

Supporting Information

Re-investigation of HExxH enzyme DarF reveals a dehydrogenation-epoxidation reactions

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EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General. Chemicals and reagents were purchased from either Merck or Sigma-Aldrich unless otherwise specified. Synthetic genes inserted into expression vectors were synthesized by the Twist Bioscience (<https://www.twistbioscience.com/>). Gene sequences used in this study are listed in Table S1. Trypsin protease was purchased from Merck. Antibiotics (kanamycin, spectinomycin and chloramphenicol) were purchased from GoldBio. *Escherichia coli* NiCo21(DE3) and DH5 α strains purchased from NEB were used for protein expression and plasmid preparation, respectively. Electroporation was carried out using a Bio-Rad MicroPulser. Terrific broth (TB) was purchased from Formedium. Luria broth (LB), Miller broth and agar were purchased from Carl Roth. SDS-PAGE, 4-20% polyacrylamide gel was purchased from GenScript. Protein marker, broad multi color pre-stained protein standard for SDS-PAGE was purchased from GenScript. The *E. coli* cells were lysed using a Hielscher Ultrasonics Sonotrode S26D7 Titanium 7mm. LC-MS experiments were performed on a Waters Acquity H-class UPLC System coupled to Waters QToF SYNAPT G2-Si Mass Spectrometer.

Bioinformatic expansion of darobactin BGCs containing DarF. To retrieve putative α KG-dependent HExxH enzyme DarF sequences, Basic Local Alignment Search Tool Protein (BLASTP)¹ was performed in June 2025 on a non-redundant protein database in National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) online database using DarF (WP_063364329.1)² from *Pseudoalteromonas luteoviolacea* as query and 1E-5 as cutoff value for search. The putative darobactin precursor peptides were manually identified from the upstream regions of DarF. This resulted 12 homologous DarF enzymes linked to putative precursor peptides (Figure S1).

Phylogenetic tree construction. The α KG-dependent enzymes in RiPP biosynthesis, Poyl (AFS60645.1),³ DurX (WP_071962208.1),⁴ CanE (KUN61407.1),⁵ YhhC (WP_003708570.1),⁶ SmaO (WP_141401631.1),⁷ MscH₄₂₉₋₇₆₈ (WP_013477425.1),⁸ SjiH₄₆₀₋₈₁₉ (WP_042453644.1),⁸ ChIH₃₇₆₋₇₂₂ (WP_016869186.1),⁸ PfiC (WP_192559974.1),⁹ PosC (WP_060837885.1),⁹ ColD (WP_033308454.1),¹⁰ and DarF (WP_063364329.1)² were used to generate a phylogenetic tree. A multi-sequence alignment of these proteins generated with Clustal Omega was used to build a phylogenetic tree at EMBL-EBI platform.¹¹ The C-terminal HExxH domains in MscBH, SjiBH and ChIBH are referred to as Msch, Sjih and ChIH, respectively.

Transformation of plasmids into *E. coli* NiCo21(DE3). Plasmids containing precursor and rSAM genes were obtained from Twist Bioscience and dissolved in MilliQ grade water to a final concentration of 10 ng/ μ L. 70 μ L of *E. coli* NiCo21(DE3) electrocompetent cells were transformed in a 2 mm electroporation cuvette with either 1 μ L of plasmid DNA containing the precursor gene for the precursor-only expression or 1 μ L of plasmid DNA containing the precursor gene + 1 μ L of plasmid DNA containing the rSAM enzyme for the coexpression of the precursor and the rSAM enzyme. The transformed cells were then grown overnight at 37 °C on LB (Miller) agar supplemented with appropriate antibiotics at a final concentration of kanamycin 30 μ g/mL and/or spectinomycin 100 μ g/mL.

Protein expression and purification of precursor peptides. A colony from the transformation above was picked up by a toothpick and added to 3 mL TB medium supplemented with appropriate antibiotics in a 15 mL falcon tube. The 50 mL culture was grown overnight at 37°C and shaken at 250 rpm. The overnight culture was used to inoculate either 250 mL of antibiotic-supplemented TB media in a 1 L Erlenmeyer flask in a 1:100 (v:v) ratio. The cells were then grown at 37°C, 250 rpm until OD_{600 nm} reached 1.8-2.4. The culture was then placed on ice water for 30 min and protein expression was induced by addition of IPTG at a 0.1 mM final concentration. After induction, the culture was shaken at 16°C, 250 rpm for 18 h. The cells were collected by centrifugation at 4000 rpm for 10 min. The denaturing lysis buffer (100 mM NaH₂PO₄, 10 mM Tris, 8 M Urea, 10 mM imidazole, pH 8) was added to cell pellets in a ratio of 3:1 (v:w). The cell pellets were reconstituted and lysed by sonication with a Titanium 7mm solid probe (20 sec on and 15 sec off for 25 cycles at 50% amplitude). After sonication, the cell debris was removed by centrifugation at 15,000 rpm for 15 min. HisPur Ni-NTA resin (0.7 mL) was added to ~15-20 mL of supernatant in a 50 mL falcon tube and gently shaken for 1 h to allow binding of the precursor peptide to the Ni-NTA resin. Peptide-bound Ni-NTA resin was then washed with denaturing lysis buffer (2 x 1 mL for 0.7 mL resin if this buffer was used to resuspend the cell pellet), NPI-20 (50 mM NaH₂PO₄, 300 mM NaCl, 20 mM imidazole, pH 8, 5 x 1 mL for 0.7 mL resin) and eluted with NPI-250 (50 mM NaH₂PO₄, 300 mM NaCl, 250 mM imidazole, pH 8, 2.5 mL for 0.7 mL resin). Elution fractions were desalted into 50 mM Tris buffer (pH 8.0) using PD Minitrap G-10 columns. The full-length His₆-SUMO-precursor peptide obtained by coexpression of DarA + DarE was digested with 1 mg/mL trypsin (1:100, trypsin/eluant v:v) at 37°C for 16 h and analyzed by LC-MS to detect activity from the radical SAM enzyme DarE, while the undigested full-length His₆-SUMO-precursor peptide was used as a substrate for the biochemical characterization of α KG-dependent HExxH enzyme DarF.

Protein expression and purification of HExxH enzyme DarF. A colony from the transformation above was picked up by a toothpick and added to 5 mL TB medium supplemented with appropriate antibiotics in a 15 mL falcon tube. The 50 mL culture was grown overnight at 37°C and shaken at 250 rpm. The overnight culture was used to inoculate either 250 mL of antibiotic-supplemented TB media in a 1 L Erlenmeyer flask in a 1:100 (v:v) ratio. The cells were then grown at 37°C, 250 rpm until OD_{600 nm} reached 1.8-2.4. The culture was then placed on ice water for 30 min and protein expression was induced by addition of IPTG at a 0.1 mM final concentration. After induction, the culture was shaken at 16°C, 250 rpm for 18 h. The cells were collected by centrifugation at 4000 rpm for 10 min. The non-denaturing buffer (50 mM NaH₂PO₄, 10 mM Tris, 10 mM imidazole, 300 mM NaCl, 10% glycerol, pH 8) was added to cell pellets in a ratio of 3:1 (v:w). The cell pellets were reconstituted and lysed by sonication with a Titanium 7mm solid probe (10 sec on and 15 sec off for 25 cycles at 30% amplitude). After sonication, the cell debris was removed by centrifugation at 15,000 rpm for 15 min. HisPur Ni-NTA resin (0.7 mL) was added to ~15-20 mL of supernatant in a 50 mL falcon tube and gently shaken for 1 h to allow binding of the precursor peptide to the Ni-NTA resin. Peptide-bound Ni-NTA resin was then washed with non-denaturing buffer (2 x 1 mL for 0.7 mL resin if this buffer was used to resuspend the cell pellet), NPI-20 (50 mM NaH₂PO₄, 300 mM NaCl, 20 mM imidazole, pH 8, 5 x 1 mL for 0.7 mL resin) and eluted with NPI-250 (50 mM NaH₂PO₄, 300 mM NaCl, 250 mM imidazole, pH 8, 2.5 mL for 0.7 mL resin). Elution fractions were desalted into 50 mM Tris buffer (pH 8.0) using PD Minitrap G-10 columns. Purified His₆-DarF was determined by SDS-PAGE and subjected to *in vitro* assay.

LC-MS conditions. Data acquisition was performed using MestReNova at the following conditions.

Waters UPLC system Acquity H-class connected with Waters UV detector PDA eλ coupled with Waters TOF mass spectrometer SYNAPT G2-Si.

LC: column = Acquity BEH C18, 1.7 μm, 2.1 x 50 mm; mobile phase/gradient = solvent A: H₂O + 0.1 % formic acid, solvent B: CH₃CN, Initial – 95 % A, 1.5 min – 40 % A, 2.5 min – 2 % A, 3.5 min – 2 % A, 3.7 min – 95 % A, 6 min – 95 % A; flow rate = 0.4 mL/min; column temp. = 40 °C; Injection volume = 1 μL, Run time = 6 min

MS: polarity = positive; capillary voltage = +0.7 kV; cone voltage = 40.0 V; source temperature = 120 °C; desolvation temperature = 500 °C; cone gas flow = 30 L/h; desolvation gas flow = 800 L/h; collision energy = 4 V; mass range = *m/z* 250–2000; scan duration = 0.5 s; interscan delay = 0.025 s; data acquisition = continuum mode; Lockspray (Leucine enkephalin); scan duration = 1.0 s; interval = 10 scans.

MS/MS: polarity = positive; scan duration = 1.0 s; inter-scan delay = 0.025 s; data acquisition = continuum mode; mass range and collision energy are specified in the respective figure legends.

***In vitro* assay of DarF.** His₆-DarF biochemical characterization was carried out in 50 mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 8.0) with purified DarE modified full-length His₆-precursor peptide (0.1 - 0.2 mM), 0.5 mM of Fe(SO₄)₂(NH₄)₂, 2 mM of αKG, 2 mM of ascorbate and 10 μM of enzyme His₆-DarF in a reaction volume of 100 μL. For the negative control, enzyme His₆-DarF was boiled by heating at 80 °C for 10 min. The reaction solution was incubated at 28 °C for 2 h and quenched with absolute methanol. After centrifugation at 15,000 rpm for 10 min, the products were then subjected to LC-MS analysis as mentioned above.

Time-course *in vitro* assay of DarF. His₆-DarF biochemical characterization was carried out in 50 mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 8.0) with purified DarE modified full-length His₆-precursor peptide (50 μM), 0.5 mM of Fe(SO₄)₂(NH₄)₂, 2 mM of αKG, 2 mM of ascorbate and 1 μM of enzyme His₆-DarF in a reaction volume of 1 mL. The reaction solution was incubated at 28 °C for 0, 1, 5, 30 and 60 min, then quenched with absolute methanol. After centrifugation at 15,000 rpm for 10 min, the products were then subjected to LC-MS analysis as mentioned above.

Enzyme concentration-dependent *in vitro* assay of DarF. His₆-DarF biochemical characterization was carried out in 50 mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 8.0) with purified DarE modified full-length His₆-precursor peptide (50 μM), 0.5 mM of Fe(SO₄)₂(NH₄)₂, 2 mM of αKG, 2 mM of ascorbate and 1, 5, 10 and 20 μM of enzyme His₆-DarF in a reaction volume of 150 μL. The reaction solution was incubated at 28 °C for 2 h, then quenched with absolute methanol. After centrifugation at 15,000 rpm for 10 min, the products were then subjected to LC-MS analysis as mentioned above.

Chemical extraction of native producer *Pseudoalteromonas luteoviolacea* H33 of darobactin A and other analogues. The wild-type strain *Pseudoalteromonas luteoviolacea* H33 was cultivated in M2 medium for 3 days at 30 °C and 180 ppm, as previously described.² Composition of M2 medium: KBr (0.1 g/L), MgCl₂·6H₂O (10.61 g/L), CaCl₂·2H₂O (1.47 g/L), KCl (0.66 g/L), SrCl₂·6H₂O (0.04 g/L), Na₂SO₄ (3.92 g/L), NaHCO₃ (0.19 g/L), H₃BO₃ (0.03 g/L), MOPS (40 mM), glucose (3.0 g/L), and casein (5.0 g/L). Subsequently, the cells were removed by centrifugation, and the supernatant was concentrated using a 0.5 g C18 SPE column and consecutive evaporation in a GeneVac centrifugal concentrator (SPScientific, Ipswich, UK). The concentrated crude extract was resuspended in 200 mL H₂O + 0.1 % formic acid and analyzed by UPLC-HR-ESI-MS (Agilent Infinity 1290 UPLC system coupled with a DAD detector and a Bruker Daltonics micrOTOFQ II mass spectrometer equipped with electrospray ionization source).

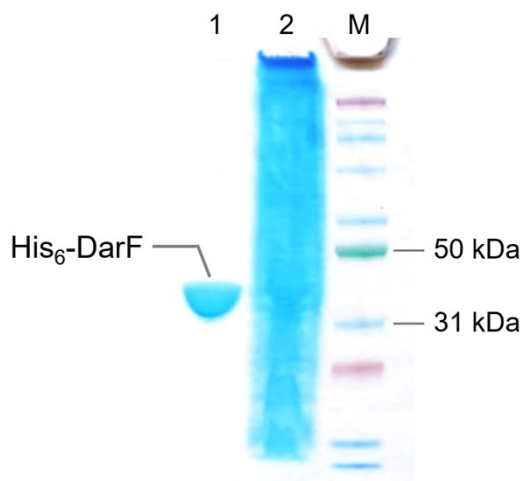


Figure S1. SDS-PAGE of His₆-DarF. M: molecular weight marker. 1: *in vivo* expression of His₆-DarF in *E. coli* NiCo21 (DE3) and Ni-affinity purification to obtain purified His₆-DarF. 2: *in vivo* expression of His₆-DarF in *E. coli* NiCo21 (DE3) and without Ni-affinity purification to obtain unpurified supernatant. Theoretical molecular weight of recombinant His₆-DarF is 43.0 kDa.

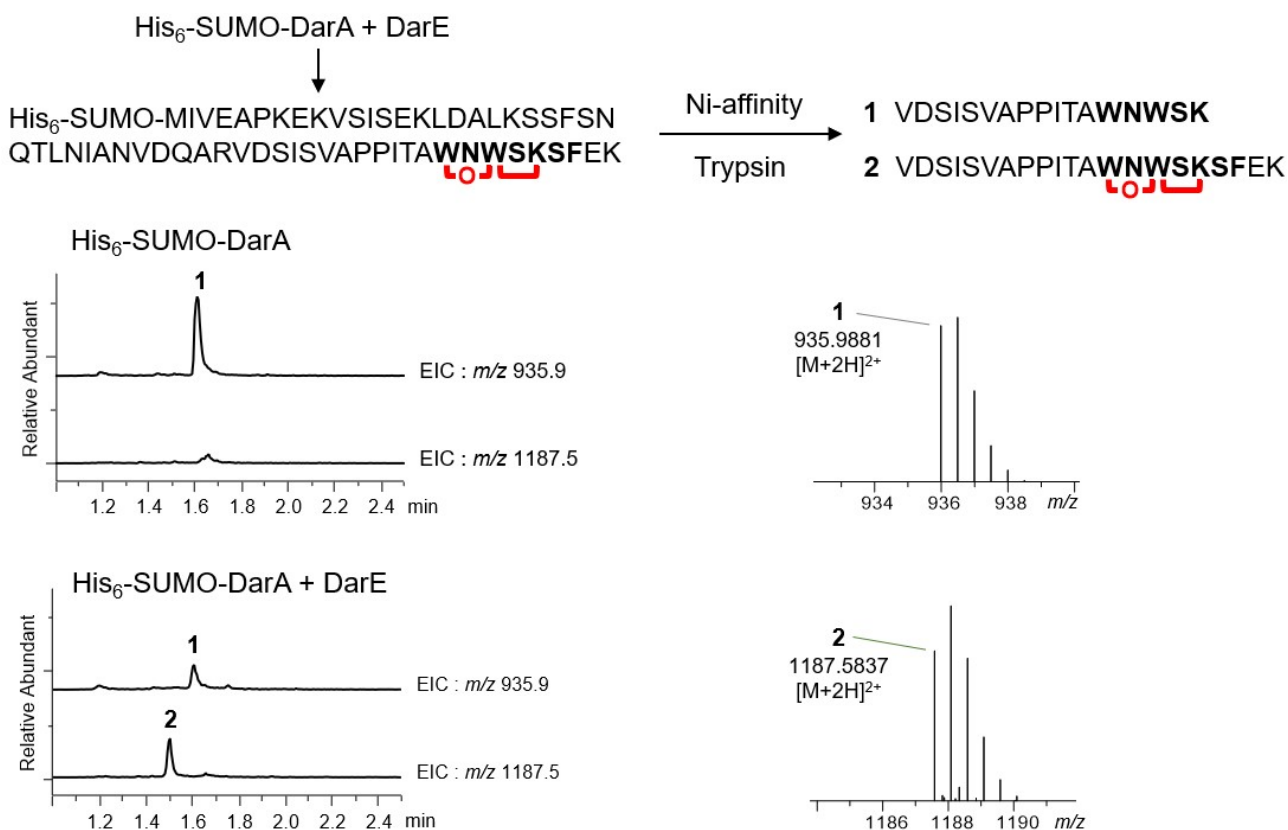
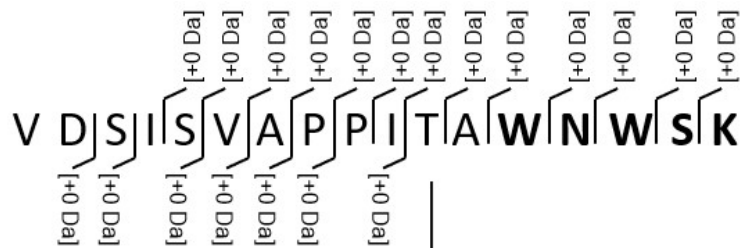


Figure S2. *In vivo* coexpression of His₆-SUMO-DarA + DarE followed by Ni-affinity purification and trypsin digestion yielded fragments **1** and **2**. The EIC chromatogram and MS spectrum of fragments **1** and **2**. Core peptides are shown as bold letters. Cross-link formation on the peptide sequences is shown as red connectors.

Ion	Fragment	Calc.	Obs.	error (ppm)
b2	VD	215.1032	215.1032	0.0930
b3	VDS	302.1352	302.1324	-9.3005
b4	VDSI	415.2193	415.2187	-1.3728
b5	VDSIS	502.2513	502.2486	-5.3758
b6	VDSISV	601.3197	601.3179	-3.0267
b7	VDSISVA	672.3568	672.3558	-1.5319
b8	VDSISVAP	769.4096	769.411	1.8326
b10	VDSISVAPPI	979.5464	979.542	-4.5123
y1		K 147.11335	147.1132	-1.0196
y2		SK 234.14538	234.1445	-3.7583
y3		WSK 420.22469	420.2233	-3.3078
y4		NWSK 534.26762	534.2685	1.6471
y5		WNWSK 720.34693	720.3464	-0.7358
y6		AWNWSK 791.38405	791.3864	2.9695
y7		TAWNWSK 892.43173	892.4323	0.6387
y8		ITAWNWSK 1005.51579	1005.5212	5.3803
y9		PITAWNWSK 1102.56855	1102.564	-4.1267
y10		PPITAWNWSK 1199.62132	1199.6208	-0.4335
y11		APPITAWNWSK 1270.65843	1270.6565	-1.5189
y12		VAPPITAWNWSK 1369.72685	1369.7305	2.6648
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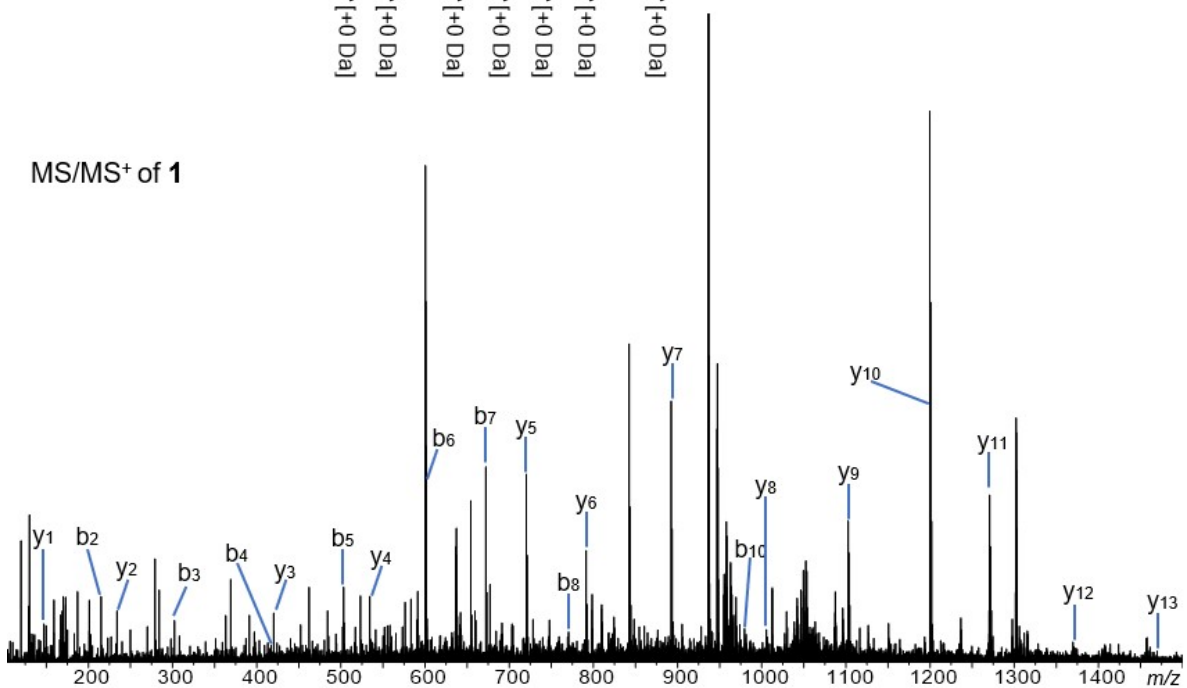


Figure S3. The MS/MS spectrum of fragment 1.

Ion	Fragment	Calc.	Obs.	error (ppm)
b2	VD	215.10318	215.1021	-5.0208
b3	VDS	302.13521	302.134	-4.0048
b5	VDSIS	502.2513	502.2457	-11.1498
b6	VDSISV	601.31972	601.3139	-9.6787
b7	VDSISVA	672.35683	672.3551	-2.5730
b8	VDSISVAP	769.40959	769.4064	-4.1460
b10	VDSISVAPPI	979.54642	979.5195	-27.4821
b12	VDSISVAPPITA	1151.63121	1151.6218	-8.1710
y1	K	147.11335	147.1128	-3.7386
y2	EK	276.15595	276.1356	-73.6902
y3	FEK	423.22436	423.2187	-13.3735
y4	SFEK	510.25639	510.2535	-5.6638
y9	WNWSKSFEK [+12 Da]	1223.54855	1223.5455	-2.4927
y10	AWNWSKSFEK [+12 Da]	1294.58566	1294.5792	-4.9900
y11	TAWNWSKSFEK [+12 Da]	1395.63334	1395.6321	-0.8885
y12	ITAWNWSKSFEK [+12 Da]	1508.7174	1508.7268	6.2305
y13	PITAWNWSKSFEK [+12 Da]	1605.77017	1605.7687	-0.9154
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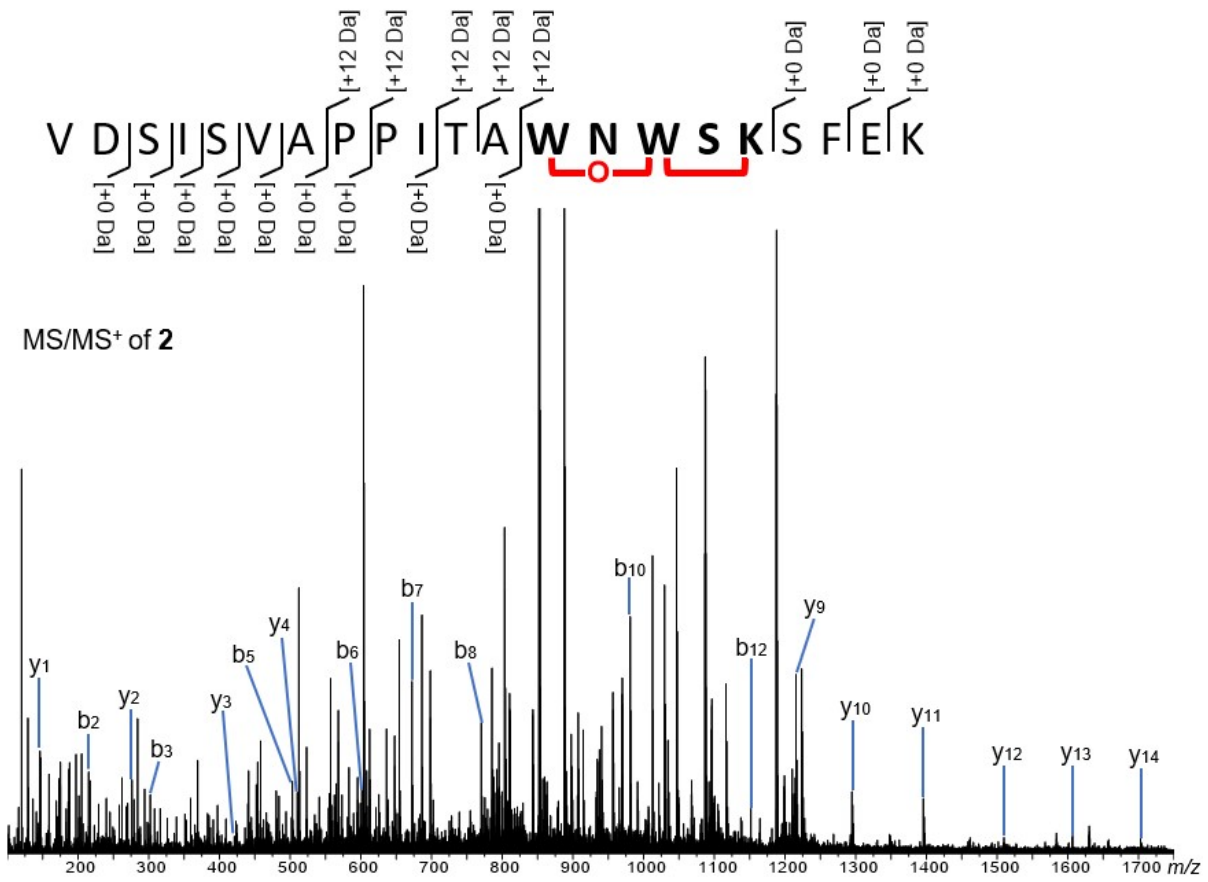


Figure S4. The MS/MS spectrum of fragment 2.

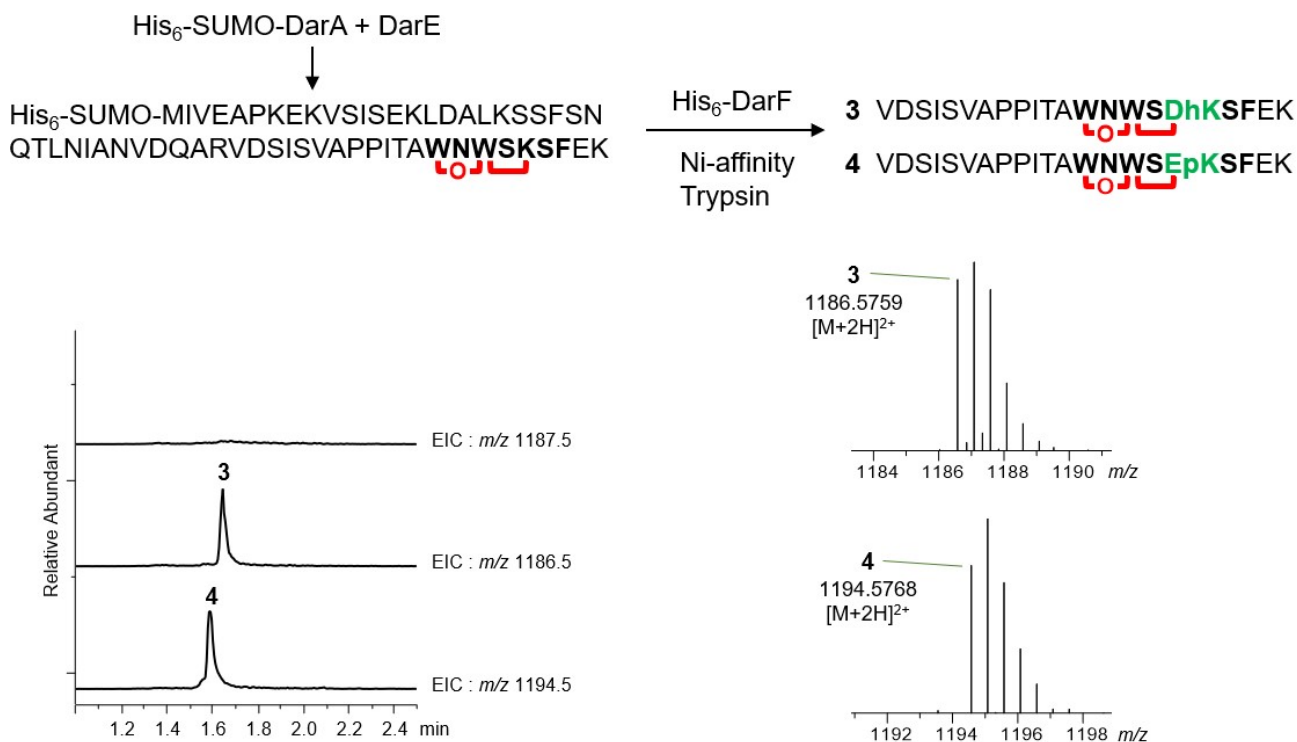


Figure S5. *In vitro* assay of His₆-DarF + modified full-length His₆-SUMO-DarA. The EIC chromatogram and MS spectra of fragments **3** and **4**. Core peptides are shown as bold letters. Cross-link and DarF transformation on the peptide sequences is shown as red connectors and green colored letters, respectively.

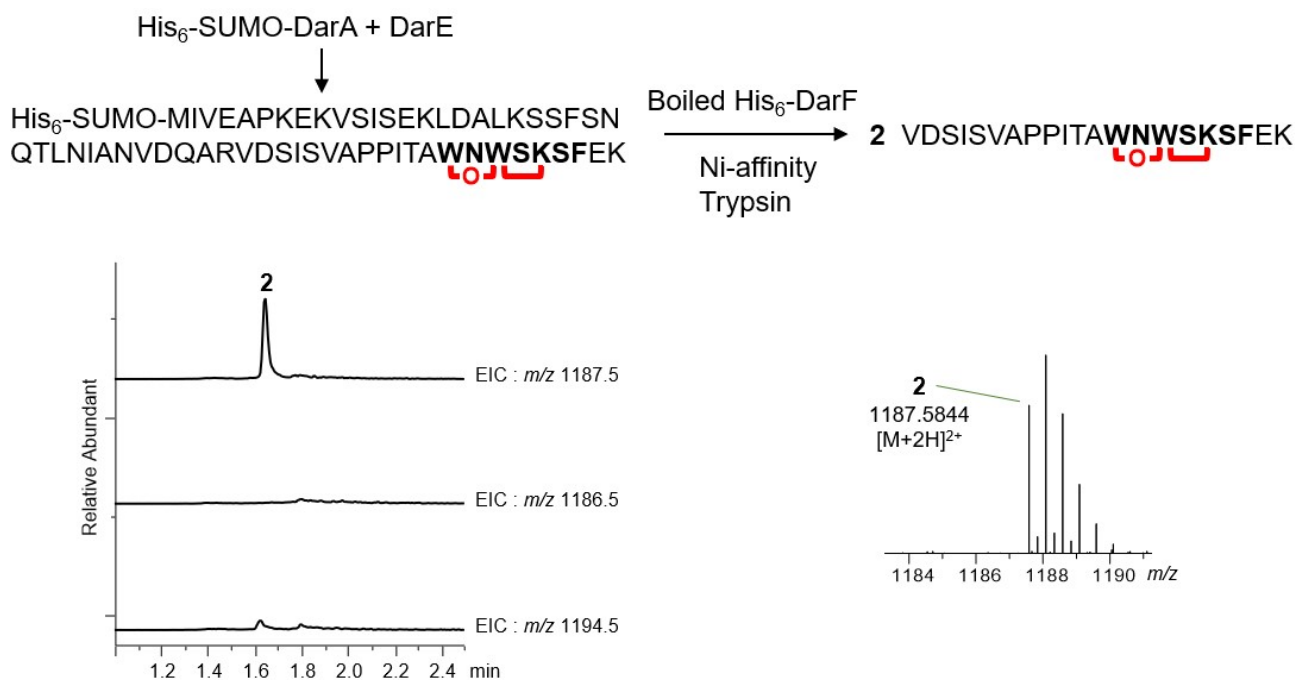


Figure S6. *In vitro* assay of boiled His₆-DarF + modified full-length His₆-SUMO-DarA. The EIC chromatogram and MS spectrum of fragment **2**. Core peptides are shown as bold letters. Cross-link on the peptide sequences is shown as red connectors.

Ion	Fragment	Calc.	Obs.	error (ppm)
b2	VD	215.10318	215.1034	1.0228
b3	VDS	302.13521	302.1339	-4.3358
b4	VDSI	415.21927	415.2143	-11.9696
b5	VDSIS	502.2513	502.25	-2.5883
b6	VDSISV	601.31972	601.3207	1.6297
b7	VDSISVA	672.35683	672.3567	-0.1933
b8	VDSISVAP	769.40959	769.4053	-5.5757
b10	VDSISVAPPI	979.54642	979.4728	-75.1572
b11	VDSISVAPPIT	1080.5941	1080.5873	-6.2928
b12	VDSISVAPPITA	1151.63121	1151.6309	-0.2692
y1	K	147.11335	147.1133	-0.3399
y2	EK	276.15595	276.1526	-12.1308
y3	FEK	423.22436	423.2207	-8.6479
y4	SFEK	510.25639	510.2531	-6.4477
y9	WNWSDhKSFEK [+10 Da]	1221.5329	1221.5342	1.0642
y10	AWNWSDhKSFEK [+10 Da]	1292.57001	1292.5802	7.8835
y11	TAWNWSDhKSFEK [+10 Da]	1393.61769	1393.6113	-4.5852
y13	PITAWNWSDhKSFEK [+10 Da]	1603.75452	1603.8048	31.3514
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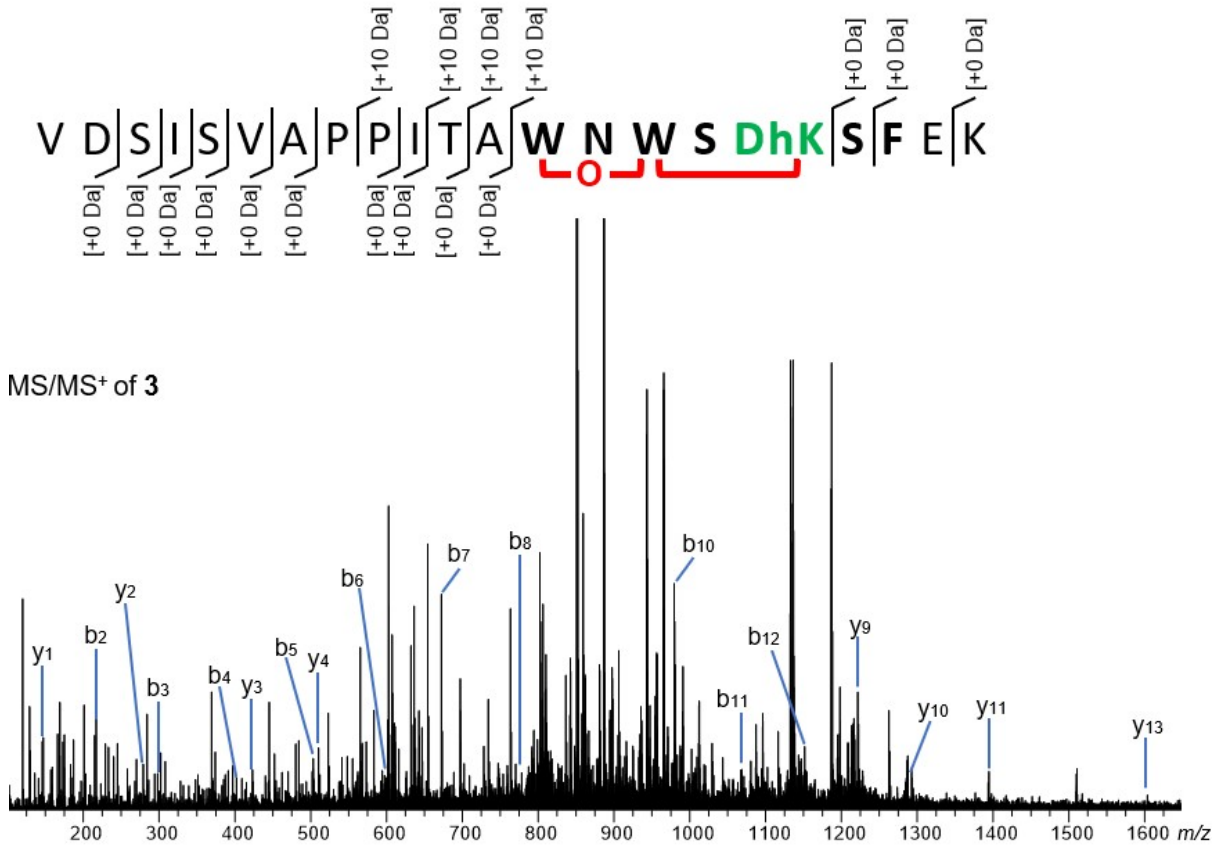


Figure S7. The MS/MS spectrum of fragment 3.

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b3	VDS	302.13521	302.1343	-3.0119
b4	VDSI	415.21927	415.2205	2.9623
b6	VDSISV	601.31972	601.313	-11.1754
b7	VDSISVA	672.35683	672.3544	-3.6142
b12	VDSISVAPPITA	1151.63121	1151.629	-1.9190
y1	K	147.11335	147.1123	-7.1374
y3	FEK	423.22436	423.2231	-2.9771
y4	SFEK	510.25639	510.2597	6.4869
y9	WNWSEpKSF EK [+26 Da]	1237.52781	1237.5317	3.1434
y10	AWNWSEpKSF EK [+26 Da]	1308.56493	1308.5665	1.1998
y11	TAWNWSEpKSF EK [+26 Da]	1409.6126	1409.6077	-3.4761
y13	PITAWNWSEpKSF EK [+26 Da]	1619.74943	1619.7322	-10.6374
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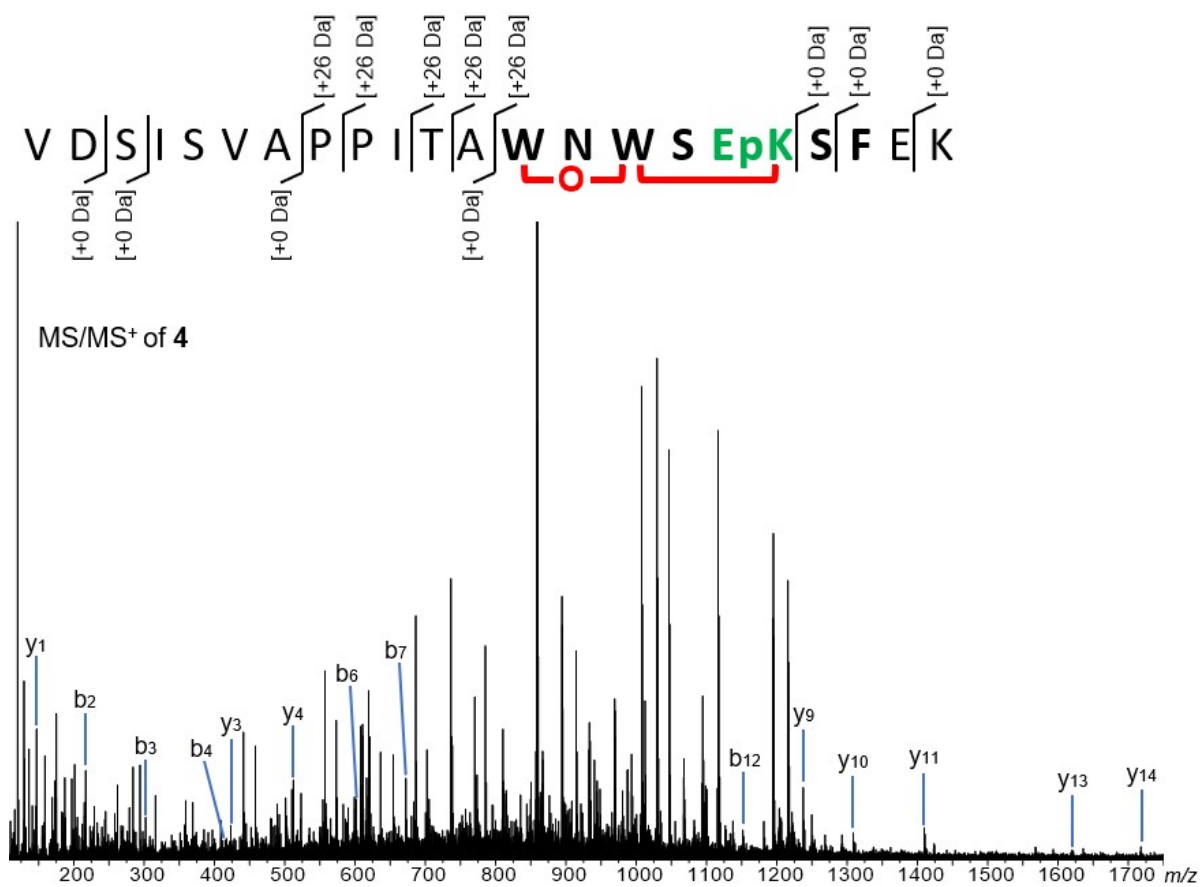


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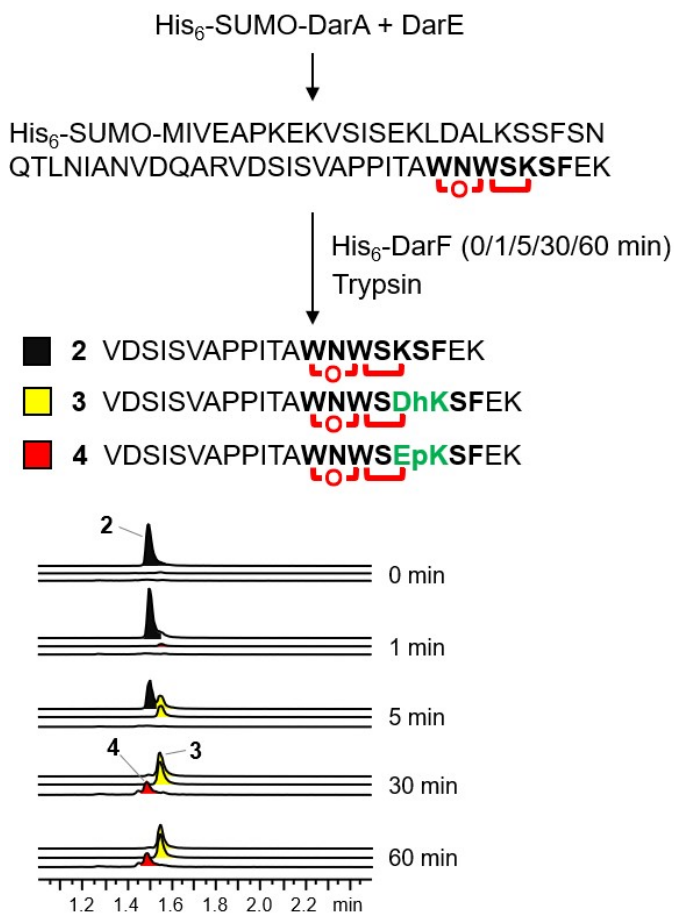


Figure S9. Time-course *in vitro* assay of His₆-DarF. Core peptides are shown as bold letters. Cross-link and DarF transformation on the peptide sequences is shown as red connectors and green colored letters, respectively. EIC of peptide fragments **2** (m/z 1187.5), **3** (m/z 1186.5) and **4** (m/z 1194.5) are indicated in first, second and third lines in the chromatogram. EIC of peaks **2**, **3** and **4** are colored as black, yellow and red.

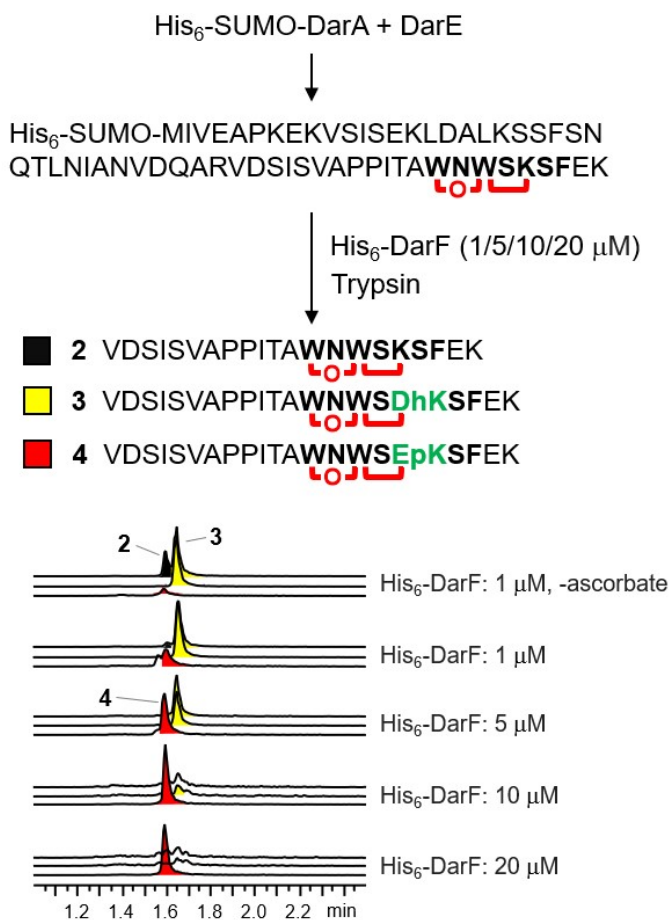


Figure S10. Enzyme concentration-dependent *in vitro* assay of His₆-DarF. Experiment without addition of ascorbate resulted an incomplete conversion of **2** to **3/4**. Core peptides are shown as bold letters. Cross-link and DarF transformation on the peptide sequences is shown as red connectors and green colored letters, respectively. EIC of peptide fragments **2** (*m/z* 1187.5), **3** (*m/z* 1186.5) and **4** (*m/z* 1194.5) are indicated in first, second and third lines in the chromatogram. EIC of peaks **2**, **3** and **4** are colored as black, yellow and red.

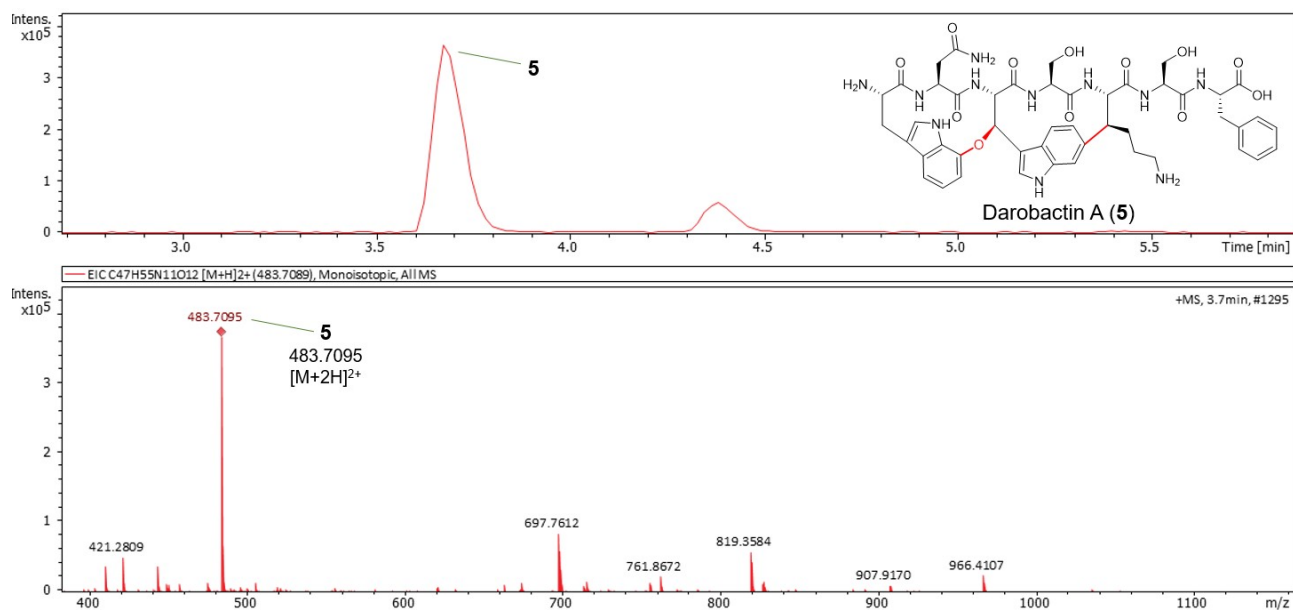


Figure S11. The EIC chromatogram and MS spectrum of darobactin A (**5**) from chemical extraction of *Pseudoalteromonas luteoviolacea* H33. HR-MS m/z $[M+2H]^2$ calculated for $C_{47}H_{55}N_{11}O_{12}$ 483.7089; observed 483.7085; error in ppm -0.83.

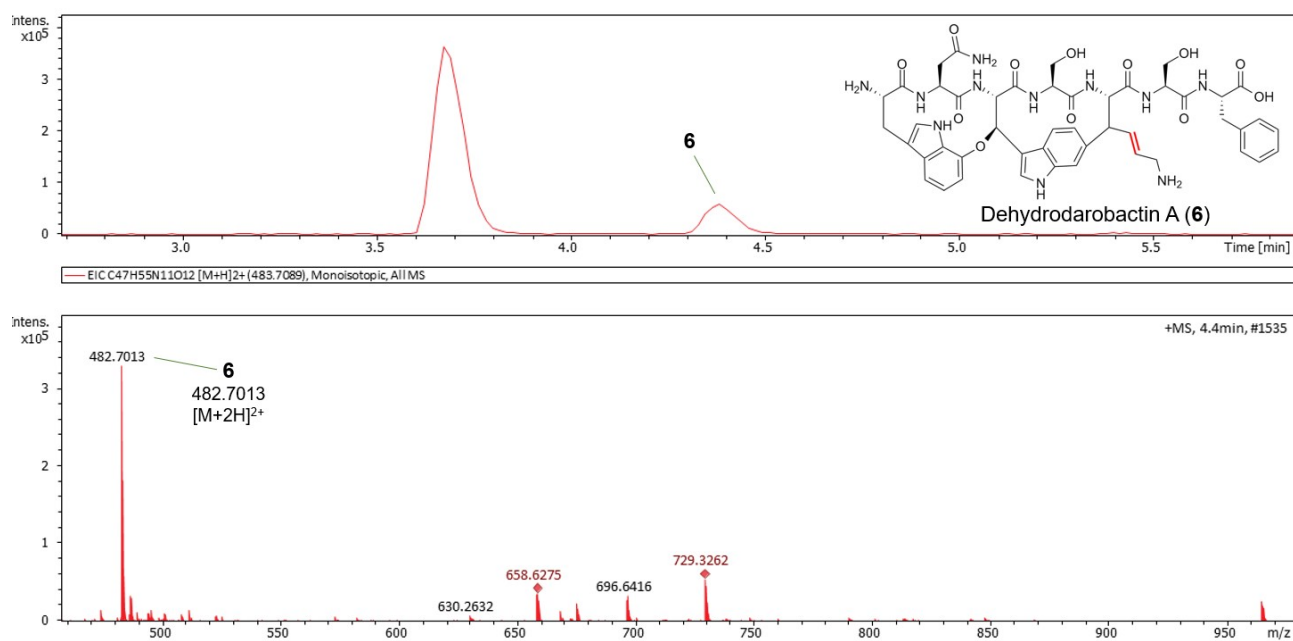


Figure S12. The EIC chromatogram and MS spectrum of dehydrodarobactin A (**6**) from chemical extraction of *Pseudoalteromonas luteoviolacea* H33. HR-MS m/z $[M+2H]^2$ calculated for $C_{47}H_{53}N_{11}O_{12}$ 483.7010; observed 482.7013; error in ppm 0.62.

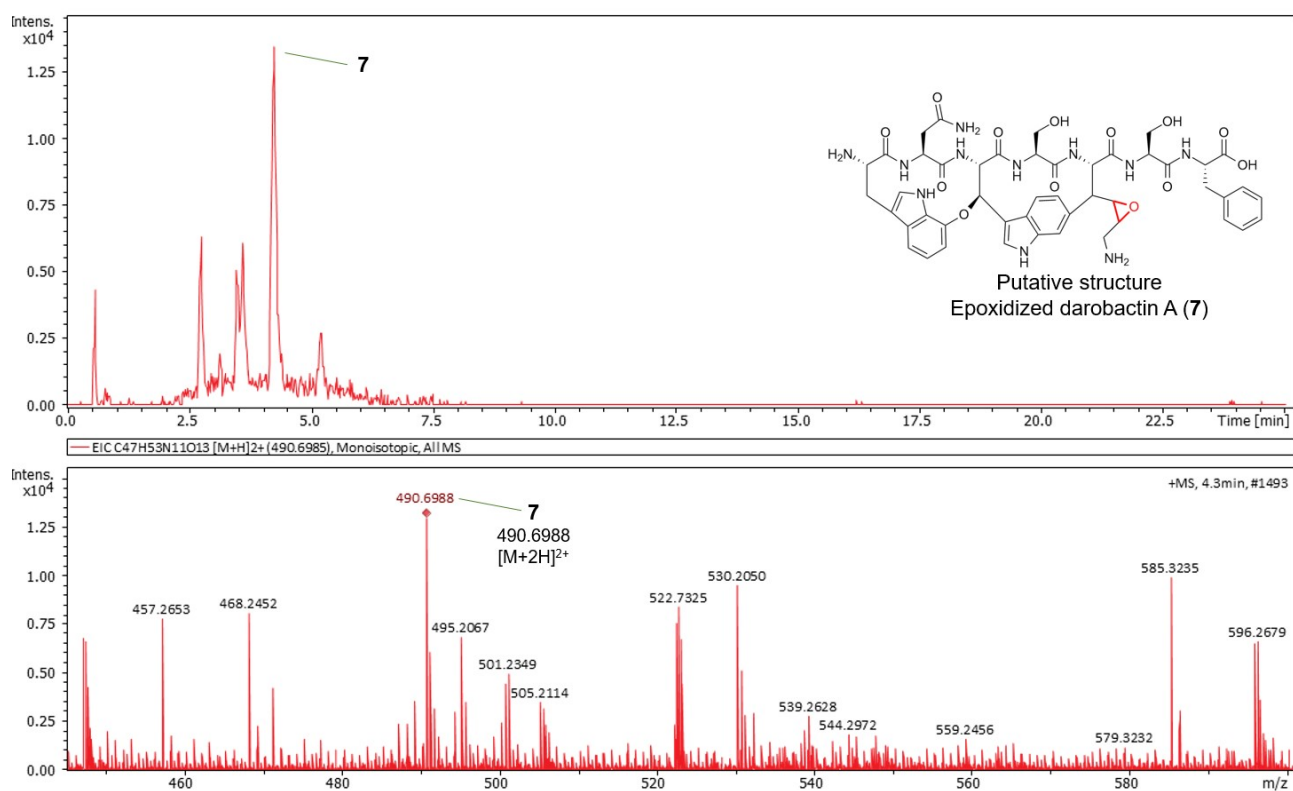


Figure S13. The EIC chromatogram and MS spectrum of epoxidized darobactin A (**7**) from chemical extraction of *Pseudoalteromonas luteoviolacea* H33. HR-MS m/z [M+2H]²⁺ calculated for C₄₇H₅₃N₁₁O₁₃ 490.6985; observed 490.6988; error in ppm 0.61.

No:	Chain	Z	rmsd	lali	nres	%id	PDB	Description
1:	8s5f-A	23.3	3.5	292	342	13		MOLECULE: CHLH FROM CHLOROGLOEOPSIS SP.;
2:	5xbn-A	7.3	3.3	111	128	12		MOLECULE: WSS1P;
3:	4l7a-A	6.3	4.9	151	261	10		MOLECULE: UNCHARACTERIZED PROTEIN;
4:	5n0c-A	6.2	3.7	150	1293	13		MOLECULE: TETANUS TOXIN;
5:	9b6m-A	6.1	4.4	147	390	11		MOLECULE: PG1 LIGHT CHAIN;
6:	3e11-A	5.8	2.4	82	114	15		MOLECULE: PREDICTED ZINCIN-LIKE METALLOPROTEASE;
7:	8qft-A	5.8	3.8	153	1174	8		MOLECULE: NON-TOXIC NON-HEMAGGLUTININ PROTEIN X;
8:	1z1w-A	5.7	5.5	132	780	4		MOLECULE: TRICORN PROTEASE INTERACTING FACTOR F3;
9:	6mzc-B	5.5	4.2	159	968	6		MOLECULE: TRANSCRIPTION INITIATION FACTOR TFIID SUBUNIT 2;
10:	7v9o-A	5.4	4.2	155	860	12		MOLECULE: ALANINE AMINOPEPTIDASE;
11:	8d2j-B	5.3	3.9	115	483	8		MOLECULE: IPD113_COW;
12:	4fgm-A	5.3	4.1	156	587	10		MOLECULE: AMINOPEPTIDASE N FAMILY PROTEIN;
13:	7y7o-A	5.3	3.3	107	147	9		MOLECULE: ENDORIBONUCLEASE YBEY;
14:	7pfs-A	5.2	4.2	156	916	10		MOLECULE: ENDOPLASMIC RETICULUM AMINOPEPTIDASE 2;
15:	2h1n-A	5.2	4.5	148	566	10		MOLECULE: OLIGOENDOPEPTIDASE F;
16:	6ggo-A	5.2	4.0	131	199	9		MOLECULE: BACTERIOPHAGE VIRULENCE DETERMINANT;
17:	1vct-A	5.2	2.6	71	193	6		MOLECULE: HYPOTHETICAL PROTEIN PH0236;
18:	7c79-L	5.2	3.1	85	131	6		MOLECULE: RIBONUCLEASE MRP RNA SUBUNIT NME1;
19:	1sum-B	5.1	3.0	71	224	8		MOLECULE: PHOSPHATE TRANSPORT SYSTEM PROTEIN PHOU HOMOLOG 2
20:	8c8g-A	5.0	4.6	158	1335	16		MOLECULE: PUTATIVE BOTULINUM-LIKE TOXIN WO;

Figure S14. Top 20 DALI¹² hits of DarF structure predicted by AlphaFold3.¹³ The output results indicate that the HExxH enzyme ChIH (PDB: 8S5F)⁸ is structurally most similar to DarF, as shown in red bracket.

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DarF  MNTLTNELPKCLEFNNDNFADIFSQCKIDLLVDIFKREILSHKELSELFDKLSNTFSEELYHFFKLPKLMKYIFTSRGK
MscH  DGMEAL TALDRSAPESVARIAAHPYVRAMAYDCL--AGSGTGARQGPDYLSALAYAAALDAGTPVRLDYPYRSG
SjiH  EAMEVATLDEARPEALDQALAHPTFRSMALDCL--REANRPAERFGGVAELAAASAALFAGRREKLTLPYRDG
ChlH  IEKQQLNRQTKGIAFIDIAAFESPLTSSASIQQ--LE-HWAADARKEFEKALMAYLEKEPGKRDIINQFQTCP

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DarF  DNYIDNIKALFLNELKYAELDNHAISNSALIEQPQLIWNLRSDIAYNPLTQKAYKNWYQHKETGIIIDYFSDLARGEQRD
MscH  RLHLPTVGTVLLPEVGDGAARVETGPGSLRYAGDVTVAIR-PGTPGDAPRWHPTRVLA----APDVSVLLEDGDPHRDC
SjiH  G-ELRLPGHGVLSEVGGASVYVYTERGRFTVETPDEHIEVL-LGRGYS DARWHPYHRRSGGQASAWELQLDDTDPQRRR
ChlH  PEILNKL--VLRPSVYLWTTVMLQASNGITIHSDIGELIAP-DI NYLEELAESL KSPNEGYPYINRDDLMRLPFGQRIL

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DarF  IPMGDTG-ISQCLIDNTAPKYVTSRIDYIQSVSPACFNVLKASTYSTVYRFDTTKNIFNCASTNICNGLVVLINPHLNEYS
MscH  HRLPAGDRLDDAGAAARWAETFAAAWQYIRDEVPG----HAEELR-AGLRAYVPLRRSGAGVSEASTARQAFGGVAATE
SjiH  HHWDPADPMAEAEADAWQTELAEMQLIDETLPG----YAPGLR-AGLRTIYPLRPATDGTYYSGAARDVFGTYGIRPG
ChlH  FESDEVGNIGTTIYHESLKLIESWRPALLSEIIT----ISPETIQFIKDPTAHPDKVVSFSDNSYPGALYVSI RQGSRYID

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HExxH motif

PWRxxxRP motif

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DarF  VETL-ADAIVHEHTHNLFDIAELYEPCLP TKFHPQTIKSPHTGRLDPNTYIQACYTHYGLRNFHQKAYKHFNTE---NA
MscH  AGSL-AVLLVHEFQHSKMALLDIDC-LVDGTRPIDITVGRPDPPEAEVYLVGIYAAHAYADIRIRADRQVDG---A
SjiH  SAELMALLIHEFQHYKLGAYFDLED-LFDRSDARLFHAPWRKDLRPFEGLFQGTYAHIAVYEFWRSRSRATGEQ---QA
ChlH  QYDL-ADSLIHEHRHQKLYLLQRSIP-LIE-IDAPLVSPWRDLRPPSGLLHAIYVFTHLLEFWAYLSREGQQQIKYRA

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DarF  HKYLQQASKGFEQAEFYRIAKNSDEIINTKLITTLERLK
MscH  QAYYRRYRDWTAERIGALQRADALTPAGSRLVRQVARSMSGWPS
SjiH  RYEFYRWLDHTYRAIVEMAGSGTLTPRGERFVAAMRATVEPHLAETTEAERAEGGTRG
ChlH  KNQVETIRTRLLVAIPTLKRTH-LTTAGREHVEQLEELTTMGAIKY

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Figure S15. A sequence alignment generated using Multalin version 5.4.1.¹⁴ Conserved HExxH and PWRxxxRP motifs are shown in green brackets. Aligned α KG-dependent HExxH enzymes, MscH₄₂₉₋₇₆₈ (WP_013477425.1),⁸ SjiH₄₆₀₋₈₁₉ (WP_042453644.1),⁸ ChlH₃₇₆₋₇₂₂ (WP_016869186.1),⁸ and DarF (WP_063364329.1).² The C-terminal HExxH domains in MscBH, SjiBH and ChlBH are referred to as MscH, SjiH and ChlH, respectively.

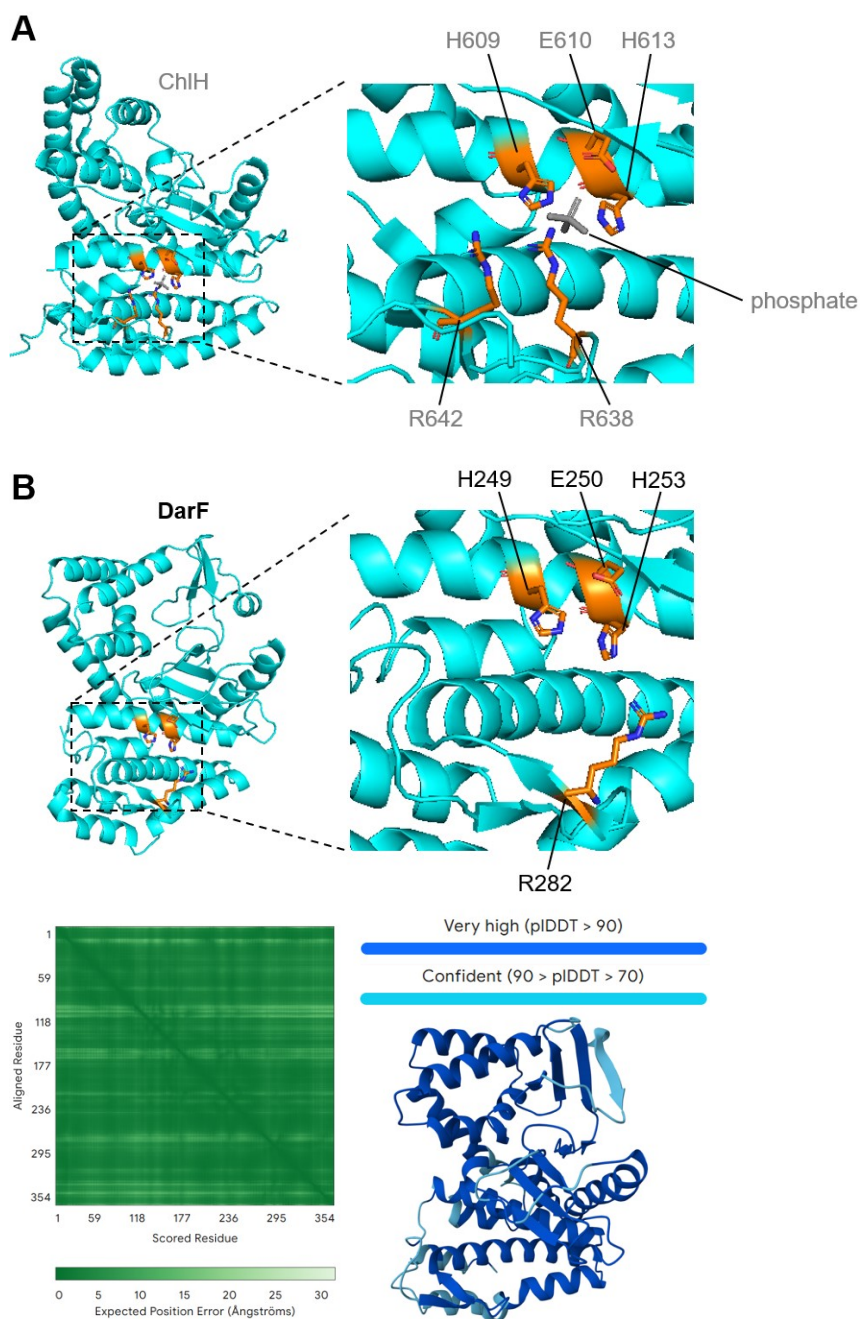


Figure S16. Overview of HExxH and PWRxxxRP motifs in α KG-dependent HExxH enzymes. (A) The crystal structure of N-terminal His₆ tag ChlH (PDB: 8S5F).⁸ (B) The predicted structure of DarF by AlphaFold3,¹³ and confidence measure of PAE for modeling.

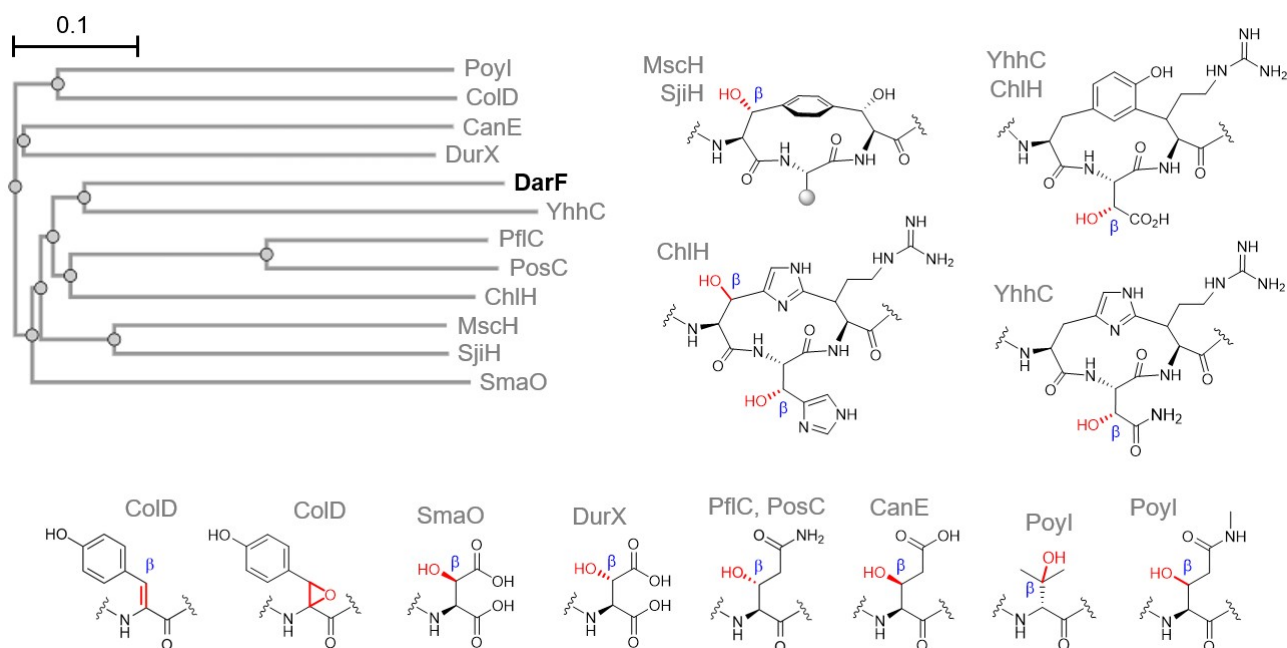


Figure S17. The reactions of RiPP α KG-dependent enzymes and their phylogenetic tree generated from Clustal Omega multisequence alignment of Poyl (AFS60645.1),³ DurX (WP_071962208.1),⁴ CanE (KUN61407.1),⁵ YhhC (WP_003708570.1),⁶ SmaO (WP_141401631.1),⁷ MscH₄₂₉₋₇₆₈ (WP_013477425.1),⁸ SjiH₄₆₀₋₈₁₉ (WP_042453644.1),⁸ ChlH₃₇₆₋₇₂₂ (WP_016869186.1),⁸ PflC (WP_192559974.1),⁹ PosC (WP_060837885.1),⁹ ColD (WP_033308454.1),¹⁰ and DarF (WP_063364329.1).² Known enzymes and DarF (this study) are shown as grey and bold black colored letters, respectively. The enzymatic reactions in the structures are shown as red colored bonds.

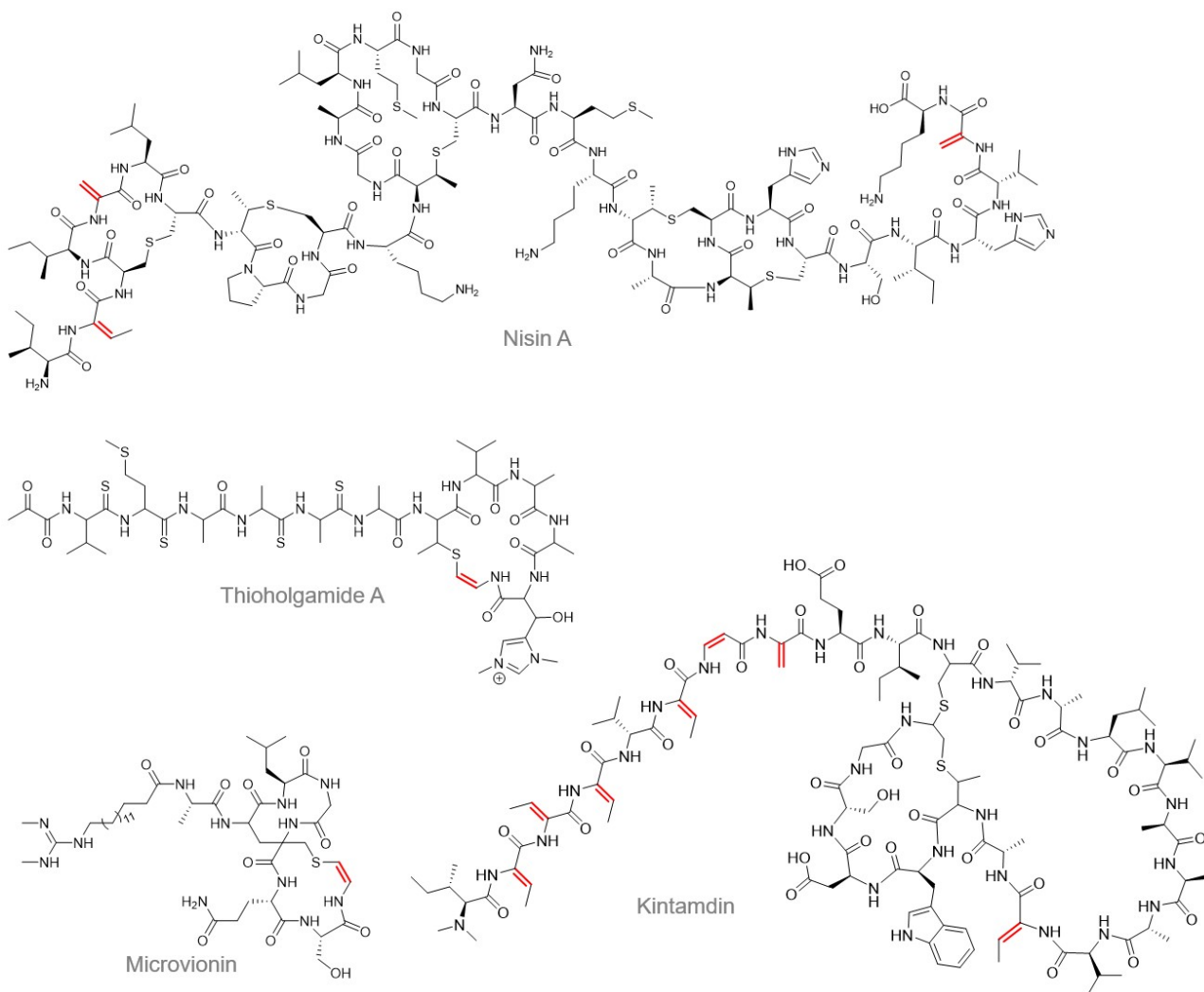


Figure S18. Representative examples of lanthipeptides containing dehydroamino acids such as nisin A,¹⁵ thiolgamide A,¹⁶ microvionin¹⁷ and kintamdin.¹⁸ Desaturated formation on the structure is shown as red bonds.

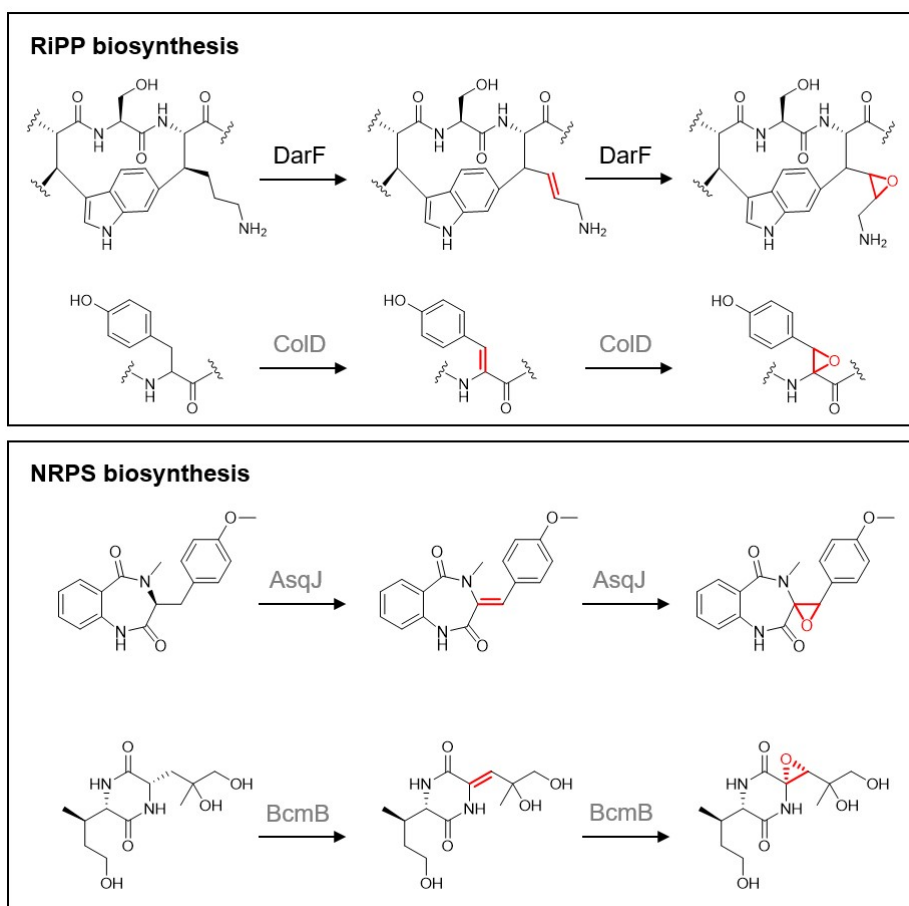


Figure S19. Overview of α KG-dependent enzymes catalyzed dehydrogenation and epoxidation in RiPP and non-ribosomal peptide synthetase (NRPS) biosynthesis. DarF from the darobactin biosynthesis in bacterial RiPP. CoID from the collinodin biosynthesis in bacterial RiPP.¹⁰ AsqJ from the viridicatin biosynthesis in fungal NRPS.¹⁹ BcmB from the bicyclomycin biosynthesis in bacterial NRPS.²⁰ Desaturated and epoxide formation on the structure is shown as red bonds. Known enzymes and DarF (this study) are shown as grey and bold black colored letters, respectively.

Table S1. Gene sequences used in this study.

Gene	Vector (Restriction Sites)	Insert Sequence ^b
DarA WP_15573178 5.1	pET28a(+) NcoI(-G)/XhoI	ggcagcagccatcatcaccaccatcacgggtccctgcaggactcagaagtcaa tcaagaagctaagccagaggtcaagccagaagtcaagcctgagactcacatc aattaaagggtgccgatggatcttcagagatcttctcaagatcaaaaagaccact ccttaagaaggctgatggaagcgttcgctaaaagacagggttaaggaaatgga ctcctaacgttctgtacgacggtattgaaattcaagctgatcagaccctgaaga ttggacatggaggataacgatattattgaggctcaccgccaacagattggaggt ATTGTTGAAGCGCCAAAAGAAAAGGTCTCCATCTCCGA AAAGTTGGACGCACTGAAGTCGTCTCTCTAACCAA CCTAAATATTGCAATGTGGACCAAGCGCGCTTGAC TCCATATCCGTGGCTCCACCCATTACAGCATGGAAGT GTCCAAATCTTTCGAGAAATAAGAATTCCGAGTTCTGGT TCGTCCGAGCGGAGCCGCAGATTGAGACCAACTGGTG ACAAGACTTCTCCTGAATACATTCTTCTGCCTAGTAGC GGGTGATAATGGTTACTTCCCGCCGGAGTAGAA
DarE WP_06336433 3.1	pCDFDuet-1 NdeI_XhoI	CTGGGCGATATTAGCGTCAAAGTGATTGAGGAGCCGG TTAATCCTGTAAACCAACTCGAATTGACTGACTACCAGT ACTCTCGTCTGGCTTCGCAACTTATAGGCGAGATCCCA GACAGTGACATGTTGGACGAAGAGGAGCTCGCCCTCT TTCGACGGGAGAAGGACGCCTACTTCGAGGCCAAACC CCTGAACGCGAGCAAGGTCGTGGTTGTGTTGAAAGCTA CGAGACTGTGCAACTTACGCTGTACATACTGCCACTCT TGGGCCGAGGGCCCAAACCAAACACTGTAAAATTCGAGAA CCTGATTTCCATTGTCAAGCGTATTCTGGCCATCCCGA ATGTAAGTCGGGTTGAATTCGTTTGGCACGGCGGTGAA GTGACATTATTACGCCCTGCCTTCTTCAAGAACTTATC TGGCTGCAAGAGCAATTCAAGCGTAAGGATCACTTCAT CACCAATACGATGCAATCCAATGCGGTGAACATCTCCA AGGAGTGGCTTACATTTCTGCAGGGTATTGGTATGGCC GTCGGCATTTCGTTTCGATGGCGTTCCAGAAATCAACGA TACACGTCGCCTTGACGTTAGAGGGCGACCGACATCCT TAAAGGTAGCAGAGGGCATCAAACGTCTGCAAGAATAC GGTATACCCTATGGCGCTTTAATCGTCGTAGATCGGGA CGTCTACAATGTATCACCGGAGAGACTGTTGAGTTATC TCGCTAGCATCGAACTCAATGACATCGAGTTCTTAAACA TCGTACCAGATAACCGCGCGCAACCCGGCGATGACAT CGGAGATGCCTACATTAGTTACAAAGAATATATAGAGTT CCTCAGCCGTGTTTATACTGTGTGGCATGCCAGTACC GCGGGATAATACAAATACGCATGTTTGAGAACTTCATG GACGTTCTGGCGGATCGGAGTAAGCAATTGTCCGCTTG CTATTGGGCTGGCAATTGTAGTCAAGAAATTATAACCAT TGAGCCGAACGGCGATGTGAGCCCATGTGACAAGTAT GTAGGTGATATAGGATCAATCTATGGATCTTTGCTTGAT TCGGATCTGGCTACCCTGCTGGCTGACTCGAAGCATAA CCAAACATCTGTCTTAGAGGAAGTCGAGAGTCACTCTC GCATGCACGAGTGTAAGTGGTTCTCTATTTGCAACGGT GGATGTCTCACGACCGGGTATCAACGCTCGCCACG TTGAGGATTATGACGACAAGTGTGCGGTACTGGAAAG CTTTTGAAAGTCATTGAAGAGAGTATTTGA
DarF	pET28a(+)	AACACGTTAACGAACGAGCTCCCGAAGTGTTTAGAGTT

WP_06336432 9.1	NdeI_XhoI	CAACTCAGACAACCTTTGCGGATATCTTTTCTCAATGTAA GATTGACCTGCTCGTGGACATCTTCAAACGCGAGATCC TGTACACAAGGAGTTGTCAGAGTTGTTTCGATAAGTTG TCAAACACATTCTCATCAGAAGAGCTGTATCATTTCTTT AAGTTGCCGAAGTTGTGGAAGGTTATATTTACCAGCCG CGGAAAAGATAATTATATCGATAACATTAAGGCTCTTTT CTTGAACGAGCTGAAGGTAGCGGAACTCGATAACCAC GCCATTTCCAACCTCCGCGTTGATAGAGCAACCTCAGCT GATATGGAATCTCCGTTTCCAGACATCGCGTATAACCCAC TGACGCAAAGGCTTACAAGAACAATTACCAACACAAG GAGACGGGTATTATCATCGACTACTTTTCTGACCTTGCA CGCGGTGAACAGCGGGATATCCCGTGGGGTGACACAG GAATTTCCCAATGCCTGATCGACAACACGGCCCCGAAG GTAACCTCTGCAATTGATTACATACAAAGTGTATCACCG GCATGTTTCAATGTACTTAAAGCGAGTATTTACAGCATC GTGGTCCGCTTCGATAACAACGAAGAACATCTTCAACTG CGCATCTACGAACATATGCAATGGTTTAGTGGTATTAAT TAATCCTCACTTAAACGAGGTGTCTGTGCGAAACACTTG CCGATGCGATCGTCCATGAGATGACACACAACCTTTTC GATATAGCAGAACTCTACGAACCATGCCTGCCAACGAA GTTCCATCCACAAACAATCAAGTCTCCGTGGACTGGAC GCATGCTGGACCCTAACACTTACATTCAGGCCTGTTAT ACATGGTATGGGCTCCGCAACTTCTGGCAAAGGCATA CAAGCACTTCAATACTGAGAACGCGCATAAGTACTTGC AGCAGGCGTCTAAGGGCTTCGAGCAGGCAGAGTTCGT AAGAATCGCTAAGAATAGTGATGAAATTATTAATACCAA GTTGATTACAACCTTGGAGAGATTAATGA
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^aCodons were optimized for heterologous expression in *E. coli*. ^bHis₆-SUMO tag sequence was described in blue colored letters.

Table S2. Amino acid sequence of protein/peptide used in this study.

Protein	sequence
DarE	MLGDISVKVIEEPVNPVNQLELTDYQYSRLASQLIGEIPDSDMLDEEELALFRR EKDAYFEAKPLNASKVVVVLKATRLCNLRCTYCHSWAEGPNQTVKFENLISIVK RILAI PNVS RVEFVWHGGEVTL LRPAFFK KLIWLQE QFKRKHDFITNTMQSNAV NISKEWLTFLQGIGMAVGISFDGVP EINDTRRLDVRGRPTSLKVAEGIKRLQEY GIPYGALIVVDRDVYNVSPERLLSYLASELNDIEFLNIVPDNRAQPGDDIGDAYI SYKEYIEFLSRVYTVWHAQYRGIIQIRMFENFMDVLADRSKQLSACYWAGNCS QEITIEPNGDVSPCDKYVGDIGSIYGSLLDSDLATLLADSKHNQTSVLEEVESH SRMHECKWFSICNGGGCPHDRVINARHVEDYDDKCCGTGKLLKVIEESI
DarF	MNLTNENLPKCLEFNSDNFADIFSQCKIDLLVDIFKREILSHKELSELDKLSNTF SSEELYHFFKLPKLWVKVIFTSRGKDNIDNIKALFLNELKVAELDNHAI NSALIE QPQLIWNLRSDIAYNPLTQKAYKNNYQHKETGIIIDYFSDLARGEQRDIPWGDT GISQCLIDNTAPKV TSAIDYIQSVSPACFNVLKASIYSIVRFDTTKNIFNCAS T NI CNGLVVLINPHLNEVSVETLADAI VHEMTHNLF DIAELYE PCLPTKFHPQTIKSP WTGRMLDPNTYIQACYTWYGLRNFVWQKAYKHFNTENAHKYLQQASKGFEQA EFVRIAKNSDEIINTKLITTLERLK
DarA	MIVEAPKEKVSISEKLDALKSSFSNQTLNIANVDQARVDSISVAPPITAWNWSKS FEK

Table S3. Strains used in this study.

Strains	Description
<i>E. coli</i> DarA	<i>E. coli</i> NiCo (DE3) harboring DarA-pET28a(+)
<i>E. coli</i> DarA + DarE	<i>E. coli</i> NiCo (DE3) harboring DarA-pET28a(+) and DarE-pCDFDuet-1
<i>E. coli</i> DarF	<i>E. coli</i> NiCo (DE3) harboring DarF-pET28a(+)
<i>Pseudoalteromonas luteoviolacea</i> H33 ^a	Wild-type strain. This strain was previously provided by Lone Gram ²¹ to Nils Böhringer and Till F. Schäberle.

^aWild-type strain, native producer of darobactin A, bromodarobactin A, dehydrobromodarobactin A, and dehydrodarobactin A, where their structures have been verified by NMR and HR-MS.²

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