated. All data are presented as mean ± S.D (n = 3).

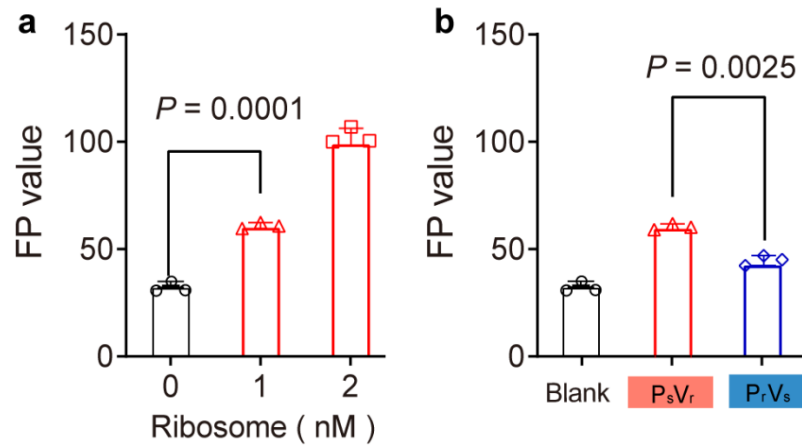
119 **(c)** qPCR-Ct values of select m⁶A of test sites in four phenotypic isolates. A2503 site

120 in VRE_{fm} CAU369 was used as non-methylated negative controls compared to other

121 isolates. All data are presented as mean ± S.D (n = 6).

122 P values were determined by non-parametric one-way ANOVA.

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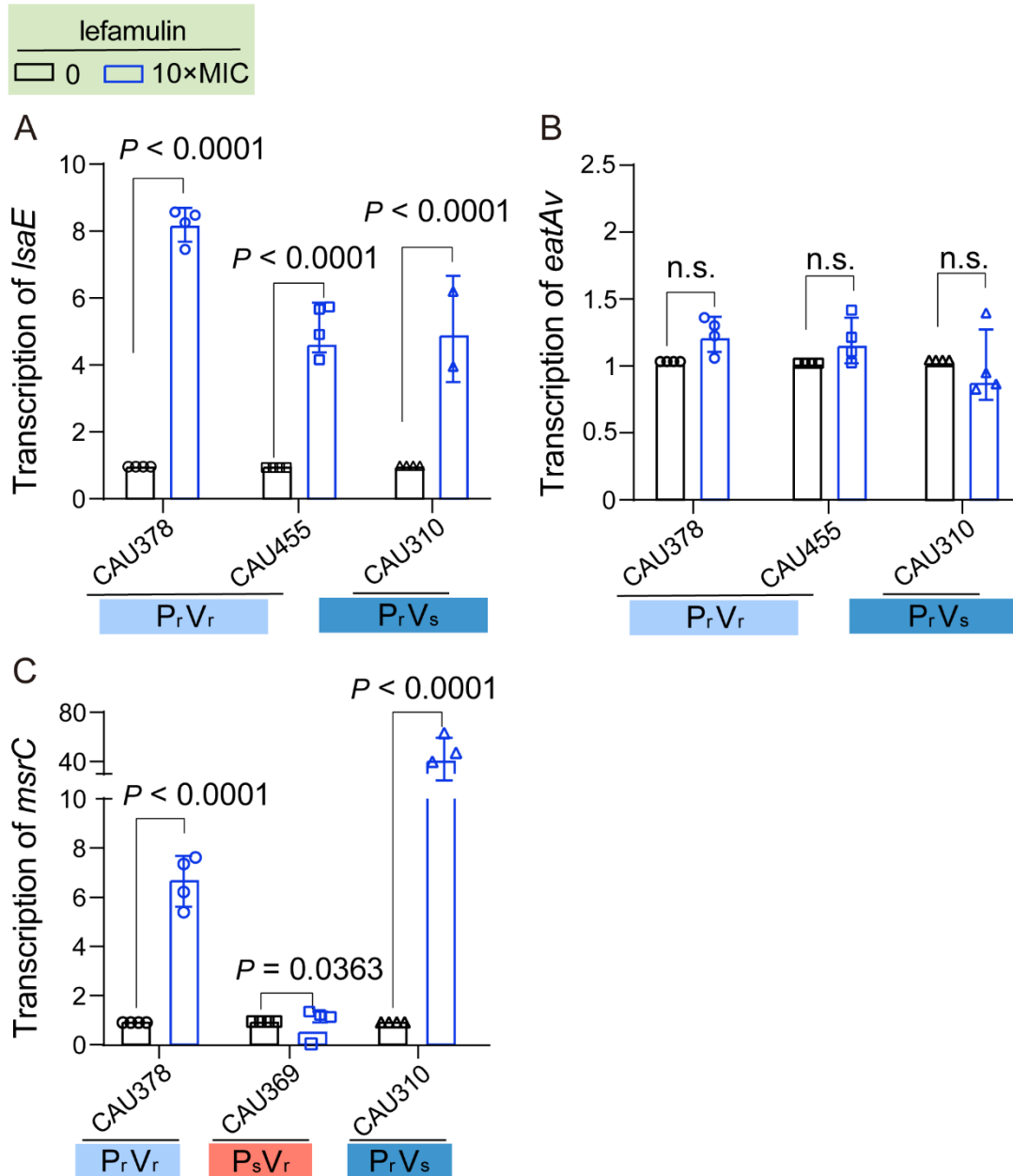
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125 **Supplementary Fig. 8 Increased binding of pleuromutilins to ribosomes in P_sV_r**
 126 **VRE_{fm} .**

127 (a) The fluorescence polarization values (FP value) between ribosomes of VRE_{fm}
 128 CAU369 and pleuromutilin-tracers (using 0.5 μ M VAL-DTAF as a model).

129 (b) FP values of 0.5 μ M pleuromutilin-tracers binding to the ribosomes (1 nM) of
 130 VRE_{fm} CAU369 or VSE_{fm} CAU310.

131 Experiments were performed as three biologically independent experiments, and the
 132 mean \pm S.D. (n = 3) is shown. P values were determined by non-parametric one-way
 133 ANOVA.



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135 **Supplementary Fig. 9 Collateral sensitivity in P_sV_R VRE_{fm} with decreased *msrC***
 136 **transcription.**

137 (a-c) Transcription analysis of *lsaE* (a), *eatAv* (b) and *msrC* (c).

138 *E. faecium* isolates were treated with lefamulin (0.3 µg/mL) for 1 h.

139 Experiments were performed as three biologically independent experiments, and the

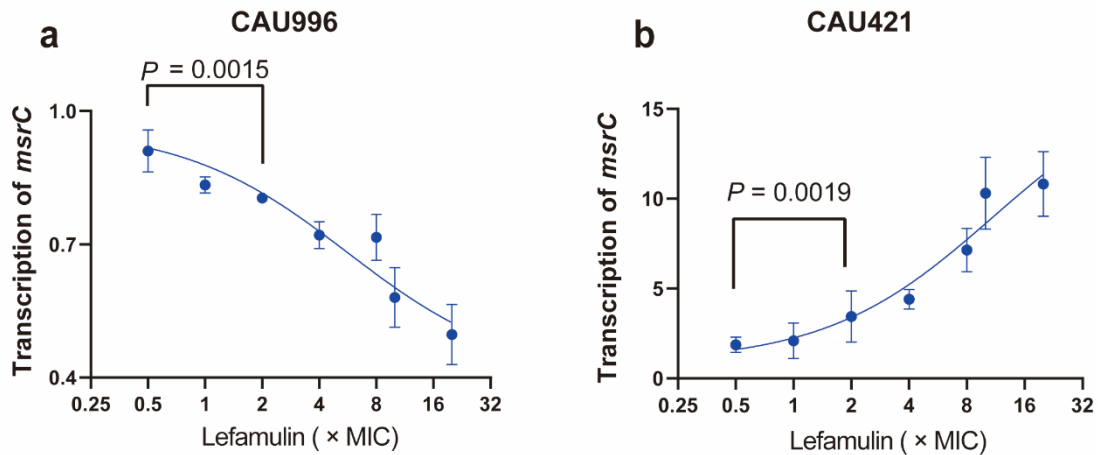
140 mean ± S.D. (n = 4) is shown. *P* values were determined by non-parametric one-way

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Pleuromutilin sensitive VRE_{fm}

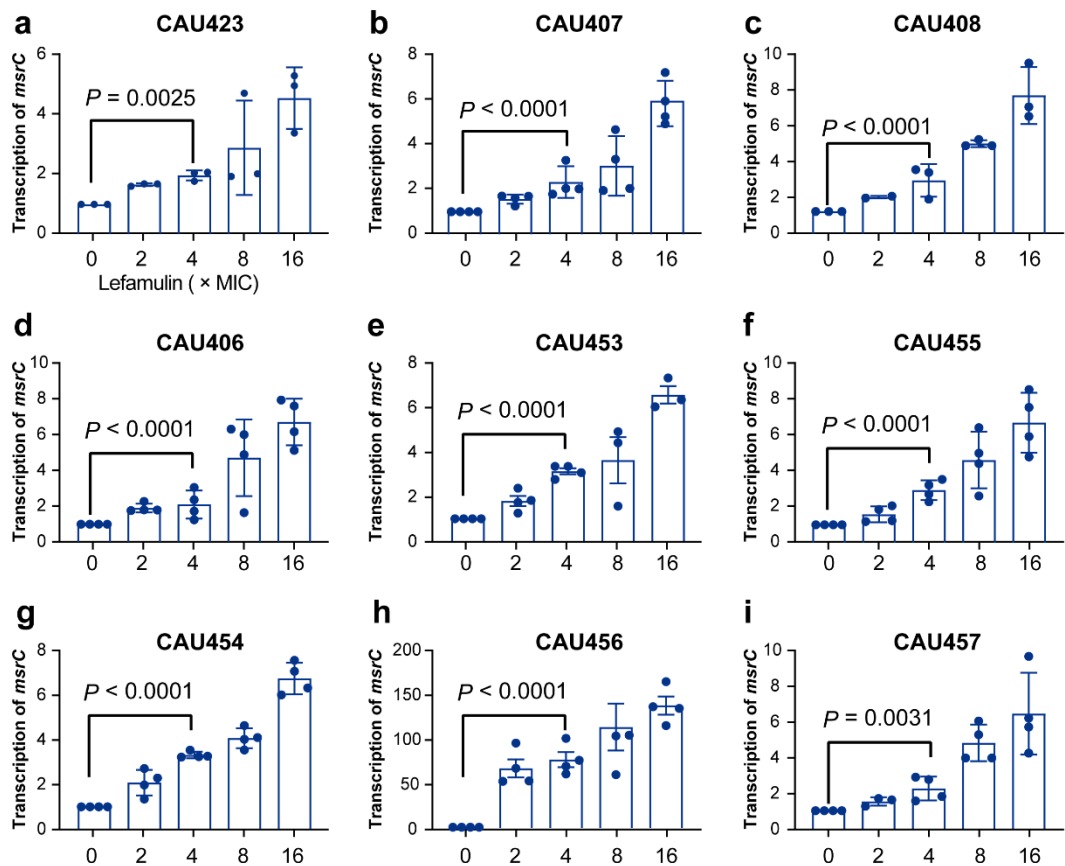
Pleuromutilin resistant VRE_{fm}



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144 **Supplementary Fig. 10 Transcription of *msrC* in VRE_{fm} in the presence of**
145 **lefamulin.** Transcription analysis of *msrC* in the pleuromutilin sensitive isolate
146 VRE_{fm} CAU996 (a) and the resistant isolate VRE_{fm} CAU421 (b). Both VRE_{fm}
147 isolates were treated with lefamulin for 1 h. Experiments were performed as three
148 biologically independent experiments, and the mean ± S.D. (n = 3) were shown. *P*
149 values were determined by non-parametric one-way ANOVA.

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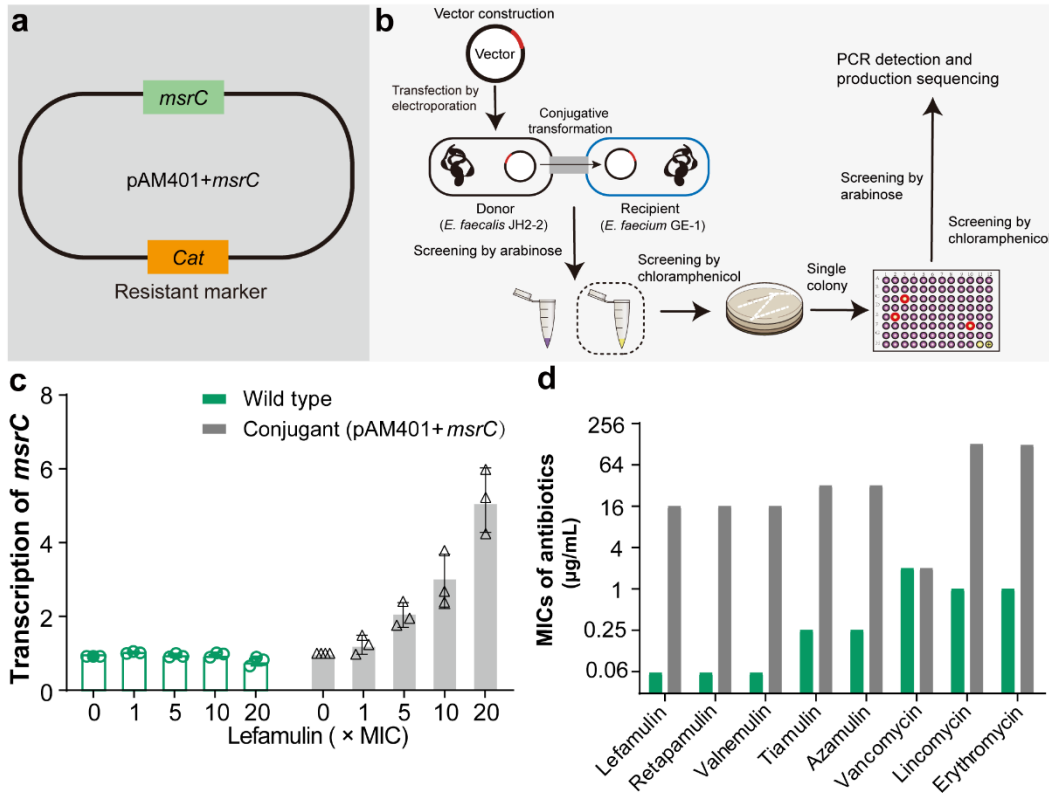


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152 **Supplementary Fig. 11 Transcription of *msrC* in pleuromutilin resistant VRE_{fm}**
 153 **isolates increased in a dose-dependent manner.**

154 Transcription analysis of *msrC* in pleuromutilin resistant VRE_{fm} isolates (a-i). VRE_{fm}
 155 isolates were treated with lefamulin for 1 h. Experiments were performed as three
 156 biologically independent experiments, and the mean ± S.D. (n = 3) is shown. *P* values
 157 were determined by non-parametric one-way ANOVA.

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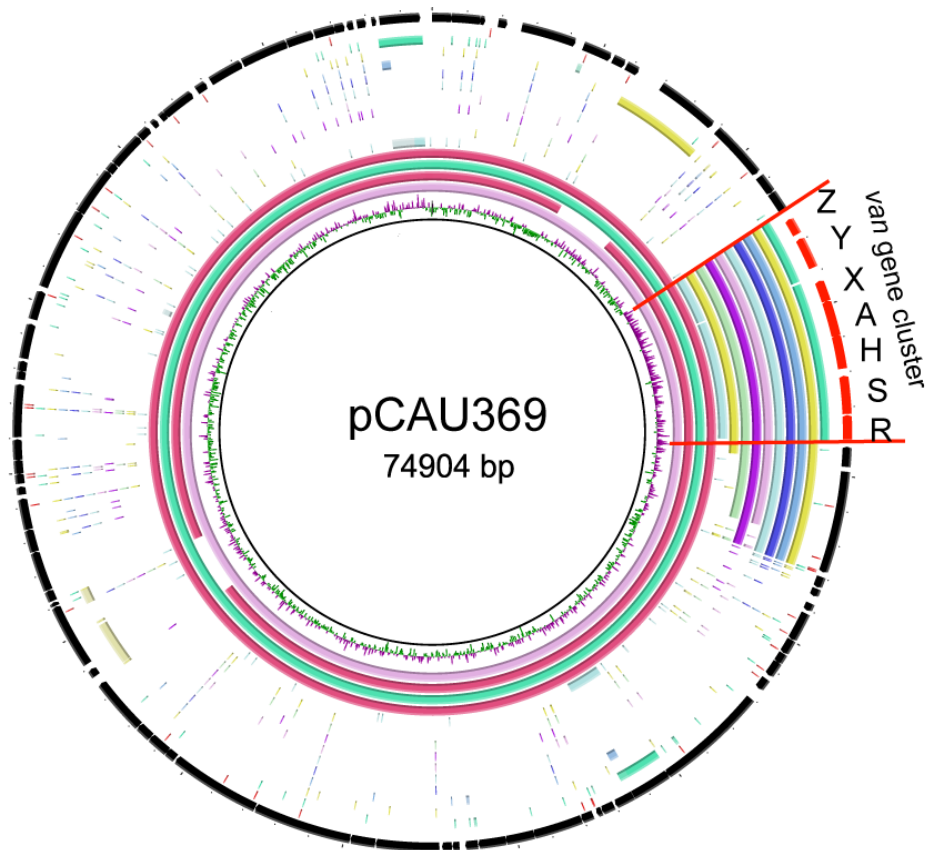
160 **Supplementary Fig. 12 The overexpression of *msrC* induces pleuromutilins**
 161 **resistance.**

162 (a-b) Design of *msrC* expression plasmid (a) and scheme of transformation (b).

163 (c) The expression of *msrC* in the mutant (pAM401+ *msrC*) in the presence of a
 164 concentration gradient of lefamulin. Experiments were performed as three
 165 biologically independent experiments, and the mean \pm S.D. (n = 3) is shown.

166 (d) Comparison of antibiotic susceptibility in wild-type *E. faecium* and mutant.

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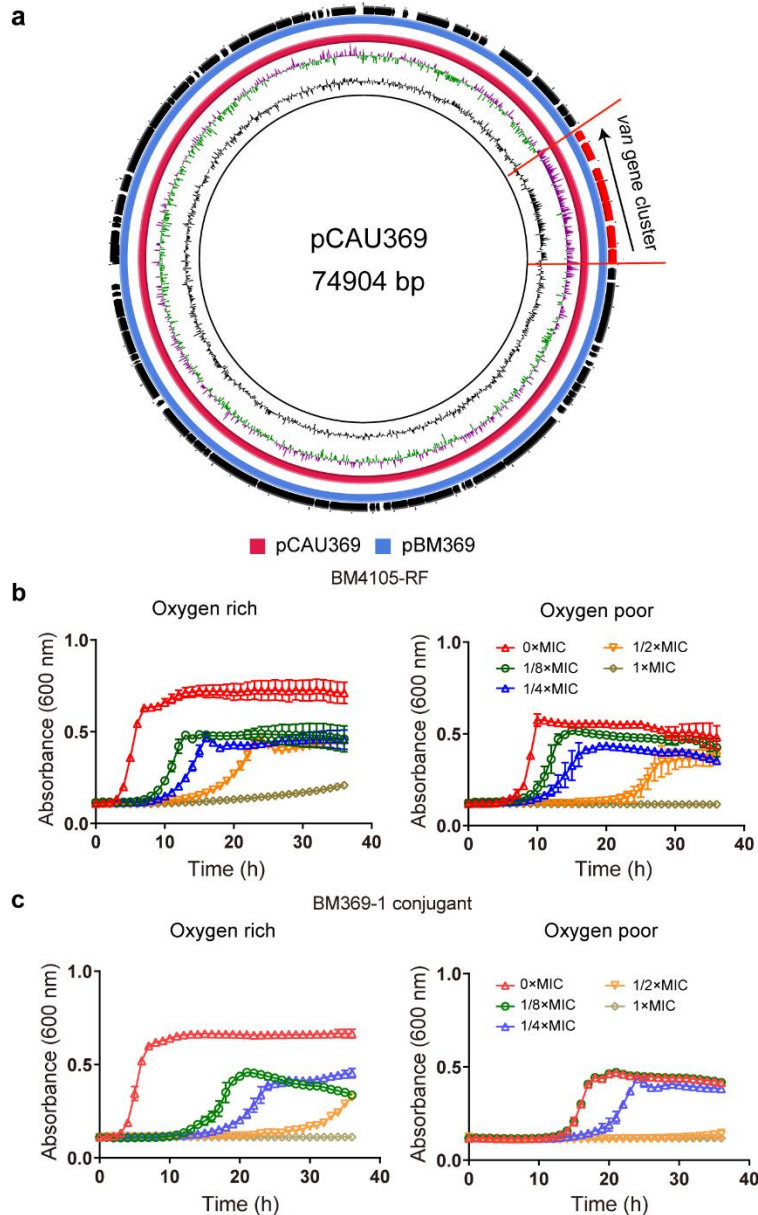
■ pCAU369 (China) SAMN18318802	■ pZB18 (Japan) AB611033.1	■ pEA19081 (China) NZ_KN880430.1	■ pEMA120 (China) KX853854.1
■ pVRE (USA) CP018072.1	■ pEFA-790c (USA) NZ_CP025755.1	■ pIP816 (Norway) NC_011140.1	■ pS177 (USA) HQ115078.1
■ pVEF1 (Norway) CP040742.1	■ pVEF3 (Norway) AM931300	■ pVEF4 (Norway) FN424376.1	■ pVRE1 (China) CP040742.1
■ pVEF2 (Norway) NC_008821.1	■ p2014-VREF-63 (Korea) CP019989.1		

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169 **Supplementary Fig. 13 The *vanA* gene clusters in global plasmids.**

170 Locations of the *vanA* gene clusters are shown in 14 plasmids. The plasmid pCAU369
 171 in VRE_{fm} CAU369 shares the same sequence of the *vanA* gene cluster with that in the
 172 other 13 global plasmids. The identities of the *vanA* genes are 100%.

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175 **Supplementary Fig. 14 Characterization of the conjugant with the plasmid**
 176 **pCAU369.**

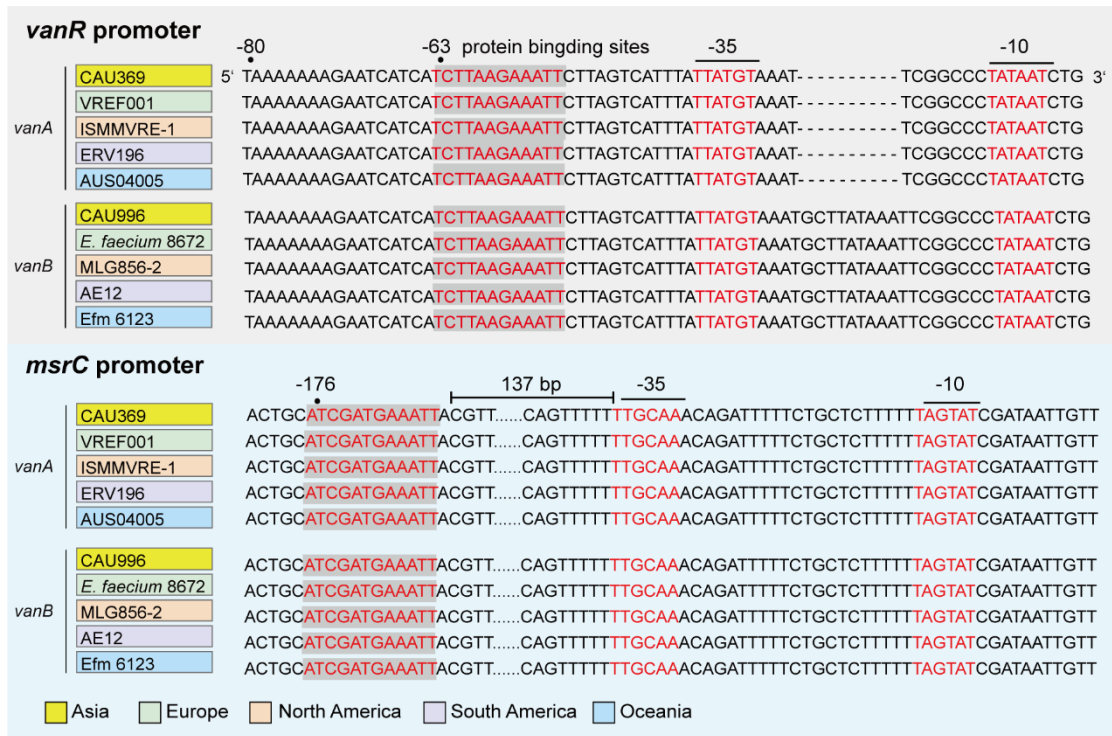
177 (a) High similarity between the plasmid pCAU369 and pBM369 in the conjugant.

178 pCAU369 is from VRE CAU369 (donor), pBM369 is from the conjugant BM369-1.

179 (b) Growth dynamics of *E. faecium* BM4105-RF (receptor) treated with sublethal
 180 levels of lefamulin under oxygen rich (left) and poor (right) conditions.

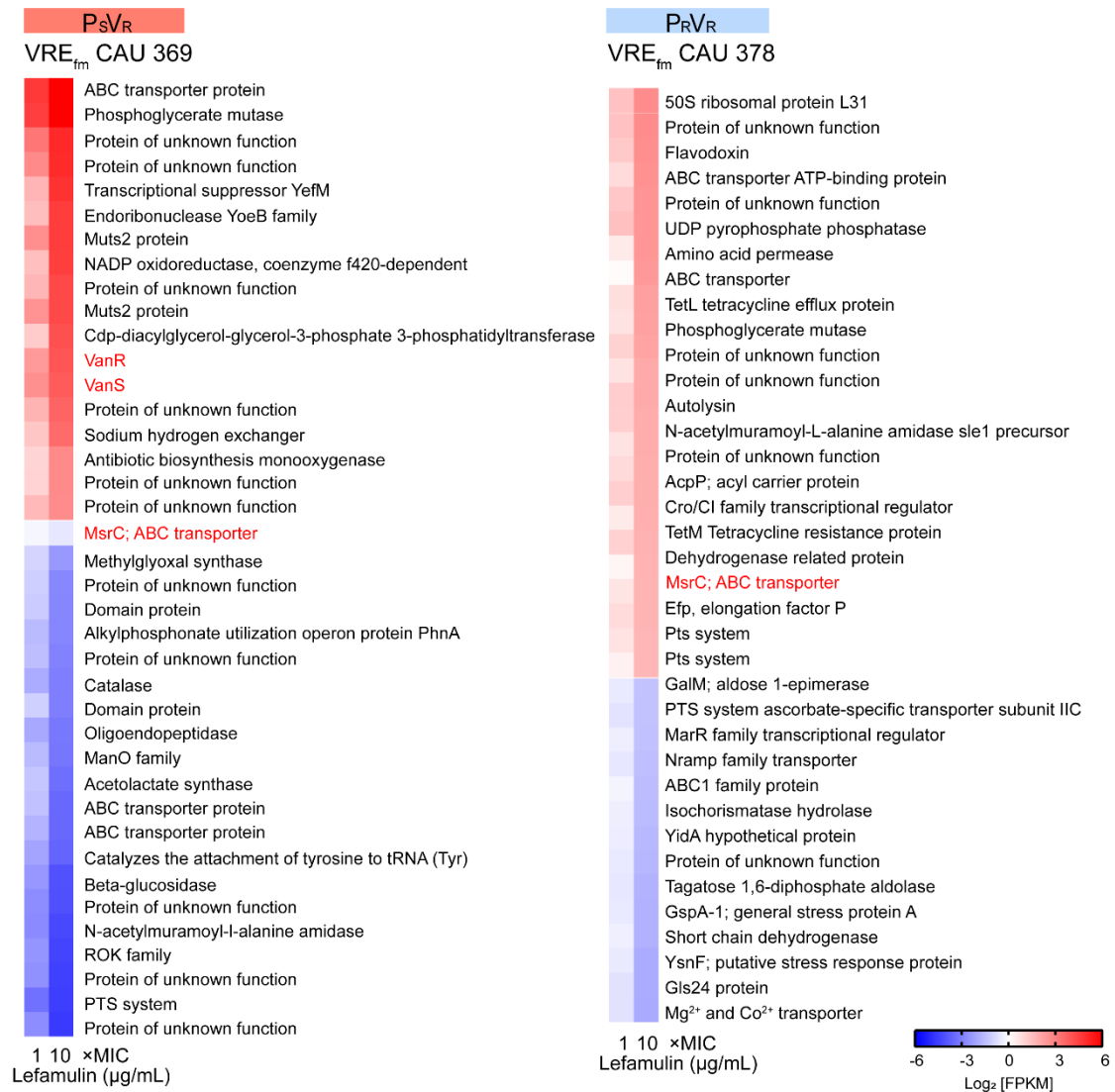
181 (c) Growth dynamics of the conjugant *E. faecium* BM369-1 of *E. faecium* BM4105-
 182 RF treated with sublethal levels of lefamulin under oxygen rich (left) and poor (right)
 183 conditions.

184 Experiments were performed as three biologically independent experiments, and the
 185 mean \pm S.D. (n = 3) is shown. *P* values were determined by non-parametric one-way
 186 ANOVA.



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Supplementary Fig. 15 The *vanA* and *vanB* type *E. faecium* share the same patterns in the promoters of *msrC/vanR*. CAU369, VREF001, ISMMVRE-1, ERV196, and AUS04005 are *vanA* type isolates; CAU996, *E. faecium* 8672, MLG856-2, AE12, Efm 6123 are *vanB* type isolates.



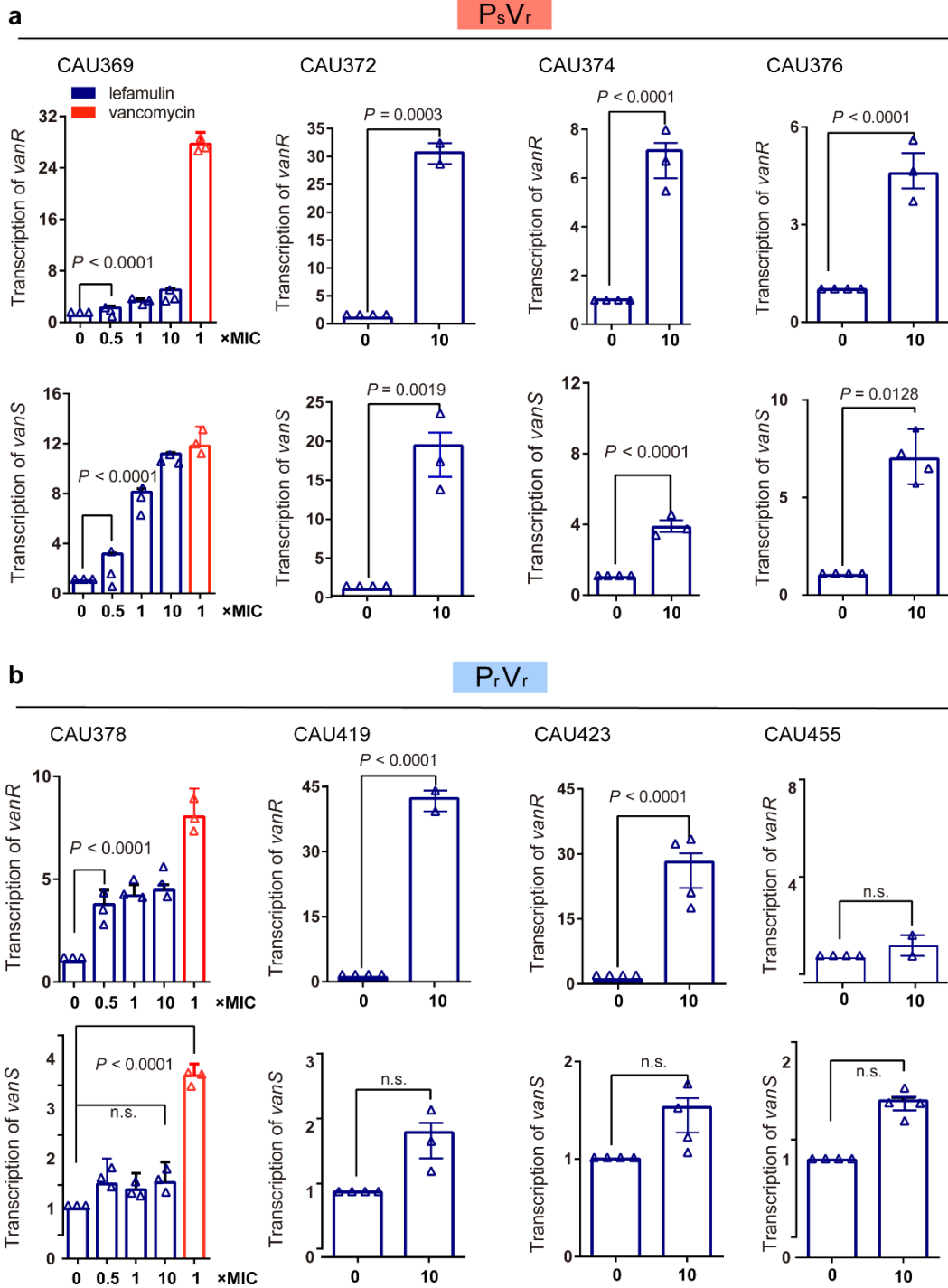
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194 **Supplementary Fig. 16 Activation of *vanRS* in P_sV_r VRE_{fm} with decreased *msrC***
 195 **transcription.**

196 Transcriptome analysis of VRE_{fm} CAU369 and CAU378 treated with 1× and 10×MIC
 197 lefamulin for 1 h. Genes were identified as significantly different with fold changes of
 198 log₂ [FPKM] values of at fold increase or fold decrease at expression levels. The top
 199 20 genes changed were shown from the original 2,960 genes.

200 Experiments were performed as three biologically independent experiments, and the
 201 mean ± S.D. (n = 3) is shown. *P* values were determined by non-parametric one-way
 202 ANOVA.

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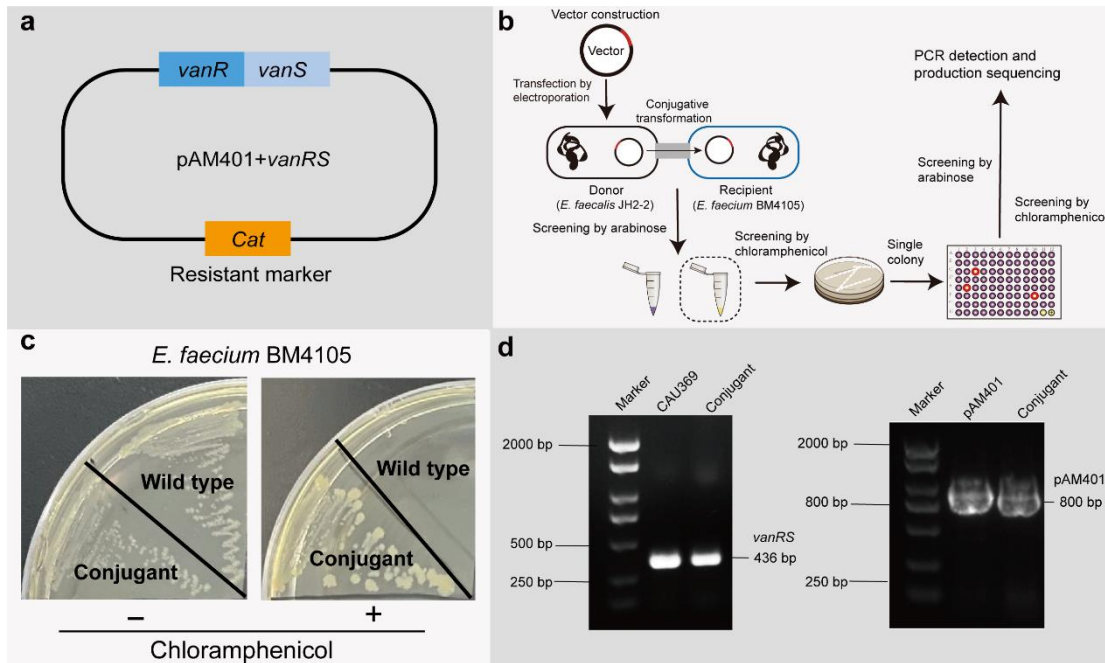


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205 **Supplementary Fig. 17 Lefamulin induces activation of *vanR* and *vanS* in P_sV_r**
 206 **isolates.**

207 **(a-b)** Transcript ratios of the *vanR/vanS* were quantified in diverse P_sV_r **(a)** and P_rV_r
 208 **(b)** VRE_{fm} isolates based on qRT-PCR analysis.

209 Experiments were performed as three biologically independent experiments, and the
 210 mean ± S.D (n = 3). is shown. *P* values were determined by non-parametric one-way
 211 ANOVA.



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213 **Supplementary Fig. 18 Vector construction and transfection scheme.**

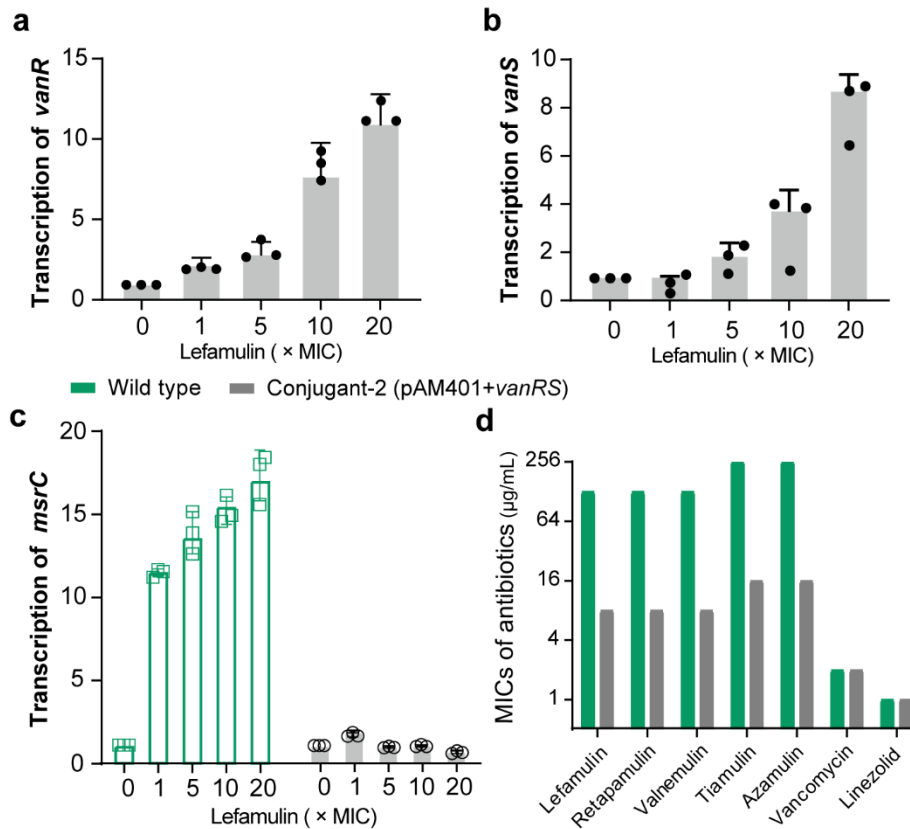
214 (a) Vector construction. Design of *vanRS* mutant plasmid.

215 (b) Transfection scheme of electroporation and conjugative transformation.

216 Conjugant-2 (pAM401+*vanRS*) was screened through this pathway.

217 (c) Screening the conjugant carrying pAM401+ *vanRS* plasmid in *E. faecium*. The
218 conjugant shows chloramphenicol resistance.

219 (d) PCR amplification products of the conjugant. VRE_{fm} CAU369 and pAM401 were
220 used as controls. Experiments were performed as three biologically independent
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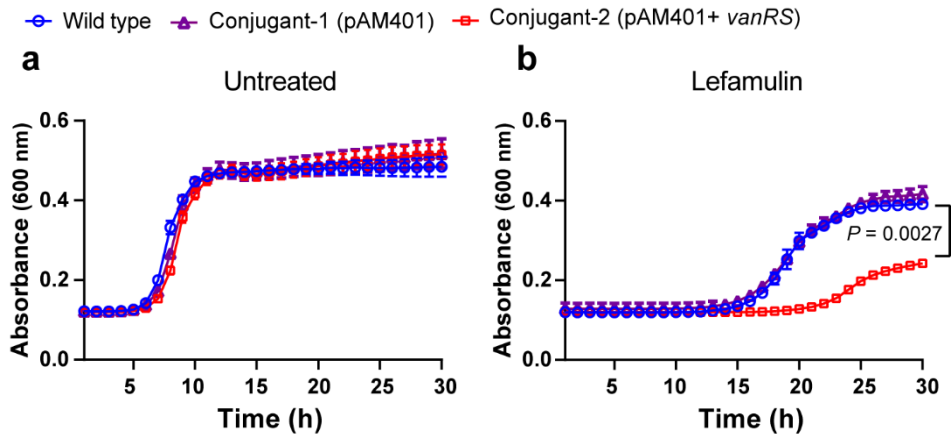
Supplementary Fig. 19 The *vanRS* inhibits the transcription of *msrC*.

225 (a-b) Transcription of *vanR* (a) and *vanS* (b) in the conjugant treated with lefamulin.

226 (c) Comparison of *msrC* transcription in wild type *E. faecium* and conjugant in the
 227 presence of lefamulin. Experiments were performed as three biologically independent
 228 experiments, and the mean ± S.D. (n = 3) is shown.

229 (d) Comparison of the MICs of multiple antibiotics in wild type *E. faecium* and
 230 conjugant. Vancomycin and linezolid were used as controls.

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233 **Supplementary Fig. 20 Lefamulin inhibits the growth of the conjugant carrying**
 234 ***vanRS*.**

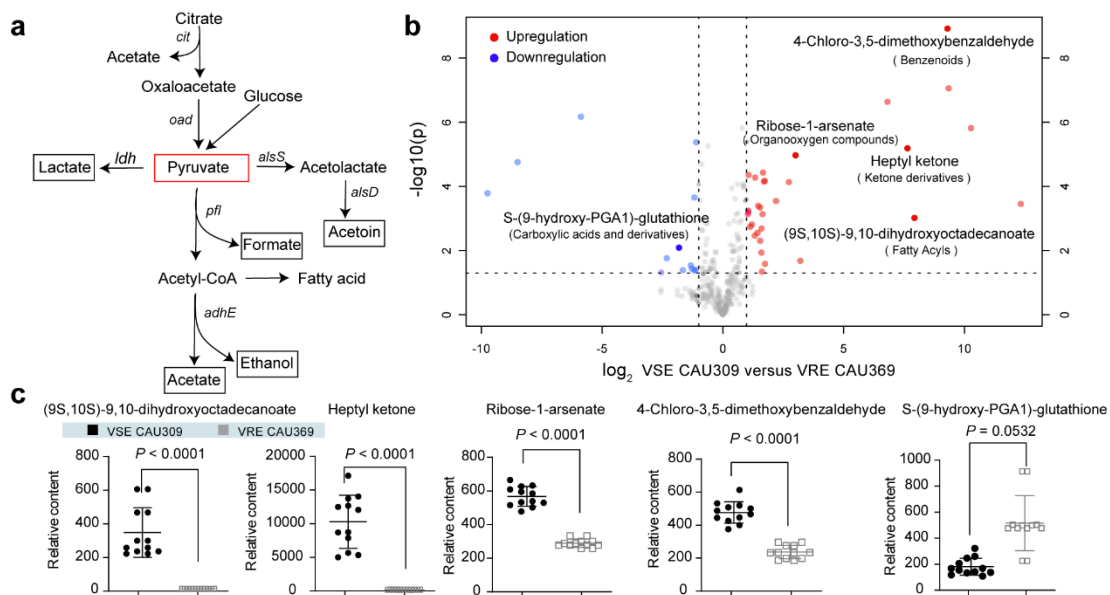
235 Growth curves of wild type *E. faecium* and conjugants treated with a sublethal level of
 236 lefamulin (1/2 MIC). Conjugant-1 receives sole plasmid pAM401, whereas

237 Conjugant-2 receives the plasmid pAM401+*vanRS*.

238 Experiments were performed as three biologically independent experiments, and the
 239 mean \pm S.D. (n = 3) were shown. *P* values were determined by non-parametric one-
 240 way ANOVA.

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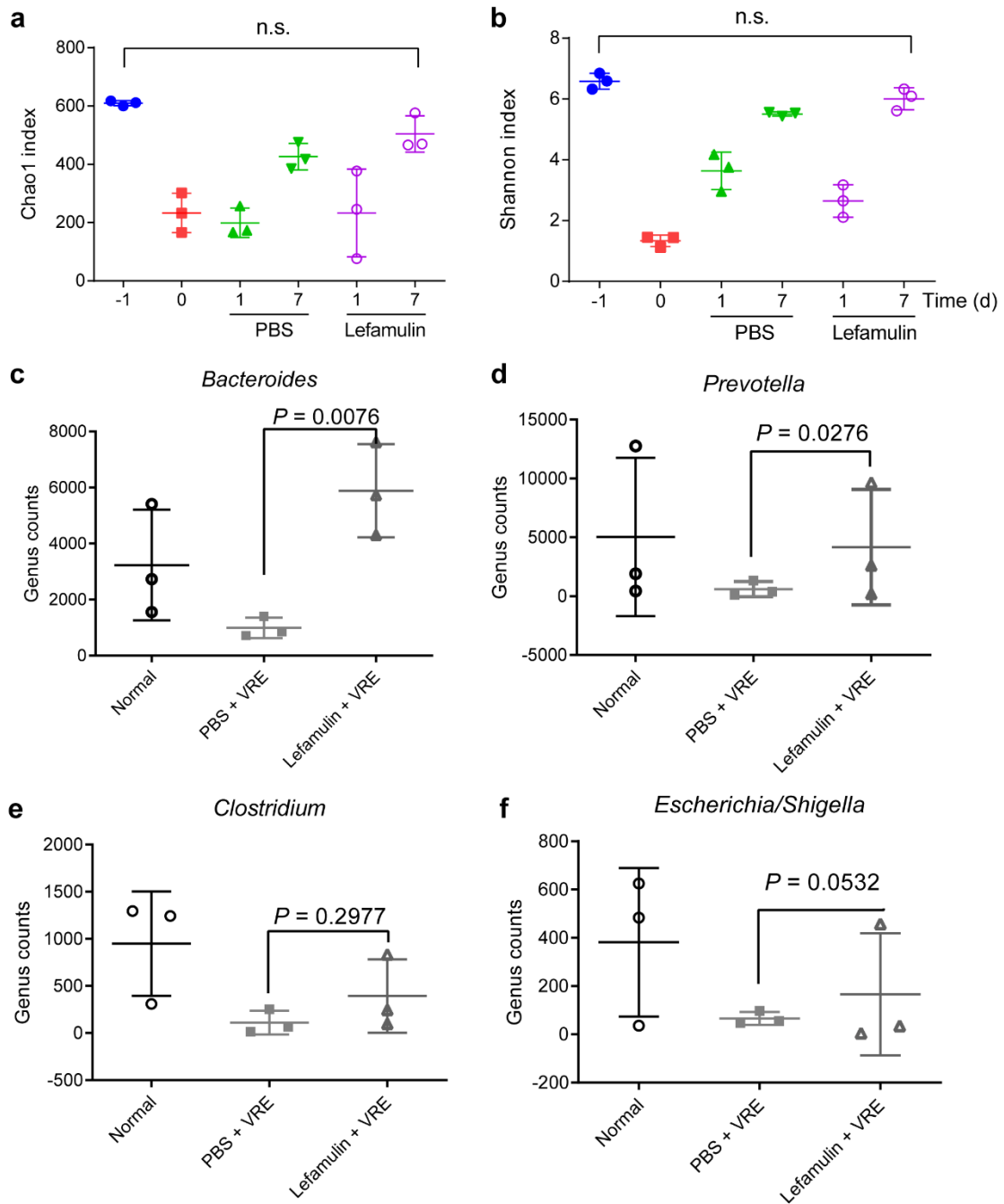
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244 **Supplementary Fig. 21 Pyruvate metabolism in *E. faecium*.**

245 (a) Scheme of pyruvate metabolism in *E. faecium*, according to the reference². Major
 246 end-products are boxed. Genes of *E. faecium* encoding the synthesis of enzymes are
 247 shown as follows: *cit*, citrate lyase; *oad*, oxaloacetate decarboxylase; *ldh* L- (+) -
 248 lactate dehydrogenase; *alsS*, α -acetolactate synthase; *alsD*, α -acetolactate
 249 decarboxylase; *pfl*, pyruvate formate-lyase; *adhE*, aldehyde-alcohol dehydrogenase.
 250 (b) Volcano plot showing the metabolites in VRE_{fm} CAU369 and VSE_{fm} CAU309.
 251 (c) Comparison of five major metabolites in VRE_{fm} CAU369 and VSE_{fm} CAU309.
 252 All data are presented as mean \pm S.D. (n = 12 biological replicates). *P* values were
 253 determined by non-parametric one-way ANOVA.



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255 **Supplementary Fig. 22 Lefamulin restores the homeostasis of intestinal flora.**

256 (a-b) The Chao1 index (a) and Shannon index (b) of intestinal microbiota.
 257 (c-f) Genus counts in the mouse intestine. *Bacteroides* (c) *Prevotella* (d) *Clostridium*
 258 (e) and *Escherichia/Shigella* (f) in the mice treated with lefamulin restored faster than
 259 that with PBS after expansion of VRE_{fm} CAU369 at the 7th day.

260 Experiments were performed as three biologically independent experiments, and the
 261 mean \pm S.D. is shown. P values were determined by non-parametric one-way
 262 ANOVA.

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Supplementary Table 1 Antibacterial activity and collateral sensitivity in *E. faecium* (n = 210).

Class	Antibacterial agent	MIC ₅₀		RR	Target
		VRE (n = 101)	VSE (n = 109)		
Aminoglycoside	Gentamicin	>128	32	8	Ribosome, 30S
Amphenicol	Chloramphenicol*	32	8	4	Ribosome, 50S
β-lactam	Ampicillin	>128	2	64	PBP
	Cefoxitin	>128	64	2	
	Meropenem	>128	16	8	
Glycopeptide	Vancomycin	>128	2	64	D-Ala-D-Ala dipeptide
Lincosamide	Clindamycin	>128	4	16	Ribosome, 50S
Macrolide	Erythromycin	16	8	2	Ribosome, 50S
Oxazolidone	Linezolid	4	4	1	Ribosome, 50S
Pleuromutilin	Azamulin	0.5	>16	0.0312	Ribosome, 50S
	Lefamulin	0.06	>16	0.0037	
	Retapamulin	0.03	>16	0.0019	
	Tiamulin	0.5	>16	0.0312	
	Valnemulin	0.03	>16	0.0019	
Quinolone	Ciprofloxacin	>64	2	32	DNA gyrase
Rifamycin	Rifampicin	8	4	2	RNA polymerase
Streptogramin	Virginiamycin M1*	2	4	0.5	Ribosome, 50S
Tetracycline	Tetracycline	2	4	0.5	Ribosome, 30S

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*Note: The MIC₅₀ of chloramphenicol and virginiamycin M1 were calculated with 40 isolates.

Supplementary Table 2 MICs of multiple classes of antibiotics in 40 *E. faecium* ($\mu\text{g/mL}$).

	Isolates	AMP	CIP	CLI	CRO	ERY	GEN	LZD	MEM	LMU	RIF	TET	VAN
	CAU309	128	128	128	128	128	128	4	128	16	16	16	2
	CAU310	128	128	64	128	128	128	2	128	16	8	1	2
	CAU273	1	0.5	0.5	64	8	16	2	8	16	16	0.5	2
	CAU274	2	2	4	128	4	16	4	16	16	16	1	2
	CAU311	128	128	128	128	128	128	4	128	0.125	4	16	1
	CAU312	4	4	0.25	128	128	32	2	16	0.03	16	16	1
	CAU313	2	2	128	128	128	16	4	16	16	4	16	1
	CAU275	4	2	4	64	8	16	4	16	16	8	0.5	2
	CAU314	128	128	128	128	128	128	4	128	16	16	16	2
VSE _m	CAU276	8	16	32	128	16	8	4	16	16	0.25	4	2
	CAU315	128	128	128	128	128	128	2	128	0.125	4	16	2
	CAU316	4	16	128	128	128	128	4	16	16	0.25	4	1
	CAU277	4	0.3	0.25	128	8	0.25	0.25	16	0.03	0.25	1	2
	CAU278	2	2	4	128	4	16	4	16	16	4	0.5	1
	CAU279	4	4	64	128	32	32	4	32	16	16	0.25	2
	CAU280	2	1	8	8	16	16	2	16	16	32	2	1
	CAU281	0.25	1	1	4	2	32	1	0.25	16	4	0.25	1
	CAU317	2	1	64	128	16	2	4	16	16	64	4	1
	CAU282	4	16	32	128	32	8	4	32	16	16	0.25	2
	CAU359	>128	>64	>128	>128	>128	32	2	>128	0.06	16	0.5	>128
	CAU360	>128	>64	>128	>128	>128	>128	2	>128	0.12	16	0.5	>128
	CAU187	>128	>64	<0.25	>128	>128	16	2	>128	0.06	4	32	>128
	CAU361	>128	>64	>128	>128	>128	8	2	>128	<0.03	<0.25	<0.25	>128
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	CAU366	>128	64	<0.25	>128	<0.25	>128	2	>128	0.25	4	32	>128
	CAU367	>128	>64	<0.25	>128	<0.25	>128	2	>128	0.12	4	32	>128
VRE _m	CAU368	>128	>64	>128	16	>128	>128	2	<0.25	<0.03	8	32	>128
	CAU369	>128	>64	>128	>128	>128	>128	2	>128	<0.03	4	2	>128
	CAU370	>128	>64	<0.25	>128	8	16	2	>128	0.03	2	1	>128
	CAU371	>128	>64	>128	>128	>128	16	2	>128	<0.03	8	<0.25	>128
	CAU372	>128	>64	>128	>128	>128	16	2	>128	<0.03	4	32	>128
	CAU373	>128	>64	>128	>128	>128	>128	2	>128	<0.03	4	32	>128
	CAU374	>128	>64	>128	>128	64	>128	1	>128	0.12	<0.125	<0.25	>128
	CAU375	>128	>64	>128	>128	>128	>128	2	>128	0.03	4	32	>128
	CAU376	>128	>64	>128	>128	>128	>128	1	>128	<0.03	4	<0.25	>128
	CAU377	>128	>64	>128	>128	>128	32	2	>128	0.12	4	16	>128
	CAU378	>128	>64	>128	>128	>128	16	2	>128	>16	4	32	>128

269 Note: AMP: Ampicillin; CIP: Ciprofloxacin; CLI: Clindamycin; CRO: Ceftriaxone; ERY:
270 Erythromycin; GEN: Gentamicin; LZD: Linezolid; MEM: RET: Retapamulin; RIF: Rifampicin; TET:
271 Tetracycline; VAN: Vancomycin.

Supplementary Table 3 Information about VRE_{fm} isolates worldwide.

Accession ID (Bio sample)	Strain	Source	Accession ID (Bio sample)	Strain	Source	
1	14694313	CAU187	41	4397503	805447/07	
2	14693177	CAU 359	42	6330395	LIM1590	
3	14693178	CAU 360	43	6555613	LIM695	Brazil
4	14687682	CAU 361	44	6555612	LIM559	
5	14693732	CAU 362	45	5461961	ERV196	
6	14693733	CAU 363	46	5461954	ERV157	
7	14693734	CAU 364	47	5461957	ERV175	Colombia
8	14694296	CAU 365	48	5461978	ERV98	
9	14694297	CAU 366	49	5461977	ERV35	
10	14694298	CAU 367	50	5461976	ERV34	
11	14694299	CAU 368	51	5461958	ERV177	Colombia
12	14694301	CAU 369	52	6621457	CFSAN059071	Denmark
13	14694302	CAU 370	53	6111320	GER_10_Efcm_HA-DE	Germany
14	14694303	CAU 371	54	6111319	9_Efcm_HA-DE	
15	14694304	CAU 372	55	6463381	2014-VREF-114	Korea
16	14694306	CAU 373	56	6472829	2014-VREF-63	
17	14694307	CAU 374	57	4500826	VREr7	
18	14694308	CAU 375	58	4500822	VREr6	Malaysia
19	14694309	CAU 376	59	6885147	VREr5	
20	14694310	CAU 377	60	4500812	VRE2	
21	14694311	CAU 378	61	5461973	MAL_ERV279	Mexico
22	3988550	ISMMS_VRE_2	62	5461972	Y_MAL_ERV275	
23	3988560	ISMMS_VRE_5	63	10248949	EF_386	
24	3988561	ISMMS_VRE_6	64	10249139	EF_367	
25	3988626	ISMMS_VRE_8	65	10249219	EF_181	
26	7274322	VRE2014-195	66	10248944	PAK_EF_048	Pakistan
27	7274321	VRE2014-7	67	10249011	PAK_EF_042	
28	7274325	VRE2016-194	68	10248976	PAK_EF_034	
29	7274324	VRE2016-78	69	10249190	EF_033	
30	3198116	909_EFCM	70	10248976	EF_028	
31	3197807	607_EFCM	71	10249104	EF_006	
32	3197907	702_EFCM	72	4270932	SDW_VRE-1400294	
33	3197760	560_EFCM	73	4270930	VRE-1300937	
34	3197708	514_EFCM	74	4270929	VRE-1300911	
35	3197623	43_EFCM	75	4270928	VRE-1300900	Sweden
36	3197600	41_EFCM	76	4270927	VRE-1300899	
37	3197568	377_EFCM	77	4270926	VRE-1300578	
38	3197342	152_EFCM	78	4270925	VRE-1300518	
39	8595978	AUSMDU00004055	79	8196783	UK_VREF003	U.K.
40	10273305	RBWH1				

Supplementary Table 4 Key nucleotides of 23S rRNA related to pleuromutilins resistance in 40 *E. faecium* isolates.

Isolates	Copies of 23S rRNA	PLEs*	23S rRNA nucleotides							
			G2061	A2062	C2452	A2503	U2504	G2505	U2506	U2585
CAU273	1	R	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU274	1	R	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU275	1	R	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU276	1	R	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU277	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU278	1	R	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU279	1	R	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU280	1	R	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU281	1	R	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
VSE_{fm} CAU282	1	R	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU309	1	R	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU310	1	R	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU311	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU312	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU313	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU314	1	R	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU315	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU316	1	R	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU317	1	R	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU187	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU359	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU360	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU361	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU362	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU363	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU364	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU365	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU366	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU367	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
VRE_{fm} CAU368	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU369	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU370	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU371	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU372	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU373	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU374	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU375	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU376	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU377	1	S	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U
CAU378	1	R	G	A	C	A	U	G	U	U

*Note: PLEs: Pleuromutilin antibiotics.

Supplementary Table 5 Information of 13 plasmids containing *vanA* genes in *E. faecium*

	Plasmids	Source	Length (bp)	Genbank	Reference
1	pEMA120		79797	KX853854.1	³
2	pEM19081	China	61320	NZ_KN880430.1	⁴
3	pVRE1		132733	CP040742.1	NCBI
4	pZB18	Japan	68058	AB611033.1	NCBI
5	p2014-VREF-63	Korea	287502	CP019989.1	NCBI
6	pIP816		34616	NC_011140.1	⁵
7	pVEF3		63135	AM931300	⁶
8	pVEF1	Norway	39626	NC_008768.1	⁶
9	pVEF2		39714	NC_008821.1	
10	pVEF4		44443	FN424376.1	NCBI
11	pVRE001		59226	CP018072.1	⁷
12	pEFA-790c	USA	35515	NZ_CP025755.1	NCBI
13	pS177		39032	HQ115078.1	⁸

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Supplementary Tables 6 Primers for SELECT qPCR or qRT-PCR assay

SELECT qPCR primers	Sequences
23S-m6A1-up	TAGCCAGTACCGTAGTGCGGTCAAACACTACAGTAAAGCTCCATGGGGTCTT
23S-m6A1-down	TCCGTCCTGTCGCGGGTAACCTGCATCTTCCAGAGGCTGAGTCGCTGCAT
qPCR primers	Sequences
qPCR-F	ATGCAGCGACTCAGCCTCTG
qPCR-R	TAGCCAGTACCGTAGTGCGTG

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Supplementary Tables 7 Primers for RT-PCR assay

Primers	Sequences	Reference
16S - F	CCTACGGGAGGCAGCAG	⁹
16S - R	ATTACCGCGGCTGCTGGC	
<i>msrC</i> - 1F	CAGCAAACACTACGGACAAGCG	This study
<i>msrC</i> - 1R	GTCGGCGAAAATGGTTCAGG	
<i>lsaE1</i> - F	AAGCCGAATGGTCTCGTTCC	This study
<i>lsaE1</i> - R	CGCTGATCTGGGTCTCCATC	
<i>eatAv</i> - 1F	TTCAGGTCCTAACGGTGCAG	This study
<i>eatAv</i> - 1R	TCCATCCCAAGCTTTCGGAG	
<i>vanS</i> - F	CCGCTGCATACAGTGAGGAT	¹⁰
<i>vanS</i> - R	CCGTATCGGAAGAACGAGCA	
<i>vanR</i> - F	GGCACAAGCGGCCTTACTAT	
<i>vanR</i> - R	TAACTCCAGTGGGCGAAAGG	

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Supplementary Table 8 MICs of multiple antibiotics in wild-type *E. faecium* and mutant ($\mu\text{g/mL}$).

	Pleuromutilin antibiotics							
	LMU	RET	VAL	TIA	AZA	VAN	LIN	ERY
Wild-type	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.25	0.25	2	1	1
Mutant (pAM401+ <i>msrC</i>)	16	16	16	32	32	2	>128	>128

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LMU: Lefamulin; RET: Retapamulin; VAL: Valnemulin; TIA: Tiamulin; AZA: Azamulin; VAN: Vancomycin; LIN: Lincomycin; ERY: Erythromycin.

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