Biosynthesis of pleuromutilin congeners using an *Aspergillus oryzae* expression platform

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1. Supplementary Data



Supplementary Figure 1. Mass spectra in positive (a) and negative (b) ion mode of 7.

NMR data assignment for 7 in CDCl₃



 δ_{H} (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 5.82 (1H, dd, *J* 17.8, 11.1, 19-H), 5.21 (1H, dd, *J* 17.8, 1.3, 20-*H*H), 5.12 (1H, dd, *J* 11.1, 1.3, 20-H*H*), 4.54 (1H, t, *J* 5.8, 3-H), 4.20 (1H, d, *J* 8.0, 14-H), 2.25 (1H, ddp, *J* 11.4, 7.1, 3.6, 6-H), 1.97 (1H, m, 8-*H*H), 1.90 (1H, m, 13-*H*H), 1.80 (1H, p, *J* 7.0, 10-H), 1.72 (1H, d, *J* 4.4, 2-*H*H), 1.58 (1H, m, 4-H), 1.62-1.57 (2H, m, 2-H*H*, 8-H*H*), 1.54-1.47 (3H, m, 1-*H*H, 7-*H*H, 13-H*H*), 1.40-1.33 (3H, m, 1-H*H*, 7-H*H*, 11-*H*H), 1.16 (1H, s, 11-H*H*), 1.14 (3H, s, 15-H₃), 0.96 (3H, d, *J* 7.4, 16-H₃), 0.94 (3H, s, 18-H₃), 0.84 (3H, d, *J* 6.8, 17-H₃). δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 147.1 (C-19), 113.1 (C-20), 78.1 (C-3), 69.0 (C-14), 52.0 (C-4), 46.5 (C-13), 46.1 (C-9), 44.2 (C-11), 42.1 (C-5), 40.6 (C-12), 37.0 (C-6), 34.2 (C-8), 33.1 (C-18), 32.6 (C-2), 32.0 (C-1), 31.3 (C-10), 28.3 (C-7), 20.9 (C-17), 18.9 (C-16), 16.5 (C-15). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C₂₀H₃₄O₂Na⁺ 329.2451. Found 329.2455.



Supplementary Figure 2. ¹H-NMR spectrum of 7 in CDCl₃ (500 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 3. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of 7 in CDCl₃ (125 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 4. COSY spectrum of 7 in CDCl₃ (500 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 5. HSQC spectrum of 7 in CDCl₃ (500 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 6. HMBC spectrum of 7 in CDCl₃ (500 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 7. Mass spectra in positive (a) and negative (b) ion mode of 8.

NMR data assignment of 8 in CDCl₃



 $δ_{\rm H}$ (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 5.84 (1H, dd, *J* 17.8, 11.0, 19-H), 5.25 (1H, d, *J* 17.8, 20-*H*H), 5.15 (1H, d, *J* 11.0, 20-H*H*), 4.25 (1H, d, *J* 7.2, 14-H), 2.20 (2H, m, 2-H₂), 2.10 (1H, s, 4-H), 1.97 (1H, m, 10-H), 1.86 (1H, dd, *J* 15.4, 7.3, 13-*H*H), 1.67 (1H, m, 6-H), 1.64 (1H, m, 8-*H*H), 1.61-1.47 (4H, m, 1-*H*H, 7-*H*H, 11-*H*H, 13-H*H*), 1.40 (1H, m, 1-H*H*), 1.38 (1H, m, 7-H*H*), 1.37 (3H, s, 15-H₃), 1.29 (1H, m, 11-H*H*), 1.12 (1H, m, 8-H*H*), 0.96 (6H, m, 16-H₃, 18-H₃), 0.90 (3H, d, *J* 6.9, 17-H₃). $δ_{\rm C}$ (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 218.7 (C-3),146.1 (C-19), 113.4 (C-20), 67.6 (C-14), 59.5 (C-4), 46.5 (C-13), 45.5 (C-12), 43.4 (C-11), 42.2 (C-5), 39.9 (C-9), 37.1 (C-6), 34.5 (C-2), 32.7 (C-18), 31.5 (C-10), 30.1 (C-8), 27.2 (C-7), 25.1 (C-1), 19.7 (C-17), 18.2 (C-16), 13.5 (C-15). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C₂₀H₃₂O₂Na⁺ 327.2294510. Found 327.228310.



Supplementary Figure 8. ¹H-NMR spectrum of 8 in CDCl₃ (500 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 9. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of 8 in CDCl₃ (125 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 10. COSY spectrum of 8 in CDCl₃ (500 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 11. HSQC spectrum of 8 in CDCl₃ (500 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 12. HMBC spectrum of 8 in CDCl₃ (500 MHz).



Mass-to-charge ratio (m/z)

Supplementary Figure 13. Mass spectra in positive (a) and negative (b) ion mode of 9.

NMR data assignment of 9 in CDCl₃



 $δ_{\rm H}$ (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 6.21 (1H, dd, *J* 11.0, 17.6, 19-H), 5.57 (1H, d, *J* 8.0, 14-H), 5.17 (1H, d, *J* 11.0, 20-*H*H), 5.08 (1H, d, *J* 17.6, 20-H*H*), 2.29-2.16 (4H, m, 2-H₂, 4-H, 10-H), 2.03-1.96 (4H, m, 13-*H*H, 22-H₃), 1.71-1.54 (5H, m, 1-*H*H, 6-H, 7-*H*H, 8-*H*H, 11-*H*H), 1.48 (3H, s, 15-H₃), 1.41 (1H, m, 1-H*H*), 1.38-1.31 (2H, m, 7-H*H*, 11-H*H*), 1.27 (1H, m, 13-H*H*), 1.19-1.08 (1H, m, 8-H*H*), 1.00 (3H, s, 18-H₃), 0.93 (3H, d, *J* 6.7, 17-H₃), 0.74 (3H, d, *J* 5.9, 16-H₃). $δ_{\rm C}$ (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 218.6 (C-3), 169.7 (C-21), 146.1 (C-19), 112.6 (C-20), 69.2 (C-14), 59.0 (C-4), 47.0 (C-13), 45.7 (C-9), 42.9 (C-11), 41.9 (C-12), 38.9 (C-5), 37.1 (C-6), 34.7 (C-2), 32.2 (C-18), 31.1 (C-10), 30.1 (C-8), 27.0 (C-7), 25.1 (C-1), 22.1 (C-22), 19.6 (C-16), 15.9 (C-17), 14.5 (C-15). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C₂₂H₃₅O₃⁺: 347.2586. Found 347.2581.



Supplementary Figure 14. ¹H-NMR spectrum of 9 in CDCl₃ (500 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 15. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of 9 in CDCl₃ (125 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 16. COSY spectrum of 9 in CDCl₃ (500 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 17. HSQC spectrum of 9 in CDCl₃ (500 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 18. HMBC spectrum of 9 in CDCl₃ (500 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 19. Mass spectra in positive (a) and negative (b) ion mode of 10.

NMR data assignment of 10 in CDCl₃



 $δ_{\rm H}$ (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 6.57 (1H, dd, *J* 11.0, 17.4, 19-H), 5.57 (1H, d, *J* 9.4, 14-H), 5.34 (1H, dd, *J* 1.7, 11.0, 20-*H*H), 5.18 (1H, dd, *J* 1.7, 17.4, 20-*H*H), 4.56 (1H, t, *J* 5.35, 3-H), 3.18 (1H, s, 11-H), 2.27-2.15 (2H, m, 6-H, 10-H), 2.10-2.03 (1H, m, 13-*H*H), 1.98 (3H, s, 22-H₃), 1.96-1.81 (2H, m, 2-*H*H, 8-*H*H), 1.76-1.70 (1H, m, 2-H*H*), 1.69-1.61 (2H, m, 8-H*H*, 1-*H*H), 1.54-1.34 (4H, m, 4-H, 7-*H*H, 1-H*H*, 7-H*H*), 1.26 (1H, s, 13-H*H*), 1.23 (3H, s, 16-H₃), 1.16 (3H, s 18-H₃), 0.81 (3H, d, *J* 7.1, 17-H₃), 0.73 (3H, d, *J* 7.2,15-H₃). $δ_{\rm C}$ (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 170.0 (C-21), 139.7 (C-19), 116.5 (C-20), 77.3 (C-3), 74.9 (C-11), 69.8 (C-14), 51.0 (C-4), 46.0 (C-9), 45.4 (C-13), 44.9 (C-12), 41.1 (C-5), 36.6 (C-6), 35.6 (C-10), 34.3 (C-8), 32.7 (C-2), 31.8 (C-1), 27.7 (C-7), 26.1 (C-18), 21.9 (C-22), 17.6 (C-16), 16.9 (C-15), 12.2 (C-17). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C₂₂H₃₇O₄⁺ 365.2692. Found 365.2684.



Supplementary Figure 20. ¹H-NMR spectrum of 10 in CDCl₃ (500 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 21. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of 10 in CDCl₃ (125 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 22. COSY spectrum of 10 in CDCl₃ (500 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 23. HSQC spectrum of 10 in CDCl₃ (500 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 24. HMBC spectrum of 10 in CDCl₃ (500 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 25. ELSD chromatograms showing conversion of **8** to **9** in *A. oryzae* AP3. A) Feeding of *A. oryzae* AP3 with **8** gave successful production of acetylated **9**, but no 22-OH product was observed. Compounds with (*) were not related to pleuromutilin based on their m/z values; B) Purified metabolite **9**; C) *A. oryzae* NSAR1.



Supplementary Figure 26. ELSD chromatograms showing conversion of **4** to **10** in *A. oryzae* AP3. A) Feeding of *A. oryzae* AP3 with **4** gave successful production of acetylated **10**, but no 22-OH product was observed. B) Purified metabolite **10**; C) *A. oryzae* NSAR1.



Supplementary Figure 27. ¹H-NMR spectrum of 5 in CDCl₃ (400 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 28. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of 5 in CDCl₃ (100 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 29. ¹H-NMR spectrum of 12 in CDCl₃ (400 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 30. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of 12 in CDCl₃ (100 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 31. ¹H-NMR spectrum of 14 in CDCl₃ (400 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 32. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of 14 in CDCl₃ (100 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 33. ¹H-NMR spectrum of 15 in CDCl₃ (400 MHz).



Supplementary Figure 34. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of 15 in CDCl₃ (100 MHz). 27

2. Supplementary Methods

Synthesis of mutilin 5



Potassium hydroxide (7.50 g, 134 mmol) was added to a solution of tiamulin hydrogen fumarate (3.45 g, 5.65 mmol) in methanol (100 mL). The reaction was heated to reflux (65 °C) for 18 hours, before cooling to room temperature and pouring into water (50 mL). The resulting solution was extracted with dichloromethane (3×50 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (50 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude material was purified by column chromatography (20% EtOAc in petrol) to give mutilin **5** (1.22 g, 68%) as a white solid.

 $δ_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 6.15 (1H, ddd, *J* 18.0, 11.0, 0.5, 19-H), 5.36 (1H, dd, *J* 18.0, 1.5, 20-*H*H), 5.29 (1H, dd, *J* 11.0, 1.5, 20-H*H*), 4.35 (1H, dd, *J* 8.0, 6.0, 14-H), 3.41 (1H, dd, *J* 7.5, 5.5, 11-H), 2.29-2.10 (3H, m, 2-H₂, 10-H), 2.05 (1H, d, *J* 3.0, 4-H), 1.91 (1H, dd, *J* 16.0, 8.0, 13-*H*H), 1.74 (1H, dq, *J* 14.5, 3.0, 8-*H*H), 1.67 (1H, m, 6-H), 1.63-1.42 (5H, m, 1-H₂, 7-*H*H, 13-H*H*, O*H*), 1.39 (1H, m, 7-H*H*), 1.36 (3H, s, 15-H₃), 1.26 (1H, d, *J* 5.5, O*H*), 1.12 (1H, m, 8-H*H*), 1.15 (3H, s, 18-H₃), 0.96 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 16-H₃), 0.92 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 17-H₃). $δ_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 217.7 (C-3), 139.5 (C-19), 116.0 (C-20), 75.3 (C-11), 66.9 (C-14), 59.2 (C-4), 45.5 (C-9), 45.4 (C-12), 45.2 (C-13), 42.5 (C-5),



37.0 (C-6), 36.6 (C-10), 34.6 (C-2), 30.5 (C-8), 28.7 (C-18), 27.3 (C-7), 25.2 (C-1), 18.3 (C-16), 13.6 (C-15), 11.4 (C-17). HRMS (ESI) calc. for $C_{20}H_{32}O_3Na$ [M+Na]⁺ 343.2244. Found 343.2245. M.p. 190-191 °C (from EtOH) [Lit. 192 °C].¹⁵³ $[\alpha]_D^{21} = +31.0$ (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃) [Lit. +69 (*c* 0.07, CHCl₃)].²⁴² IR (ν_{max} /cm⁻¹) (neat): 3471 (alcohol O–H), 2929 (alkane C–H), 1727 (ketone C=O).

Spectroscopic data in accordance with the literature data.¹

X-ray crystal structure obtained following recrystallisation from dichloromethane. Space Group: P2₁2₁2₁ (orthorhombic).

Synthesis of TMS-mutilin 12



Mutilin **5** (500 mg, 1.56 mmol) and Trimethylsilyl chloride (0.99 mL, 7.80 mmol) were dissolved in dichloromethane (10 mL). Triethylamine (1.08 mL, 7.80 mmol) was added dropwise and the solution stirred for 16 hours at room temperature. A saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (10 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and the layers were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane (3×10 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude material was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in petrol) to give TMS-mutilin **12** (668 mg, 92%) as a colourless oil.

 $δ_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 6.16 (1H, dd, *J* 17.5, 11.0, 19-H), 5.26 (1H, dd, *J* 17.5, 1.5, 20-*H*H), 5.22 (1H, dd, *J* 11.0, 1.5, 20-H*H*), 4.44 (1H, d, *J* 8.0, 14-H), 3.48 (1H, d, *J* 6.0, 11-H), 2.33 (1H, app. pent, *J* 7.0, 10-H), 2.25-2.12 (2H, m, 2-H₂), 2.04 (1H, d, *J* 3.0, 4-H), 1.88 (1H, dd, *J* 16.0, 8.0, 13-*H*H), 1.75 (1H, dq, *J* 14.5, 3.0, 8-*H*H), 1.57 (1H, m, 6-H), 1.55-1.39 (2H, m, 1-H₂, 7-*H*H), 1.42 (1H, d, *J* 16.0, 13-H*H*), 1.35 (1H, m, 7-H*H*), 1.34 (3H, s, 15-H₃), 1.12 (1H, td, *J* 14.0, 4.5, 8-H*H*), 1.07 (3H, s, 18-H₃), 0.85 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 16-H₃), 0.85 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 17-H₃), 0.13 (9H, s, (SiC*H*₃)₃), 0.11 (9H, s, (SiC*H*₃)₃). $δ_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 218.2 (C-3), 141.1 (C-19), 116.3 (C-20), 77.6 (C-11), 67.5 (C-14), 59.4 (C-4), 47.5 (C-13), 45.8 (C-9), 44.9 (C-12), 43.5 (C-5), 37.6 (C-6), 36.5 (C-10), 34.9 (C-2), 31.0 (C-8), 29.2 (C-18), 27.3 (C-7), 25.6 (C-1), 18.5 (C-16), 14.6 (C-15), 12.2 (C-17), 1.5 and 1.1 (SiCH₃). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C₂₆H₄₈O₂Si₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 487.3034. Found 487.3045. [α]²¹_D = +44.0 (*c* 0.75, CHCl₃). IR (v_{max}/cm⁻¹) (neat): 2956 (alkane C–H), 1736 (ketone C=O).

¹H NMR data in accord with the literature data.²

Synthesis of alkene 14



TMS-mutilin **12** (400 mg, 0.861 mmol) was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (10 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. A solution of methylmagnesium bromide in Et₂O (3 M, 1.43 mL, 4.30 mmol) was added dropwise and the solution warmed to room temperature and stirred for 16 hours. The reaction was quenched with water (20 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*.

The resulting material was dissolved in a solution of HCl in MeOH (4 M, 7.5 mL) and stirred for 16 hours at room temperature. The reaction mixture was neutralised with aqueous NaOH solution and extracted with dichloromethane (3×15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude material was purified by column chromatography (20% EtOAc in petrol) to give alkene **14** (153 mg, 56%) as a white solid.

Alkene 14

 $δ_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 6.12 (1H, dd, *J* 18.0, 11.0, 19-H), 5.29 (1H, dd, *J* 18.0, 1.5, 20-*H*H), 5.25 (1H, dd, *J* 11.0, 1.5, 20-H*H*), 4.34 (1H, d, *J* 8.0, 14-H), 3.06 (1H, d, *J* 5.5, 11-H), 2.35 (1H, ddd, *J* 17.0, 11.0, 4.5, 2-*H*H), 2.25 (1H, ddd, *J* 17.0, 10.0, 7.0, 2-H*H*), 2.10 (1H, qd, *J* 7.0, 5.5, 10-H), 1.98-1.77 (3H, m, 1-*H*H, 8-*H*H, 13-H*H*), 1.89 (3H, s, 2'-H₃), 1.56-1.32 (5H, m, 6-H, 7-H₂, 2 × O*H*), 1.52 (1H, d, *J* 15.0, 13-H*H*), 1.31 (3H, s, 15-H₃), 1.30-1.17 (2H, m, 1-H*H*, 8-H*H*), 1.05 (3H, s, 18-H₃), 1.01 (3H, d, *J* 6.5, 16-H₃), 0.83 (3H, d, *J* 6.5, 17-H₃). $δ_{\rm C}$ (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 141.8 (C-4), 139.9 (C-19), 133.3 (C-3), 115.8 (C-20), 76.3 (C-11), 68.3 (C-14), 57.3 (C-9), 48.4 (C-5), 47.2 (C-13), 45.3 (C-12), 43.8 (C-6), 41.0 (C-2), 38.4 (C-8), 37.1 (C-10), 30.2 (C-1), 28.6 and 28.5 (C-7 and C-18), 19.9 (C-15), 18.2 (C-16), 17.8 (C-2'), 11.3 (C-17). HRMS (ESI) calc. for C₂₁H₃₄O₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 341.2451. Found 341.2467. M.p. 118-120 °C (from CHCl₃). [α]_{D²}² = -55.0 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃). IR (v_{max}/cm⁻¹) (neat): 3466 (alcohol O–H), 2921 (alkane C–H).

Supplementary Table 1. Summary of expression vectors used in this study to express genes from C. *passeckerianus* in *A. oryzae*. Selectable marker *argB*: *A. nidulans* ornithine carbamoyltransferase (OCTase) gene; *adeA*: *A. oryzae* phosphoribosyl-aminoimidazole-succinocarboxamide synthetase gene; *bar*: *Streptomyces spp.* phosphinothricin acetyl-transferase gene. Promoter Padh: *A. oryzae* alcohol dehydrogenase; PgpdA: *A. nidulans* glyceraldehyse 3'-phosphate dehydrogenase; Peno: *A. oryzae* enolase.

Backbone	Selectable	Promoter	Gene	Plasmid name
vector	marker gene			
pTVGSorg ³	argB	Padh	Pl-ggs	pTYGSargGC ⁴
priosaig		Peno	Pl-cyc	
	³ adeA	Padh	Pl-p450-1	
		PgpdA	<i>Pl-p450-2</i>	pTYGSadeP1P2P3 ⁴
nTVGSade ³		Peno	<i>Pl-p450-3</i>	
priosade		Padh	<i>Pl-p450-2</i>	pTYGSadeP2P3
		Peno	<i>Pl-p450-3</i>	
		Padh	<i>Pl-p450-2</i>	pTYGSadeP2
		Padh	Pl-p450-3	pTYGSadeP3 ⁴
	bar	Padh	Pl-atf	pTYGSbarAS ⁴
nTVGSbar ³		Peno	Pl-sdr	
P1105001		Padh	Pl-atf	pTYGSbarA ⁴
		Padh	Pl-sdr	pTYGSbarS ⁴

Supplementary Table 2. List of primers used in this study. Nucleotides in italics represent sequences used to generate overlapping regions with plasmid backbones for yeast-based homologous recombination.

Primer	DNA Sequence (5'->3')	Description
Pl-ggs FF	ATGAGAATACCTAACGTCTTTCTCT	Screening primers for the
Pl-ggs RR	CTA CTC TGC GAT GTA CAA CTT TTC C	amplification of Pl-ggs
Pl-cyc FF	ATG GGT CTA TCT GAA GAT CTT CAT G	Screening primers for the
Pl-cyc RR	TCA ATG GTG GAT TCC ATT GCT CCC G	amplification of Pl-cyc
Pl-p450-1 FF	ATG CTG TCC GTC GAC CTC CCG TCT G	Screening primers for the
Pl-p450-1 RR	CTA CAA CGC AGC GAA CGC TTC CTT A	amplification of Pl-p450-1
Pl-p450-2 FF	ATG AAT CTT TCT GCT CTG AAG GCT G	Screening primers for the
Pl-p450-2 RR	CTA ATA GTC TGC AAC ATC GTG GAT C	amplification of Pl-p450-2
Pl-p450-3 FF	ATG GCT CCG TCA ACG GAA CGT GCT C	Screening primers for the
Pl-p450-3 RR	CTA GCC ACT AGC AGG CTT CGT GAA C	amplification of Pl-p450-3
Pl-atf FF	ATG AAG CCC TTC TCA CCA GAA CTT C	Screening primers for the
Pl-atf RR	CTA CTG TGC TAC ACG AGG GGG ATT C	amplification of Pl-atf
Pl-sdr FF	ATG GAA GGC AAG GTC GCA ATC GTC A	Screening primers for the
Pl-sdr RR	CTA AAT GAC ACT CCA CCC GTT ATC G	amplification of Pl-sdr
Padh-Pl-p450-2 FF	TTTCTTTCAACACAAGATCCCAAAGT	
	CAAAATGAATCTTTCTGCTCTGAA	Amplification of Pl-p450-2 for
Pl-p450-2-TgpdA	ACGACAATGTCCATATCATCAATCAT	assembly of pTYGSadeP2P3
RR	GACCCTAATAGTCTGCAACATCGT	
Peno- Pl-p450-3 FF	GTCGACTGACCAATTCCGCAGCTCGT	
	CAAAATGGCTCCGTCAACGGAACG	Amplification of Pl-p450-2 for
Pl-p450-3-Teno RR	GGTTGGCTGGTAGACGTCATATAATC	assembly of pTYGSadeP2P3
	ATACCTAGCCACTAGCAGGCTTCG	
Padh-Pl-p450-2 FF	TTTCTTTCAACACAAGATCCCCAAAGT	
	CAAAATGAATCTTTCTGCTCTGAA	Amplification of Pl-p450-2 for
Pl-p450-2-Teno RR	GGTTGGCTGGTAGACGTCATATAATC	assembly of pTYGSadeP2
	ATACCTAATAGTCTGCAACATCGT	

A. oryzae strain	Heterologous genes from C.	Plasmids used for
	passeckerianus	heterologous expression
GCP2	Pl-ggs, Pl-cyc, Pl-p450-2	pTYGSargGC, pTYGSadeP2
GCP2S	Pl-ggs, Pl-cyc, Pl-p450-2, Pl-sdr	pTYGSargGC,
		pTYGSadeP2, pTYGSbarS
GCP2P3SA	Pl-ggs, Pl-cyc, Pl-p450-2, Pl-p450-3, Pl-	pTYGSargGC,
	sdr, Pl-atf	pTYGSadeP2P3,
		pTYGSbarAS
GCP1P2P3A	Pl-ggs, Pl-cyc, Pl-p450-1, Pl-p450-2, Pl-	pTYGSargGC,
	p450-3, Pl-atf	pTYGSadeP1P2P3,
		pTYGSbarA
AP3	Pl-atf, Pl-p450-3	pTYGSbarA, pTYGSadeP3

Supplementary Table 3. List of *A. oryzae* strains generated in this study and relative expression vectors used to introduce the relevant pleuromutilin biosynthetic genes.



Supplementary Figure 35. Plasmid maps of the expression vectors used in this work.

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