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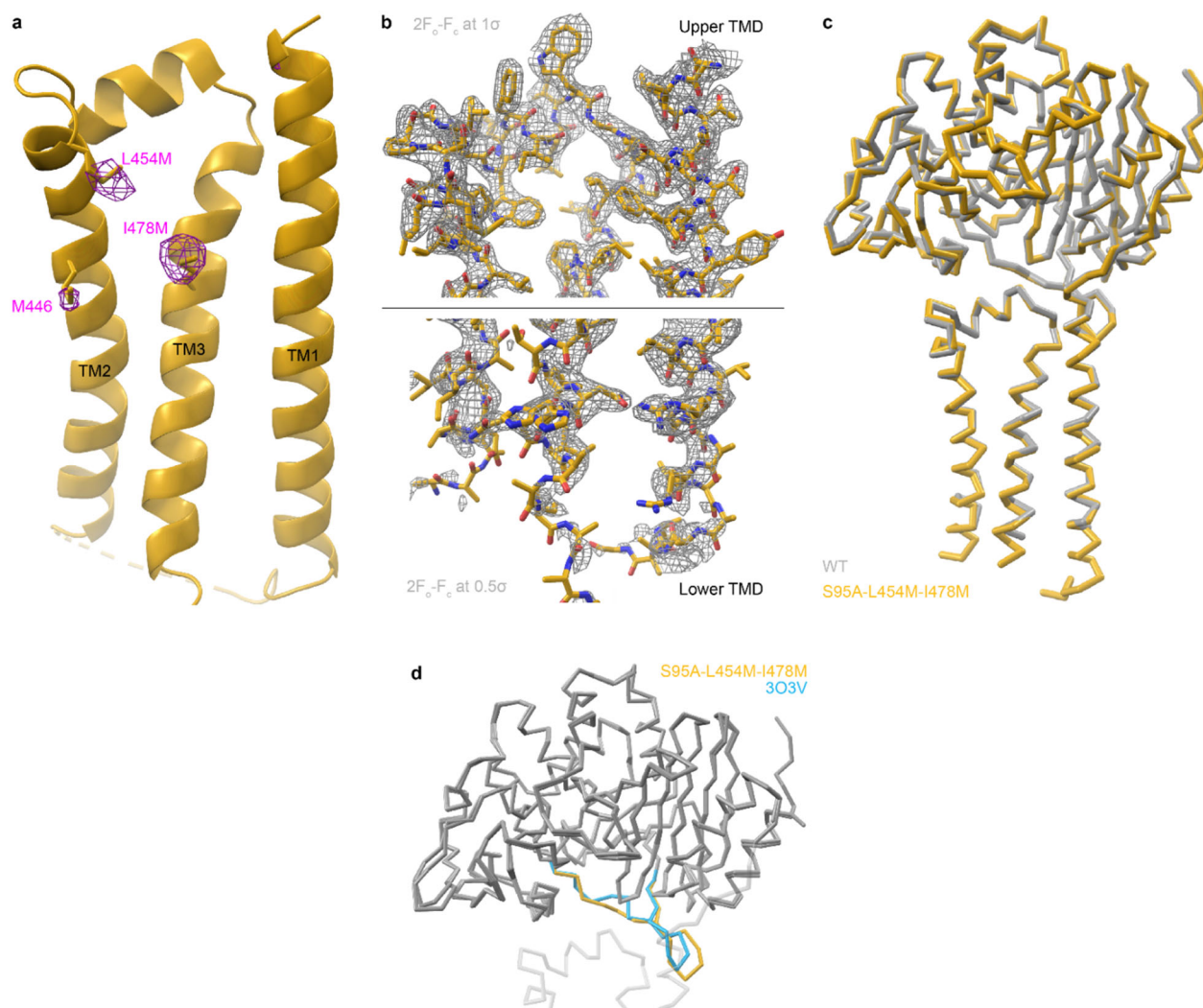
Supplementary Table 1. Data collection and refinement statistics (molecular replacement)

	Product-bound S95A-L454M-I478M (PDB: 7MDF)	Monoolein-bound S95A-L454M-I478M (SeMet) (PDB: 7MDE)
Data collection		
Space group	P 4 ₂ 2 ₁ 2	P 4 ₂ 2 ₁ 2
Cell dimensions		
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	96.69, 96.69, 182.74	97.47, 97.47, 183.97
α , β , γ (°)	90, 90, 90	90, 90, 90
Resolution (Å)	46.74 - 2.3 (2.38 - 2.3)	48.74 - 2.7 (2.8 - 2.7)
Total reflections	673835 (61048)	163298 (16722)
Unique reflections	39268 (3829)	25099 (2449)
<i>I</i> / σI	8.89 (1.32)	7.74 (1.22)
<i>R</i> _{sym} or <i>R</i> _{merge}	0.362 (2.781)	0.211 (1.338)
<i>R</i> _{meas}	0.3731 (2.872)	0.2294 (1.447)
CC1/2	0.997 (0.697)	0.994 (0.67)
Completeness (%)	99.81 (99.63)	99.79 (99.96)
Redundancy	17.2 (15.9)	6.5 (6.8)
Wilson B-factor	33.75	48.7
Refinement		
Resolution (Å)	46.74 - 2.3 (2.38 - 2.3)	48.74 - 2.7 (2.8 - 2.7)
No. reflections	39236 (3819)	25074 (2448)
No. reflections in <i>R</i> _{free}	1964 (190)	751 (74)
<i>R</i> _{work} / <i>R</i> _{free}	0.1914 / 0.2190	0.1948 / 0.2350
No. atoms	3935	3605
Protein	3431	3341
Ligand/ion	195	86
Water	309	178
<i>B</i> -factors		
Protein	56.56	67.5
Ligand/ion	83.66	76.18
Water	50.09	56.67
R.m.s. deviations		
Bond lengths (Å)	0.007	0.007
Bond angles (°)	0.89	0.92
Ramachandran plot		
Favored (%)	96.21	96.61
Allowed (%)	3.79	3.39
Disallowed (%)	0	0
Rotamer outliers (%)	2.59	2.98
Clashscore	8.33	4.85

Values in parentheses are for highest-resolution shell. Data for the product-bound structure merge reflections from 2 crystals. Data for the monoolein-bound structure were obtained from a single crystal.

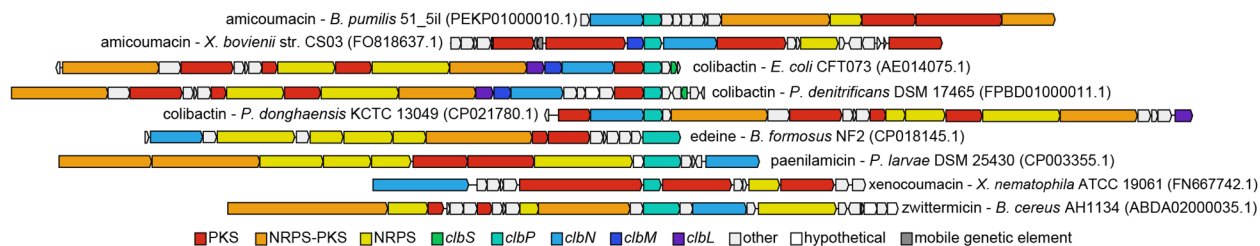
Supplementary Table 3. Cryo-EM data collection, refinement, and validation statistics

	WT ClbP (EMD-26593) (PDB: 7UL6)
Data collection and processing	
Magnification	60606
Voltage (kV)	300
Electron exposure (e-/Å ²)	76.191
Defocus range (μm)	0.8, 2.2
Pixel size (Å)	0.825
Symmetry imposed	C2
Initial particle images (no.)	562462
Final particle images (no.)	109906
Map resolution (Å)	3.73
FSC threshold	0.143
Map resolution range (Å)	3.20 – 5.53
Refinement	
Initial model used (PDB code)	7MDF
Model resolution (Å)	4.0
FSC threshold	0.5
Map sharpening <i>B</i> factor (Å ²)	188.1
Model composition	
Non-hydrogen atoms	6654
Protein residues	878
<i>B</i> factors (Å ²)	
Protein	58.0
Ligand	N/A
R.m.s. deviations	
Bond lengths (Å)	0.003
Bond angles (°)	0.615
Validation	
MolProbity score	1.32
Clashscore	5.13
Poor rotamers (%)	0.15
Ramachandran plot	
Favored (%)	97.81
Allowed (%)	2.19
Disallowed (%)	0



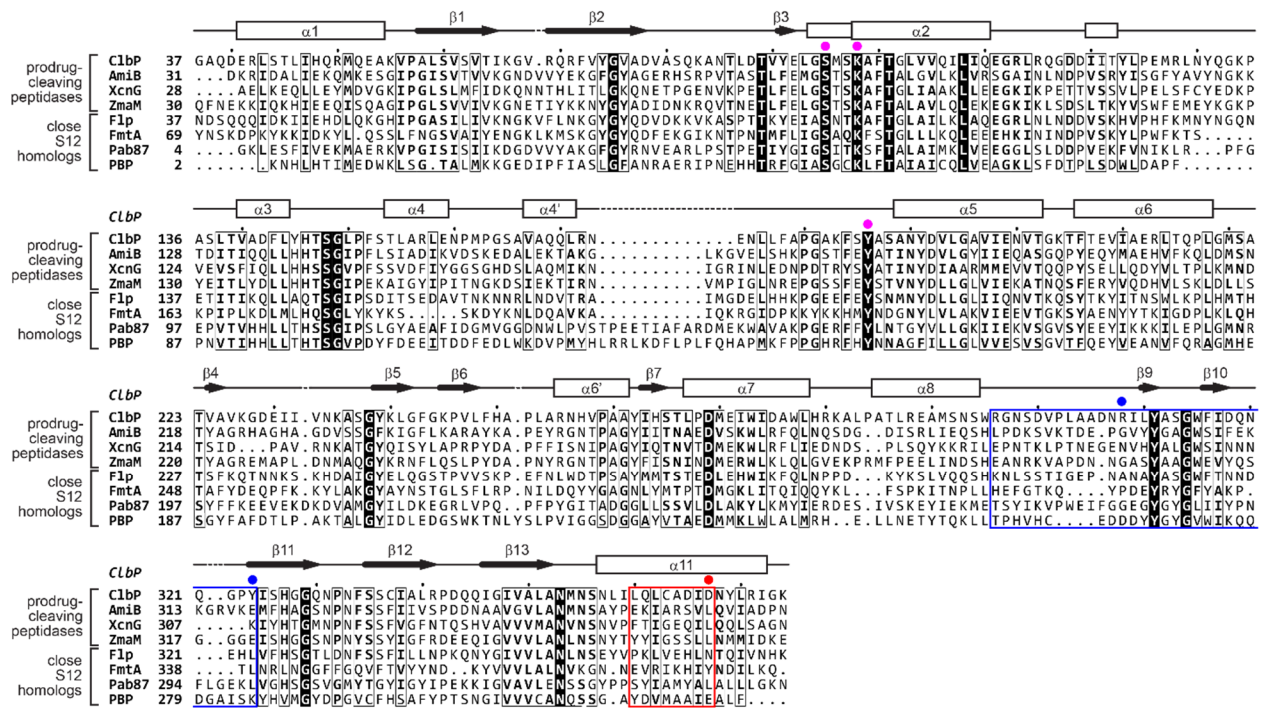
Supplementary Figure 1. Structure of full-length ClbP

a, Peaks from an anomalous difference Fourier map calculated from SeMet-substituted crystals match the positions of the methionines in the TMD and confirm the registry of our model (map contoured at 3σ). **b**, Sample $2F_o-F_c$ maps show that parts of the TMD more proximal to the periplasmic domain (upper TMD) are better resolved than parts closer to the cytoplasm (lower TMD). **c**, Superposition of the structures for product-bound S95A-L454M-I478M (yellow) and wildtype ClbP (gray; companion paper¹) showing that the two structures are nearly identical and that the introduced methionines do not affect the overall fold of the protein (RMSD = 0.37 over 436 shared C α atoms). **d**, The periplasmic domain in our full-length structure is virtually identical to the structure of the isolated periplasmic domain published previously (PDB ID: 3O3V; RMSD 0.33 Å over 288 C α atoms). The superposition of the two structures highlights differences in position of the β 3- β 4 loop (colored yellow in the product-bound S95A-L454M-I478M structure and cyan in the isolated periplasmic domain structure).



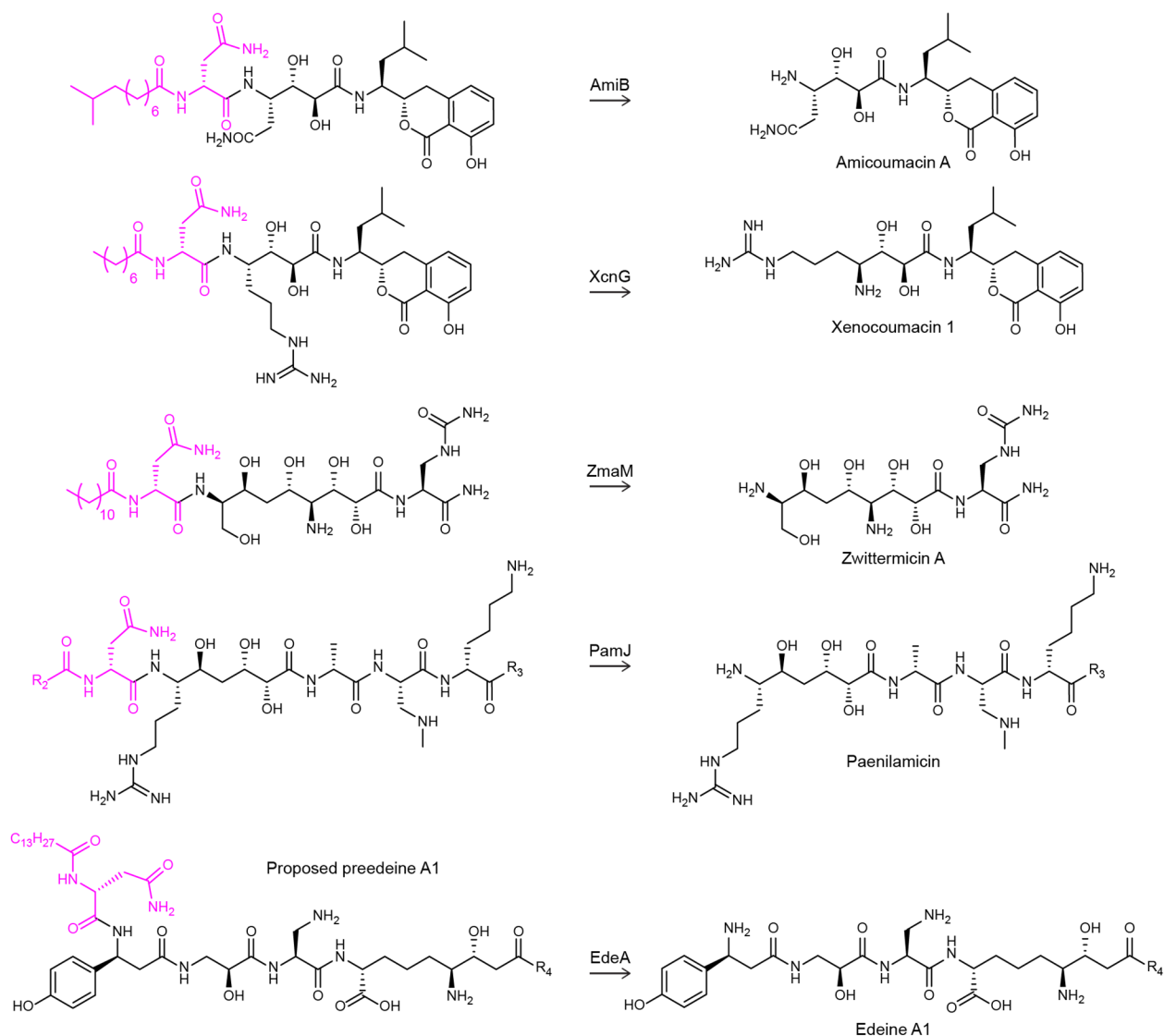
Supplementary Figure 2. Sample biosynthetic gene clusters

Biosynthetic gene clusters (BGCs) for natural products that utilize ClbN/ClbP systems for prodrug biosynthesis and prodrug removal, including ampicoumacin^{2,3}, colibactin⁴⁻⁶, paenilamicin⁷, xenocoumacin⁸, and zwittermicin^{9,10}. While not previously identified as such, analysis of the edeine biosynthetic gene cluster¹¹⁻¹³ indicates that EdeA is likely also a true prodrug peptidase; we predict that EdeP is responsible for the biosynthesis of a previously unidentified acyl-D-Asn prodrug moiety (based on a condensation domain with homology to equivalent modules from surfactin, lichenysin, and colibactin; an adenylation domain predicted to have specificity for Asn; and an epimerase domain, required to produce D-Asn), as opposed to acting on 2,6-diamino-7-hydroxyazaleic acid as previously proposed¹². In support of this, work in an accompanying paper uses a ClbP inhibitor to enrich several putative predeines with colibactin-like prodrug moieties¹. Additionally, a previously unidentified set of *clb*-like gene clusters are found in a subset of *Paenibacillus* species. These exhibit more genomic rearrangement than the *clb* clusters found in *Pseudovibrio* strains⁶¹, and lack genes encoding ClbM and ClbS homologs, although a ClbL-like amidase is present, suggesting that formation of a colibactin pseudodimer is still plausible.



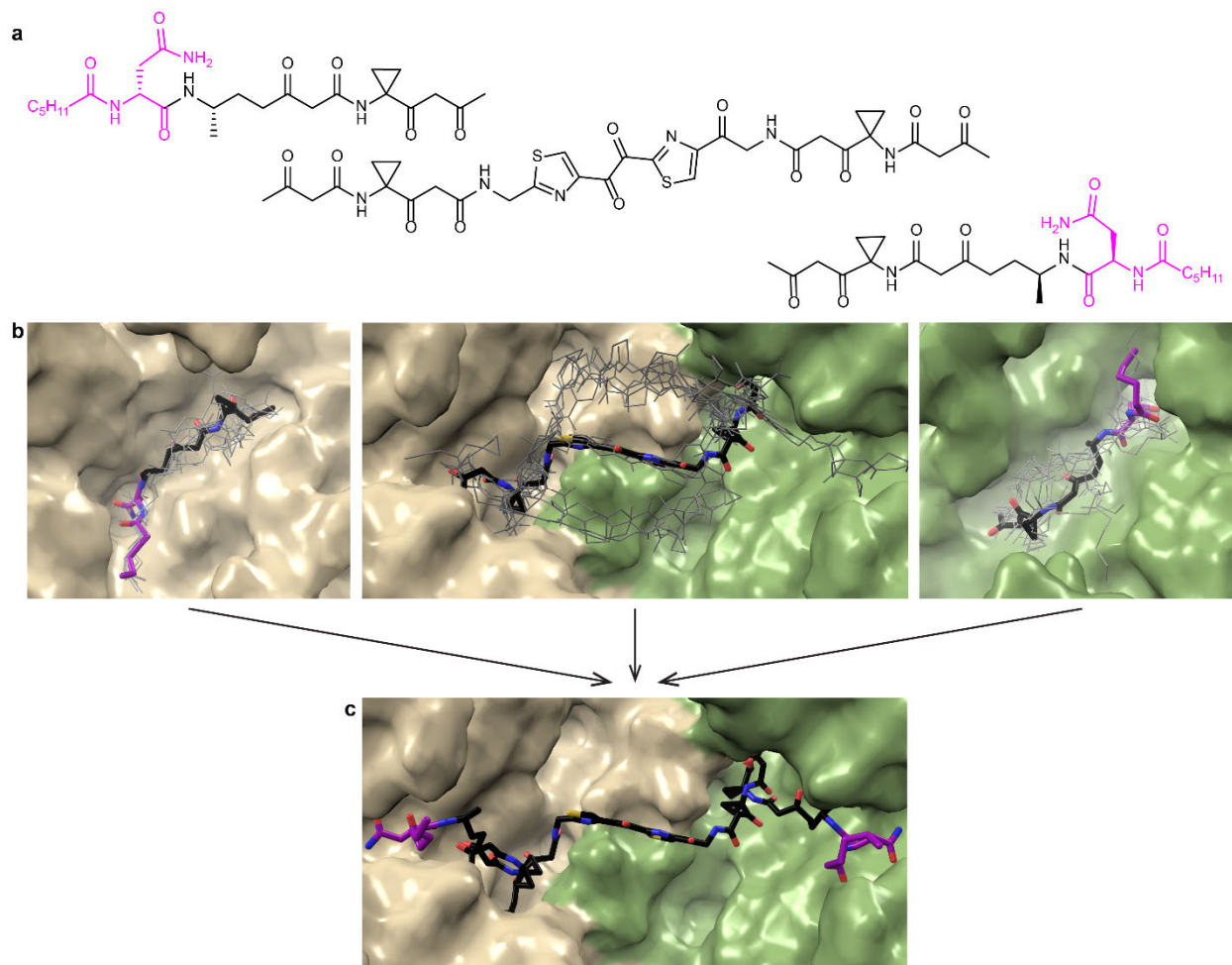
Supplementary Figure 3. Alignment of representative homologs.

Alignment of representative produg-activating peptidase (top) and close S12 homologs with structures available (bottom; see Extended Data Fig. 9b). The blue and red boxes denote the secondary structures involved in dimerization detailed in Extended Data Fig. 9. Magenta dots mark the catalytic triad residues, red and blue dots the interface residues targeted for mutagenesis. The alignment shows a lack of the primary sequence conservation of the ClbP dimerization interface among other produg-activating peptidases as well as among closely related S12 homologs with structures deposited in the PDB.



Supplementary Figure 4. ClbP is the only prodrug-activating peptidase proposed to process a pseudodimeric substrate

Chemical structure diagrams detailing the chemical reactions catalyzed by the amicoumacin¹⁴, xenocoumacin¹⁵, zwittermicin⁹, and paenilamicin¹⁶ peptidases—AmiB, XcnG, ZmaM, and PamJ respectively. Unlike ClbP, which is proposed to cleave a dimeric substrate (see Figure 1a), these peptidases are proposed to process monomeric precursors of their respective toxins. In all diagrams the *N*-acyl-D-asparagine prodrug motif cleaved from the precursor is colored in magenta. The R1 group in prezwittermicin represents a lauryl chain, as recently observed¹. The R2 group in prepaenilamicin represents unknown acyl chains attached to their prodrug motifs, while the R3 in prepaenilamicin and paenilamicin represents a chemical structure derived from galantinic acid, *N*-methyl-diaminopropionic acid, glycine, and spermidine building blocks¹⁶. We further hypothesize that edeine biosynthesis employs a prodrug resistance mechanism and that EdeA is the activating peptidase. A proposed structure for a recently observed edeine A1 precursor containing a myristoyl-D-asparagine prodrug motif is shown¹, with R4 representing a glycylyspermidine moiety¹².



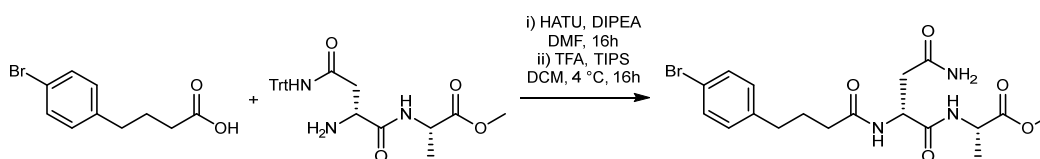
Supplementary Figure 5. Docking experiments to model precolibactin binding to ClbP

a, Chemical structure of the three overlapping fragments used to dock precolibactin onto the ClbP dimer. **b**, The panels show the selected pose (in sticks) for each of the three fragments along with alternative poses (gray lines). The selected pose for the two end fragments of precolibactin is shown with the nine other top scoring poses. Docking of the central fragment resulted in poses that either bound to a single subunit or that bridged both subunits. The selected pose for the central fragment is shown with other poses that bridge the two subunits and which reflect each of the three grooves that line the surface between the two active sites in dimeric ClbP. The selected pose for the central fragment was not among the top scoring poses, but it places the chemical groups that overlap with the two end fragments in proximity to their selected poses and therefore allowed us to connect the three fragments to generate a complete model of bound precolibactin. **c**, The selected pose for each of the three fragments are shown in the ClbP dimer cavity. Note that the docked molecules contain hexanoyl chains in place of the natural myristoyl chains.

Supplementary Note

Synthesis and validation of compound 1

NMR chemical shifts are reported in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane using the solvent resonance as internal standard for ^1H (DMSO- d_6 = 2.50 ppm) and ^{13}C (DMSO- d_6 = 39.52 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintet, m = multiplet), coupling constant, integration, and assignment. All solvents for synthesis were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich. All NMR solvents were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories (Tewksbury, MA). NMR spectra were collected in the Larkin-Purcell Instrumentation Center in Harvard University Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology and visualized and processed using MestreNova, version 14.1.1-24571 (Mestrelab Research S.L., Escondido, CA). Preparative HPLC purification was run on a Dionex Ultimate 3000 instrument (Thermo Scientific) using Hypersil GOLDaQ column (250 mm x 20 mm, 5 μm particle size, Thermo Scientific).



Compound 1: In an oven-dried round-bottom flask, methyl *N*⁴-trityl-D-asparaginyl-L-alaninate (94 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), 4-(4-bromophenyl)butanoic acid (59.7 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and 1-[Bis(dimethylamino)methylene]-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolo[4,5-*b*]pyridinium 3-oxide hexafluorophosphate (HATU, 93 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were dissolved in anhydrous dimethylformamide (DMF, 1.02 mL). Diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA, 89 mL, 0.51 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added and the mixture stirred at room temperature overnight under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then diluted with 10 mL 0.1N HCl and extracted with 10

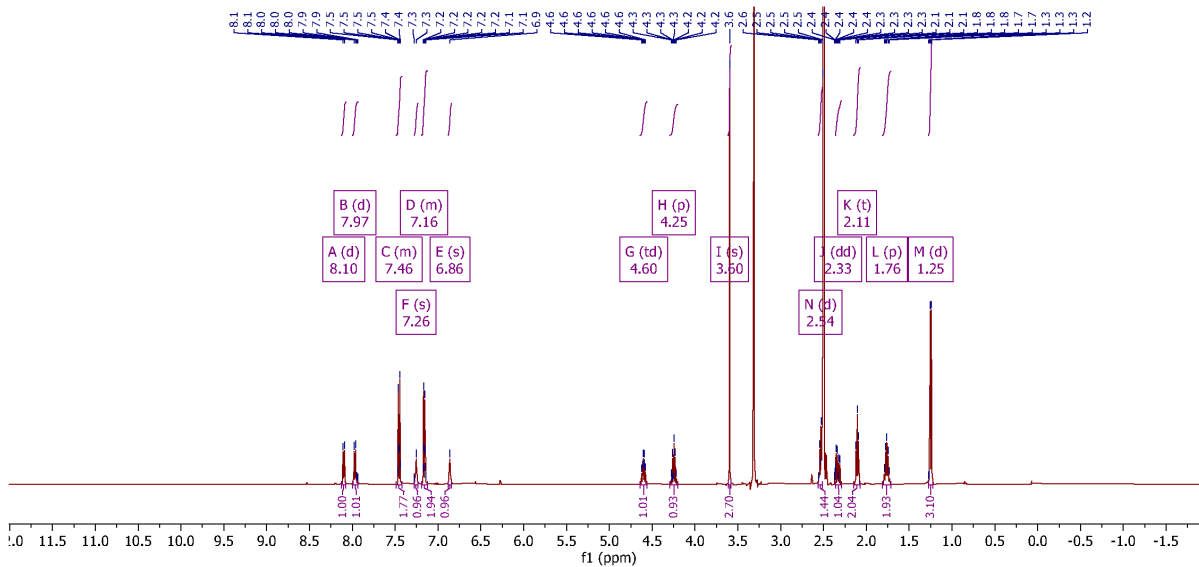
mL ethyl acetate three times. The combined organic layers were washed with 5% lithium chloride, saturated sodium bicarbonate and saturated sodium chloride. The organic layer was then dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford 132 mg white solid (94% crude yield). The crude intermediate was then immediately redissolved in DCM (3.8 mL) and cooled to 4°C. Triisopropylsilane (395 mL, 1.93 mmol, 10 equiv.) and trifluoroacetic acid (1.8 mL, 23 mmol, 120 equiv.) were added and the mixture stirred at 4°C overnight. The mixture was then concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue dissolved in DMSO and purified by preparative HPLC. The compound was eluted using the following gradient: 50% Solvent A for 2.5 minutes, gradient to 95% Solvent A over 7.5 minutes, hold at 95% Solvent A for 11.5 minutes, gradient to 50% solvent A over 1 minute, hold at 50% solvent A for 2.5 minutes (solvent A: HPLC-grade acetonitrile (VWR, HiPerSolv-Chromanorm) + 0.1% formic acid; solvent B: water + 0.1% formic acid; flow rate: 8 mL/minute; injection volume: 200 to 400 µL). The appropriate fractions were pooled and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford a white solid (30 mg, 33% yield over 2 steps). ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (ppm) = 8.10 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 4.60 (td, J = 8.1, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (quint, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.54 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (dd, J = 15.3, 8.2 Hz, 1H)†, 2.11 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (quint, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (ppm) = δ 173.3, 172.2, 171.7, 171.5, 141.8, 131.5, 131.2, 119.1, 52.3, 49.8, 48.0, 37.8, 34.9, 34.2, 27.2, 17.6. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₁₈H₂₅BrN₃O₅ [M+H]⁺, 442.0972; found 442.0969.

†A second peak matching this splitting pattern and integration (dd, J = 15.3, 8.2 Hz, 1H) appears at δ = 2.50 ppm in the ¹H-NMR, overlapping with the DMSO solvent residual peak. These peaks correspond to the two hydrogen atoms attached to the methylene carbon on the asparagine

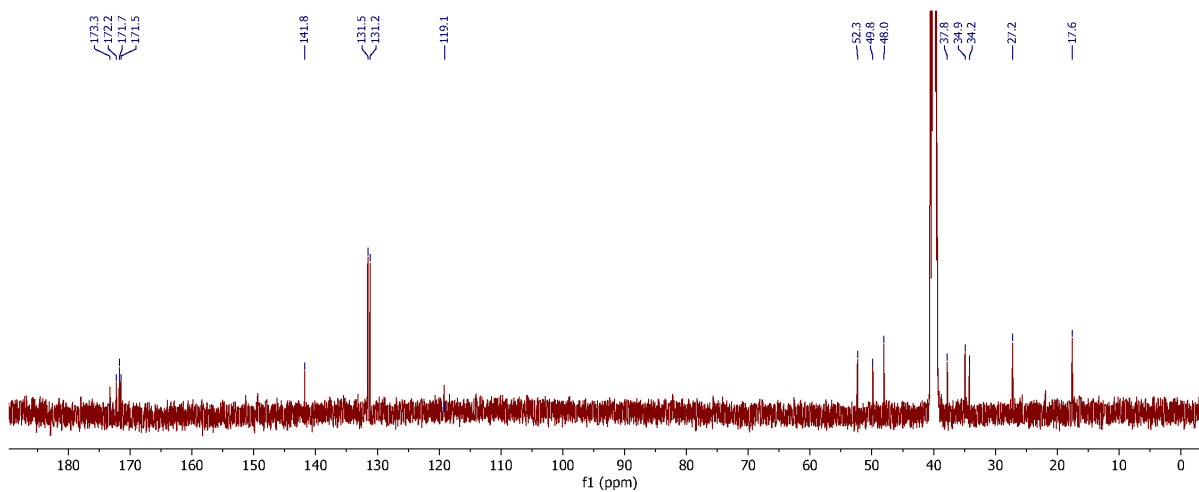
sidechain. A ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC was used to confirm the presence of the peak at 2.50 ppm and that these two peaks share an identical carbon coupling (see ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC spectrum and inset below).

NMR spectra

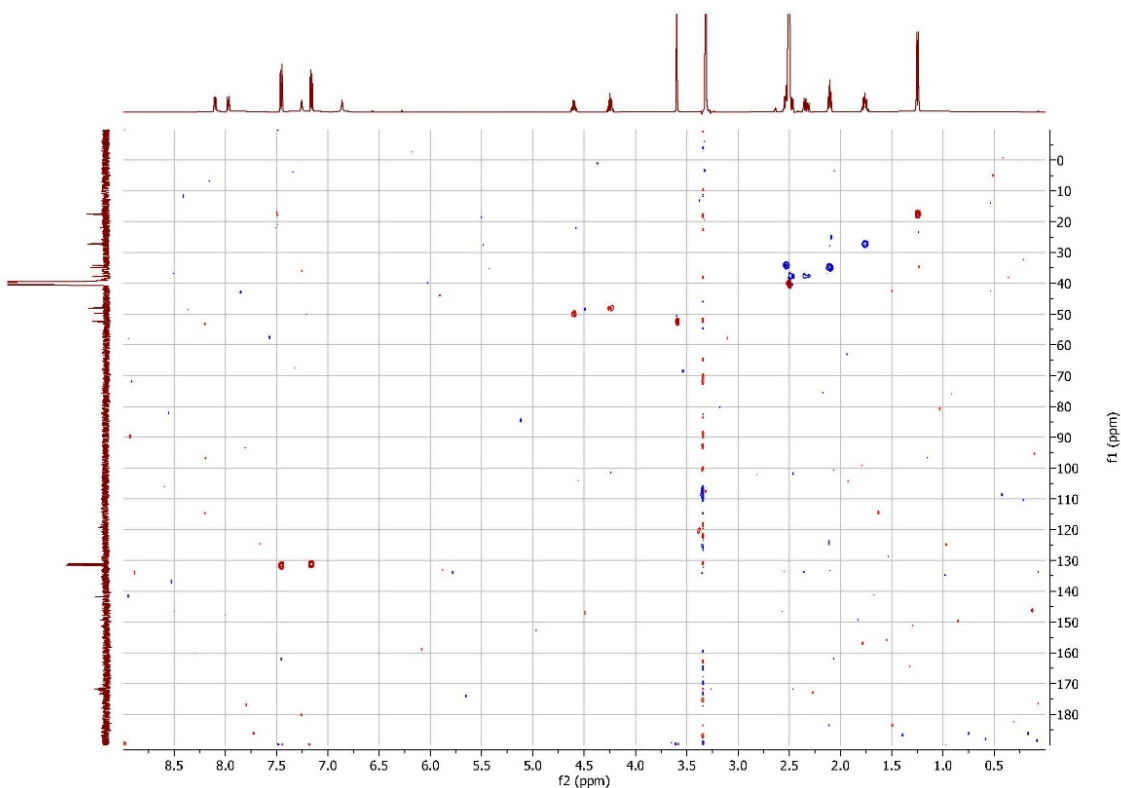
Compound 1: ^1H NMR (500 MHz DMSO- d_6)



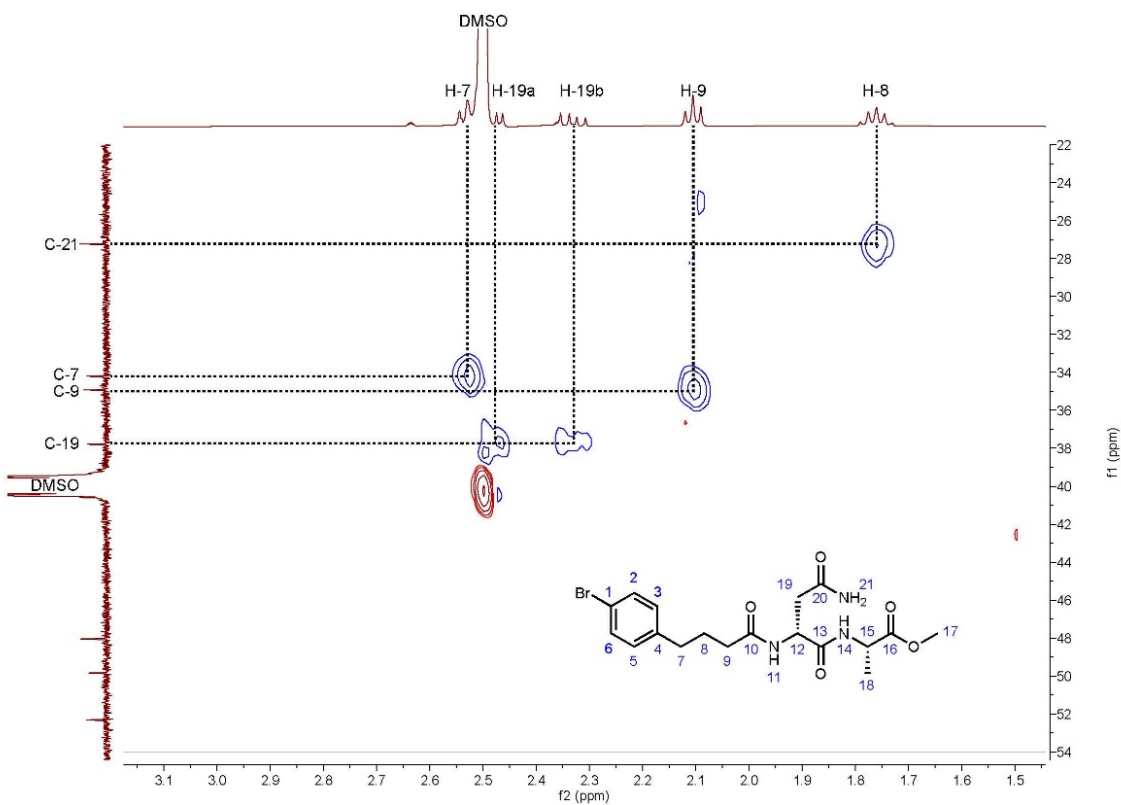
^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6)



^1H - ^{13}C HSQC (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6)



Inset focusing on the peaks corresponding to H-7 and H-19



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