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Multiple regulators control the biosynthesis of brasilicardin in Nocardia terpenica

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Fig. S1. Purification of recombinant proteins.

(A) Schematic depiction of protein domain organizations based on SMART and conserved domain (CD) searches (see Tab. S4). The SMART and Protein Family (PF) numbers of the identified protein domains are given. The DNA-binding domain has been indicated with blue and other domains according to the legend. (B) SDS-PAGE analysis of purified recombinant proteins. The His-tagged proteins were purified using metal affinity resins, HiTrap Talon[®] crude column (1 ml), or His-Select[®] Nickel Affinity Gel, as described in detail in the SI. The elution fractions were collected while the resins were washed with an increasing gradient of buffer B (2-50%) containing 500 mM imidazole. The arrows indicate bands representing the corresponding recombinant proteins together with their molecular weights. M: protein weight marker (#26610, Thermo Fisher Scientific).

Fig. S2. Preliminary identification of the KstR protein binding sites within the bcaAB01 fosmid.

EMSA. The fosmid was digested independently with four restriction enzymes (Acc65I, BamHI, EcoRI, and XhoI) and incubated in the presence of 100 and 1000 nM concentrations of KstR-His protein, followed by electrophoresis on an agarose gel. The DNA was visualized by soaking the gel in an ethidium bromide solution. The red and yellow rectangles indicate vanished and shifted bands, respectively. M: DNA molecular weight marker (#SM0323, Thermo Fisher Scientific).

The bottom panel represents a graphical representation of the brasilicardin biosynthetic gene cluster on the bcaAB01 fosmid and identified vanished and shifted DNA fragments (red and yellow bars, respectively). The numbers next to those bars show the nucleotide positions on bcaAB01. Numbers above the genes are NCBI accession numbers in "AWN90_RS..." format. The gene promoters selected for further analysis are indicated by a black vertical arrow.

Fig. S3. Preliminary identification of the SdpR protein binding sites within the bcaAB01 fosmid.

Electrophoretic mobility shift assay. The figure represents two experiments. In each of those, the fosmid was independently digested with a set of different restriction enzymes and incubated in the presence of increasing concentrations of SdpR-His protein (10 and 100 nM – experiment 1; 100 and 1000 nM – experiment 2). Incubation was followed by electrophoresis on an agarose gel, and DNA visualization was conducted by soaking the gel in ethidium bromide solution. The red and yellow rectangles on the gels indicate vanished and shifted bands, respectively. M1, M2, and M – DNA molecular weight markers (λ /PstI, # 3530-500, A&A Biotechnology; #SM0323, Thermo Fisher Scientific – experiment 1, and #SM0311, Thermo Fisher Scientific – experiment 2, respectively).

The bottom panel represents a graphical analysis of the results. The numbers next to those bars show the nucleotide positions on bcaAB01. Numbers above the genes are NCBI accession numbers in "AWN90_RS..." format. The gene promoters selected for further analysis are indicated by a black vertical arrow.

Fig. S4. Preliminary identification of the Bra12 protein binding sites within the bcaAB01 fosmid.

Electrophoretic mobility shift assay. The fosmid was independently digested with four restriction enzymes (Acc65I, BamHI, EcoRI, and XhoI) and incubated in the presence of 50 and 500 nM concentrations of Bra12-His protein, followed by electrophoresis in an agarose gel. The DNA was visualized by soaking the gel in an ethidium bromide solution. The red and yellow rectangles indicate vanished and shifted bands, respectively. M1, M2 – DNA molecular weight markers (#SM0311, Thermo Fisher Scientific; #SM1193, Thermo Fisher Scientific).

The bottom panel represents a graphical analysis of the results. The numbers next to those bars show the nucleotide positions on bcaAB01. Numbers above the genes are NCBI accession numbers in "AWN90_RS..." format. The gene promoters selected for further analysis are indicated by a black vertical arrow.

Fig. S5. Preliminary identification of the OmpR protein binding sites within the bcaAB01 fosmid.

Electrophoretic mobility shift assay. The fosmid was independently digested with four restriction enzymes (Acc65I, BamHI, EcoRI, and XhoI) and incubated in the presence of 100 and 750 nM concentrations of OmpR-His protein, followed by electrophoresis on an agarose gel. The DNA was visualized by soaking the gel in an ethidium bromide solution. The red and yellow rectangles indicate vanished and shifted bands, respectively. M1, M2: DNA molecular weight markers (λ /PstI, # 3530-500, A&A Biotechnology; #SM0311, Thermo Fisher Scientific; #SM1193, Thermo Fisher Scientific).

The bottom panel represents a graphical analysis of the results. Numbers above the genes are NCBI accession numbers in "AWN90_RS..." format.

Fig. S6. Supplementary identification of regulatory protein target promoters within the Bra-BGC.

(A) Electrophoretic mobility shift assays (EMSA). Recombinant proteins (KstR-His and SdpR-His) were incubated with preselected promoter regions (see Fig. S2-5) amplified by PCR. In the assays, constant amounts of unlabeled DNA and varying concentrations of proteins were used, as indicated. To confirm specific binding and compare binding to different DNA fragments, the reaction mixtures were spiked additionally with the DNA comprising the *33140* gene promoter region (negative control, NC) (KstR and SdpR panels) and other DNA fragments comprising promoters of the Bra-BGC (only SdpR panel). Vertical black bars indicate protein-DNA complexes and black and gray arrows indicate unbound DNA fragments. The DNA fragments and corresponding protein-DNA complexes are color-coded. (B) Graphical depiction of DNA fragments used in shift assays. The corresponding primers are listed in Tab. S2.

Fig. S7. Detailed analysis of SdpR binding within promoter regions.

Electrophoretic mobility shift assay (EMSA). The identification of SdpR binding sites within the *sdpR*, *bra0-1*, and *bra12* promoter regions was shown in panels **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**, respectively. The recombinant SdpR-His protein was incubated with the subsets of PCR-amplified DNA fragments (primer list in Tab. S2). In the assays, constant amounts of unlabeled DNA and varying concentrations of the protein were used, as indicated. The *33140* gene promoter region (33410p) and sdpRp_4-1 fragments served as negative controls. Vertical black bars indicate protein-DNA complexes and black and gray arrows indicate unbound DNA fragments. All panels contain a graphical depiction of the results. In these drawings, the green '+' symbols indicate the interactions of SdpR-His with the corresponding DNA fragments, and the red '-' symbols represent the opposite observations, respectively. The regions used for *in silico* identification of binding sequences are marked with orange.

Fig. S8. Transcription Start Sites (TSSs) in selected promoter regions within the Bra-BGC.

RNA-seq. The TSSs are marked with bald lowercase letters and bent arrows. The first or the last twenty nucleotides of the gene sequences surrounding promoter regions are underlined; stop and start codons of corresponding genes are highlighted in red and green color, respectively. For original data, see Table S6.

Fig. S9. Impact of the SdpR regulator on promoter activities.

Luciferase assays. To study the impact of SdpR overexpression, the measurements were conducted using *S. coelicolor* M1154 heterologous strains harboring *bra12p* and *sdpRp* gene promoters delivered onto pFLUX integrative plasmids, and replicating the pUWL201 plasmid overexpressing SdpR (+sdpR); the strains containing an empty pUWL201 plasmid served as the controls (pUWL). The impact of *sdpR* gene deletion was shown using a strain carrying the pFLUX plasmid with *sdpRp*, and the bcaAB01_dsdpR fosmid (bottom panel). The luminescence readings were normalized against the OD₆₀₀ of the corresponding cultures grown on a solid DNA medium for 11 days.

Fig. S10. Simultaneous binding of Bra12 and SdpR to the bra0-1 intergenic region.

(A) Electrophoretic mobility shift assays (EMSA). (left) The recombinant proteins (Bra12-His and SdpR-His) were incubated with the *bra0-1* intergenic region (³²P-radiolabeled bra0-1p_5-6 fragment). A constant amount of DNA (~ 5 mol) and the concentration of Bra12-His protein (blue bar) were used, and the SdpR-His protein was added at increasing concentrations (orange triangles), as indicated. Black vertical bars indicate protein-DNA complexes; a black arrow indicates unbound DNA. (right) Graphical summary of the EMSA and a model depicting simultaneous binding of Bra12 and SdpR to *bra0-1* intergenic region. The proteins are represented by colored circles (blue: Bra12, orange: SdpR), and the primers and the TSSs are shown with plain arrows and bent arrows, respectively. (B) competition EMSA. (left) The Bra12-His and SdpR-His at constant concentrations were incubated with the constant amount of the ³²P-labeled DNA fragment (bra0-1p_13-6) comprising the *bra0-1* intergenic region. The "cold-target DNA" competitors (ctDNA) were added to the reaction mixtures at 25 nM final concentration. Black vertical bars indicate protein-DNA complexes (marked also with dotted lines); a black arrow indicates unbound DNA. (right) Graphical summary of the assay.

Radiolabeled DNA is indicated with asterisks (*). The green '+' and the red '-' symbols indicate the ability and lack of ability, respectively, of the corresponding 'cold-target DNA' fragment to outperform ³²P-labeled DNA. Primers are indicated by short arrows. The numbers in brackets represent fragment sizes (bp).

Fig. S11. Expression tracks for the Bra-BGC.

Raw gene expression data for *N. terpenica* IFM0406 grown for 33 and 48 h. Two replicates, R1 and R2, are shown. The expression tracks shown in blue and pink refer to normal RNA-seq and +TEX 5'-enriched libraries. The unit of the Y axis is coverage. The black and gray arrows on the left side show sense and antisense DNA strands of the *N. terpenica* chromosome. Please note that due to software limitations, gene orientations are shown in a "natural" manner and appear on the chromosome sequence, and not the way we used throughout the article.

Fig. S12. Expression of bra12 and sdpR regulatory gene expression in A. japonicum producer strains.

Transcriptional analysis of *bra12* and *sdpR* was conducted on samples collected at the 72-hour time point from two or three independent cultures of *A. japonicum* grown in liquid medium. Relative gene expression (RQ) levels were determined by RT-qPCR, using the sigma factor homolog *sigB* as a reference gene and the *A. japonicum::bcaAB01* chromosome (RQ = 1) as a calibrator. The graphs in panels (A) and (B) display the Y-axis in linear and logarithmic scales, respectively.

Supplementary tables

Table S1. Plasmids and strains.

 Amp^{R} – ampicillin resistance, Apr^{R} – apramycin resistance, Hyg^{R} – hygromycin resistance, Kan^{R} – kanamycin resistance, Cam^{R} – chloramphenicol resistance, Tet^{R} – tetracycline resistance, Tsr^{R} – thiostrepton resistance

Plasmids (and fosmids)					
Construct name {abbreviation used in the text}	Description	Source / Reference			
pET-21a(+)	Expression vector for the production of recombinant proteins with C-terminally fused 6xHis tag; Amp ^R	Laboratory stock / (Merck)			
pET-21a(+)kstR	pET-21a(+) derivative for expression of KstR-His recombinant protein; Amp ^R	This study			
pET-21a(+)sdpR	pET-21a(+) derivative for expression of SdpR-His recombinant protein; Amp ^R	This study			
pET-21a(+)bra12	pET-21a(+) derivative for expression of Bra12-His recombinant protein; Amp ^R	This study			
pET-21a(+)ompR	pET-21a(+) derivative for expression of OmpR-His recombinant protein; Amp ^R	This study			
pFLUX	Reporter integrating vector containing promoterless luciferase operon <i>luxCDAEB;</i> Apr ^R	(Craney et al. 2007)			
pFLUX-bra0p	pFLUX derivative containing <i>bra0</i> gene promoter region in front of <i>luxCDAEB</i> gene operon; Apr ^R	This study			
pFLUX-bra1p	pFLUX derivative containing <i>bra1</i> gene promoter region in front of <i>luxCDAEB</i> gene operon; Apr ^R	This study			
pFLUX-bra12p	pFLUX derivative containing <i>bra12</i> gene promoter region in front of <i>luxCDAEB</i> gene operon; Apr ^R	This study			
pFLUX-sdpRp	pFLUX derivative containing <i>sdpR</i> gene promoter region in front of <i>luxCDAEB</i> gene operon; Apr ^R	This study			
pUWL201	Replicative <i>Streptomyces</i> expression vector based on the strong, constitutive ermE promoter used for expression; Tsr ^R , Amp ^R	Laboratory stock / (Doumith et al. 2000)			
pUWL201HX	pUWL201 derivative containing Tsr ^R , Amp ^R and Hyg ^R resistance cassettes	This study			
pUWL201HX_SdpR_MK	pUWL201HX derivative containing <i>sdpR</i> gene cloned downstream p <i>ermE*</i> derived from pIJ10257; Tsr ^R , Amp ^R , Hyg ^R	This study			
plJ10257 {plJ}	Integrative <i>Streptomyces</i> expression vector based on the strong, constitutive <i>ermE</i> promoter (<i>permE</i>); Hyg ^R	Laboratory stock / (Hong et al. 2005)			
pPSbra12 {pIJ_bra12}	Integrative vector pIJ10257 derivative carrying <i>bra12</i> gene under the control of p <i>ermE*</i> ; Hyg ^R	(Schwarz et al. 2018)			
plJ10257_sdpR {plJ_sdpR}	Integrative vector pIJ10257 derivative carrying <i>sdpR</i> gene under the control of permE*; Hyg ^R	This study			
bcaAB01	pCC1FOS (Epicentre), initial fosmid containing the brasilicardin biosynthetic gene cluster with the flanking regions; Cam ^R resistance exchanged with Kan ^R .	(Schwarz et al. 2018)			
pPS1	Truncated bcaAB01 derivative, carrying the brasilicardin biosynthetic gene cluster (<i>bra0-bra11</i>) and the bra12 gene; Kan ^R	(Schwarz et al. 2018)			
bcaAB01_\2sdpR	bcaAB01 derivative, harboring scar deletion of the This study sdpR gene; Kan ^R				
bcaAB01_Abra12	bcaAB01 derivative, harboring scar deletion of the bra12 gene; Kan ^R	This study			
Strains					
Name	Description	Source / Reference			
<i>Ε. coli</i> DH5α	Φ80ΔlacZM15 recA1 endA1 gyrAB thi-1 hsdR17(rK- mK+) supE44 relA1 deoR Δ(lacZYA-argF)U169 phoA	Laboratory stock / (Promega)			

Escherichia coli ET12567/pUZ8002	<i>E. coli: dam, dcm, hsdS,</i> Cam ^R , Tet ^R containing plasmid pUZ8002: <i>tra,</i> Kan ^R , <i>RP4 23</i>	Laboratory stock / (MacNeil et al. 1992; Paget et al. 1999)
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E. coli Rosetta ^{IM} 2(DE3)	FompT hsdS _B (r _B -m _B -) gdl dcm (DE3) pRARE2 (Cam ^k)	Laboratory stock / (Merck)
<i>E. coli</i> BW25113/pIJ790	$\Delta(araD-araB)567 \Delta lacZ4787(::rrnB4) laclp-40000(laclq) \overline{\lambda} rpoS369(Am) rph 1 \Delta(rhaD rhaB)568hsdR514 on the bacterial chromosome; oriR101repA1001(Ts) araBp-gam-be-exo on the pIJ790plasmid$	Laboratory stock / (Gust et al. 2003)
Amycolatopsis japonicum MG417- CF17	Wild type	(Nishikiori et al. 1984)
A. japonicum::bcaAB01	Wild type A. japonicum with chromosomally integrated bcaAB01	(Schwarz et al. 2018)
<i>A. japonicum</i> ::bcaAB01_∆bra12	Wild type A. <i>japonicum</i> with chromosomally integrated bcaAB01_ Δ bra12	This study
A. japonicum::bcaAB01_AsdpR	Wild type <i>A. japonicum</i> with chromosomally integrated bcaAB01_∆sdpR	This study
A. japonicum::pPS1+pIJ	Wild type A. <i>japonicum</i> with chromosomally integrated pPS1 fosmid and pIJ10257 empty vector	(Wolański et al. 2021)
A. japonicum::pPS1+pIJ_bra12	Wild type A. japonicum with chromosomally integrated pPS1 fosmid and pIJ10257_bra12 vector	This study
A. japonicum::pPS1+pIJ_sdpR	Wild type A. japonicum with chromosomally integrated pPS1 fosmid and pIJ10257_sdpR vector	This study
S. coelicolor M1154	ΔSCP1, ΔSCP2, Δact, Δred, Δcpk, Δcda, rpoB[C1298T] rpsL[A262G]	Laboratory stock / (Gomez-Escribano and Bibb 2011)
M1154:: bcaAB01+bra0p-lux	M1154 with bcaAB01 and pFLUX-bra0p integrated into C31 and BT1 sites, respectively	This study
M1154:: bcaAB01_∆bra12+bra0p- lux	M1154 with bcaAB01_∆bra12 and pFLUX-bra0p integrated into C31 and BT1 sites, respectively	This study
M1154:: bcaAB01_ Δ sdpR+bra0p-lux	M1154 with bcaAB01_∆sdpR and pFLUX-bra0p integrated into C31 and BT1 sites, respectively	This study
M1154:: bcaAB01+bra1p-lux	M1154 with bcaAB01 and pFLUX-bra1p integrated into C31 and BT1 sites, respectively	This study
M1154:: bcaAB01_∆bra12+bra1p- lux	M1154 with bcaAB01_∆bra12 and pFLUX-bra1p integrated into C31 and BT1 sites, respectively	This study
M1154:: bcaAB01_∆sdpR+bra1p-lux	M1154 with bcaAB01_∆sdpR and pFLUX-bra1p integrated into C31 and BT1 sites, respectively	This study
M1154:: bcaAB01+bra12p-lux	M1154 with bcaAB01 and pFLUX-bra12p integrated into C31 and BT1 sites, respectively	This study
M1154:: bcaAB01_∆bra12+bra12p- lux	M1154 with bcaAB01_∆bra12 and pFLUX-bra12p integrated into C31 and BT1 sites, respectively	This study
M1154:: bcaAB01_∆sdpR+bra12p- lux	M1154 with bcaAB01_∆sdpR and pFLUX-bra12p integrated into C31 and BT1 sites, respectively	This study
M1154:: pUWL+bra12p-lux	M1154 with self-replicating empty pUWL201HX plasmid and pFLUX-bra12p integrated into BT1 site	This study
M1154:: pUWLsdpR +bra12p-lux	M1154 with self-replicating pUWL201HXsdpR plasmid and pFLUX-bra12p integrated into BT1 site	This study
M1154:: pUWL+sdpRp-lux	M1154 with self-replicating empty pUWL201HX plasmid and pFLUX-sdpRp integrated into BT1 site	This study
M1154:: pUWLsdpR +sdpRp-lux	M1154 with self-replicating pUWL201HXsdpR plasmid and pFLUX-sdpRp integrated into BT1 site	This study

Table S2. Oligonucleotides

Name	Sequence (5'>3') Application					
Cloning	Cloning					
KstR pFT fwd	CTGCTCCATATGATGAGTGAGCGGCGGGAAGCG	Cloning of kstR gene into $pET_{212}(+)$				
Noth per two		vector				
KstR pET rev	CTGCTGCTCGAGATGAGTGGGGGGCGTGCC					
SdpR pET fwd	CGTGCTCATATGGTGACAGTAGCGTTCGACGTTCTC	Cloning of <i>sdpR</i> gene into pET-21a(+)				
		vector				
SdpR pET rev	CTGCTGCTCGAGTGACGTTTCTCCTCGTTCGGGA					
AfsRforpET	CATATGTCACTGGTTCGGCTGGG	Cloning of bra12 gene into pET-				
		21a(+) vector				
AfsRrevpET	GTCGACTCCGGAACACTGCGTGCACG					
mprA3_Ndel	GCGCACCATATGCGTTTATTGATCGTGGAGGACG	Cloning of <i>ompR</i> gene into pET-				
		21a(+) vector				
mprA3_XhoI	CGCGCGCTCGAGCATGTATTCCAGCCGGTAGC					
SdpR pET fwd	CGIGCICATAIGGIGACAGIAGCGIICGACGIICIC	Cloning of <i>sdpR</i> gene into plJ10257				
a da Dura II. ana a		vector				
sdpR_pIJ_rev						
bla D1		Classing of the Parastta into				
DIA_PI		Cloning of Hygr cassite into				
bla D2		powl201				
DIa_P2						
ED ormEcdnB		Claning of armE*n into nUW/1201 HV				
ennesupr		voctor				
		Claning of cdnB gong into				
		pliming of sapk gene into				
RP_SUPRIVIR	AGIGGAICCCCGGGCIGCAICAGIGGIGGIGGIGGI					
dovgn500 fwd		Cloning brach into pELLIX vector				
doxgn500_rwu		Clothing broop into preox. vector				
bca1up+500 fwd		Cloning brain into pELLIX vector				
bca1up+500_rwu						
AfcB500 fwd		Cloning hrg12n into pELLIX vector				
AfsR500_1wd						
FPlux promsdpR		Cloning sdnRn into nELLIX vector				
RPlux_promsdpR	GAACGAGATCTTCTTCGTCATATGAACCGCCAGTGTGCC					
n lux_promouph	T					
del SdpR for		Deletion of sdpR gene on bcaAB01				
del_oupit_ioi	CTTAATTAAGCAAAATCCTGTATATCGTG	fosmid				
del SdpR rev	TCTCCTCGTTCGGGATTCGCGGGCTCCGGCGGGGCGTC					
	GATTAATTAAGGAACTTCGGAATAGGAAC					
del afsR fwd	ATGATCCAGAAGCCTTCTGGTGCACCAGTTTTCGATCCG	Deletion of <i>bra12</i> gene on bcaAB01				
	TTAATTAAGGAACTTCGGAATAGGAAC	fosmid				
del afsR rev	CTATCCGGAACACTGCGTGCACGGCAGGATCACCGGGC					
_	TTTAATTAAGCAAAATCCTGTATATCGTGC					
EMSA and DNase I for	ootprinting					
(number used in the	text)					
	DNA fragments used to study the interaction of k	(stB protein				
kstPn n/2		kst Bn rogion				
kstp_1v2		KSTRP Tegion				
kstRn1 nu		33470n region				
kstp1_fv		334700 TESION				
sigC_lp_fw1		33410n region				
sigC lp_rv1		2241001681011				
$bc_1 p_1 v_1$		hra0-1p region				
bca1-0p_IW1						
ncat-oh_int						
SOPKP region subtragments						
Sapk_cneck_for (1)		As above				
sapkp_2rev_toot (2)	GGALAALLLGAGLLGAGIGGLLA	AS above				

sdpRp_3fw (3)	ACGCGACGGCGGCG	As above			
SigC_rev_Spel (4)	ACTAGTTCAGCCCACGCCGCC	As above			
sdpRp_2fw (5)	GCCTTGACGGGAATATAACC	As above			
sdpRp_1rv (6)	CGTCGAACGCTACTGTCACAACCGC	As above			
FP_prom_sdpR (7)	AACCGCCAGTGTGC	As above			
sdpR_fw1 (8)	GTCGACTCCATCCGCTCCGCG	As above			
sdpRp_1rv (9)	CGTCGAACGCTACTGTCACAACCGC	As above			
	bra0-1p region subfragments	·			
bca1-0p fw1(1)	GGTCGCAGGCATCGATGACCCC	As above			
TSS bca0 2 (2)	TGACCGGTTTCGATGTTATCCAGA	As above			
bca1-0 fw Kpn2 (3)	CCGGACAATAATTTCTGGATAAC	As above			
SdpRbox1MisA up(4)	GTTTATCCTAAATTTATCCGC	As above			
short500bca1SLIC fwd	GTACTTCGCGAAAGCTTGATATCTGATATTCGAGCAGC	As above			
(5)	AGCTCG				
bca1-0p_rv2 (6)	CCGACCTCCACCCGTACCG	As above			
bca1_fwd (7)	CGGTCATATTGCCCGTGATCG	As above			
RT_Rev_bca1 (8)	CGTCATGTCCGGATAGTCGTT	As above			
bca1-0p_fw3 (9)	ACGGGGTGGAGGTCGGAC	As above			
bca1-0p_rv1 (10)	CCGCCGCCTCGCCAC	As above			
RT_For_bca1 (11)	TGGTGAATTCCGGAGAATGG	As above			
bca1up500Ndel_rev	CATATGCACCGGACCCTCCGC	As above			
(12)					
bca1-0_fw_Ncol (13)	CATGGTATGTCGCGGATCCG	As above			
TSS_bca0_1 (14)	CCGCTCGTTGGGCTG	As above			
SdpRbox1MisA_dwn	GCGGATAAATTTAGGATAAAC	As above			
(15)					
bca1-0_fw2 (16)	ATCCCGGCATACATTCGGTACGG	As above			
bra12p region subfragments					
afsRp_rv3 foot (1)	GGCCGTCCAGCCGCACG	As above			
afsRp_rv1 (2)	AGCCCCAGCCGAACCAGTGACAT	As above			
TSS afsR inner (3)	CCTGCTGCTTGGGCTGAT	As above			
TSS afsR 3 (4)	CTGCCGCTGCCGTGA	As above			
TSS afsR 1 (5)	CTTCTGGTGCACCAGTTTTCG	As above			
afsRp_rv_Smal (6)	GGGTGTGGATAGTCAGTATGTC	As above			
TSS afsR 2 (7)	GACATACTGACTATCCACACCCG	As above			
afsRp_fw1 (8)	GGTCGCCGCCGGGTACG	As above			
afsRp_fw2 (9)	GCGCGACGCCATCGACGG	As above			
afsRp_rv2 (10)	CAGCGGCAGGCCGTCGATG	As above			
AfsR500rev (11)	GGCCCGGTAGACCTCGAGG	As above			
AfsR500for (12)	TCTAGAGACAGCCGCCTGGGCC	As above			
AfsRboxMeme3_up	GCCGCTGCCGTGACCGGAT	As above			
(13)					
AfsRboxMeme1_dw	CGGCATAAATTTTGGGTA	As above			
(14)					
afsRp_up_M1M3 (15)	CCGGATTATCAGGGTATTACC	As above			
AfsRboxMem1_up (16)	TACCCAAAATTTATGCCG	As above			
qPCR					
RT_SdpR_fwd	GCCGCATTCTGGATTTGCT	qPCR analysis, sdpR gene			
RT_SdpR_rev	CACGCGCAGATGTTTCGAG	1			
RT_AfsR_fwd	CCATCGATCAGGGCAATCAC	qPCR analysis, bra12 gene			
RT_AfsR_rev	GCCGTCATCAACAGGATTCG				
qRT-sigB fwd	ACCAGATCGGCAAGCACTTC	qPCR analysis, <i>sigB</i> (sigma factor)			
qRT-sigB rev	CTGACGCAGCTTCGACATGA	gene			

Table S3A-B. (see in SI Excel file).

Table S4. In silico analysis of predicted transcriptional regulators of Bra-BGC

				Paralogs in	NCBI accession
Protein	Conserved	MW**	Occurrence	N. terpenica	no.
	domains*	рІ	***	****	AWN90_RS
	TotP (A crP family	22.2	Actinomycotota	1	
		22.2 kDa	Actinomycetola	T	33480
	terminal DBD	кра	(Streptomycetales,		(A0A164MP60)
KatD		0.53	Corynebucteriales) and		
KSTR	(TetR_N, PF00440);		Proteobacteria (γ-		
			proteobacteria) phyla;		
	(Telk_C_0, DE12077)		many in Archea.		
additional	h	elix-turn-h	 elix (HTH) confers a DNA-bi	inding function	
information					
on KstR					
	SdpR/ArsR family	12.8	Actinomycetota	2	33420
	metalloregulator: N-	kDa	(Streptomycetales.		
	terminal through	6.15	Corvnebacteriales.		
	central DBD		Pseudonocardiales.		
	(HTH ARSR.		Micromonosporaceae.		
SdpR	SM000418)		Streptosporangiales,		
	,		Micrococcales),		
			Proteobacteria (α-		
			proteobacteria),		
			Firmicutes (<i>Bacillales</i>)		
			phyla; few in Archea		
additional	winge	d-helix-turi	n-helix (wHTH) confers a DI	NA-binding functi	on
information					
on SdpR					
	AfsR/SARP family	66.1	Actinomycetota	21	33345
	regulator; N-	kDa	(Streptomycetales,		(A0A164MN84)
	terminal DBD	8.16	Streptosporangiales,		
	(Trans_reg_C,		Pseudonocardiales)		
Bro12	PF00486); central		phylum		
DIALZ	activator domain				
	(BTAD, SM001043);				
	C-terminal RD, ADP				
	binding domain				
	(NB-ARC, PF00931)				
additional	winge	d-helix-turr	n-helix (wHTH) confers a DI	NA-binding functi	on
information					
on Bra12		1	Γ	T	
	LysR-type family	31.8	Actinomycetota	14	33340
	regulator; N-	kDa	(Streptomycetales,		
	terminal DBD	5.54	Micrococcales,		
	(HTH_1, PF00126);		Pseudonocardiales,		
LysRNt	C-terminal RD, Co-		Streptosporangiales),		
	inducer binding		Proteobacteria (α-		
	domain		proteobacteria)		
	(LysR_substrate, PF03466)		Phyla		

	OmpR superfamily	25.1	Actinomycetota	27	33330
0	regulator; N-	kDa	(Streptomycetales,		(A0A164MN41)
	terminal RD,	5.90	Micrococcales,		
	receiver domain		Corynebacteriales,		
Опрк	(REC, SM000448), C-		Pseudonocardiales),		
	terminal putative		Firmicutes phyla		
	DBD (Trans_reg_C,				
	SM000862)				
additional	winged-helix-turn-helix (wHTH) confers a DNA-binding function				
information					
on OmpR					

DBD – DNA-binding domain, RD – regulatory domain

* The conserved domain families were identified using SMART and CD-search tools (see M&M). Predicted functions are designated with DBD and RD for the DNA-binding, and regulatory domain, respectively. The corresponding specific domains are given in brackets.

** Calculated using ProtParam.

*** The occurrence of homolog proteins was based on BLASTp (NCBI) search against non-redundant protein sequences with the output limited to 5000 targets; the bacterial orders with ≥200 hits are listed in brackets in decreasing order (see corresponding SI Excel files for search parameters)

***** The paralogs were identified based on the BLASTp (NCBI) search against the *N. terpenica* IFM0406 protein sequences with cut-off parameters: 50 bits, 70% query coverage, 20% seq identity (see also Tabs. S5A-E)

Please note that for compatibility with the diagrams showing Bra-BGC, the proteins listed in this table are shown in the reversed order of their appearance in the N. terpenica IFM0406 genome.

Table S5A-E. (see in SI Excel file).

Table S6. (see in SI Excel file).

Name	Internet address and description	Reference
READemption	https://reademption.readthedocs.io/en/latest/#	(Förstner et al. 2014)
TSSpredator	https://tsspredator20-	(Dugar et al. 2013)
	rtd.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html	
SMART	http://smart.embl-heidelberg.de/	(Schultz et al. 1998;
		Letunic and Bork 2018)
ProtParam	https://web.expasy.org/protparam/	(Gasteiger et al. 2005)
blastp	https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/	
MEME	http://meme-suite.org/tools/meme	(Bailey et al. 2009)
WebLogo	https://weblogo.berkeley.edu/	(Crooks et al. 2004)

Table S7. Bioinformatic tools

Supplementary Materials and Methods

DNA constructs and strains

pET-21a(+) derivatives for expression and purification of recombinant proteins.

To obtain pET-21a(+)kstR, pET-21a(+)sdpR, pET-21a(+)bra12, and pET-21a(+)ompR plasmids the corresponding *kstR*, *sdpR*, *bra12*, and *ompR* genes were PCR amplified using primers listed in Table S2 and bcaAB01 fosmid as a template. Subsequently, the PCR products were purified using commercial silica-based column kits and digested using NdeI and XhoI restriction enzymes, except for bra12 which was digested with NdeI and SalI. After thermal inactivation, the restriction fragments were ligated with previously digested NdeI-XhoI pET-21a(+) vector. Fidelity of the cloned genes was verified by sequencing.

pIJ10257_sdpR

The *sdpR* gene was PCR amplified using primers listed in Table S2 and bcAB01 fosmid as a template. The resulting product was restriction digested, and cloned into the plJ10257 vector using Ndel and Xhol restriction sites to give plJ10257_sdpR plasmid.

pUWL201HX and pUWL201HX_SdpR_MK

In the first stage the pUWL201HX vector, comprising a hygromycin resistance cassette, was constructed. The plasmid was obtained by cloning the PCR-amplified hygromycin cassette into Xbal restriction site in the original pUWL201. The cassette was amplified using the primers listed in Table S2 and pIJ10700 plasmid as a DNA template. The orientation of the cassette was later confirmed by restriction digestion. The pUWL201HX contains the hygromycin cassette in the 5' – *oriT-hph* – 3' (*hph* – hygromycin B phosphotransferase)orientation downstream of the *ermE* promoter. In the subsequent step, the PCR-amplified *sdpR* gene and *ermE** promoter derived from pIJ10257 were cloned into Acc65I-PstI digested pUWL201HX using SLIC method (Li and Elledge 2007) with modifications described previously for pET-21a(+)lysRNt construction (Wolański et al. 2021). The *sdpR* and *ermE**p fragments were amplified using the primers listed in Table S2 and *pIJ10257* as templates, respectively. The obtained construct pUWL201HX_SdpR_MK was verified using restriction digestion and sequencing.

pFLUX vectors for luminescence assays

To obtain pFLUX-bra0p, pFLUX-bra1p, pFLUX-bra12p, and pFLUX-sdpRp plasmids the corresponding *bra0, bra1, bra12*, and *sdpR* promoter regions (approximately 500 bps gene upstream) were PCR amplified using primers listed in Table S2, and bcaAB01 fosmid as a template. Subsequently, the PCR products were purified using silica-based columns and digested using Acc65I and Eco32I (for bra0p, and bra1p fragments) or NdeI and Eco32I (for bra12p, and sdpRp fragments) restriction enzymes. After thermal inactivation, the restriction fragments were ligated with previously digested pFLUX vector digested with compatible enzymes. Fidelity of the cloned genes was verified by sequencing.

bcaAB01_\DeltasdpR and *bcaAB01_\Deltabra12*

Briefly, for gene deletions on the bcaAB01 fosmid, the PCR-targeting method was used as described earlier (Gust et al. 2003). To replace the gene sequences with the antibiotic resistance cassettes the primers comprising specific restriction sites and 39-nt extensions homologues to the gene sequences were used. In the first stage, disruption cassettes containing an apramycin resistance gene were PCR amplified using the primers listed in Table S2, and a pIJ773 plasmid as a template. Next, the generated PCR products were used to introduce *sdpR* or *bra12* gene replacements on the bcaAB01 fosmid using recombination in *E. coli* BW25113/pIJ790 strain harboring the fosmid, as

previously described (Gust et al. 2003). In the subsequent stages, the disruption cassettes were excised out of the mutated fosmids using PacI restriction enzyme, and the fosmids were re-ligated using T4 ligase to generate SCAR. The correctness of the mutated fosmids was confirmed using various restriction enzymes.

Generation of Escherichia coli, Streptomyces, and Amycolatopsis strain derivatives

Chemically competent *E. coli* DH5 α were prepared and transformed according to commonly available protocols. The competent cells of *E. coli* BW/pIJ790 and ET12567/pUZ8002 strains were prepared according to the PCR-targeting protocol (Gust et al. 2003).

For the introduction of DNA constructs into *A. japonicum* strains the intergeneric conjugation procedure was used, as previously described (Schwarz et al. 2018). For the conjugation of the *Streptomyces* strains the standard protocol was followed (Kieser et al. 2000).

Protein expression and purification

Bra12-Hisx6 purification

For the purification of Bra12-Hisx6 protein, the E. coli Rosetta 2(DE3) strain (Merck) was transformed with the pET-21a(+)bra12 vector. Preparation of expression culture (1.6-litre) was conducted as described previously (Wolański et al. 2021). For protein extraction the obtained cell pellet was resuspended in 75 mL of lysis buffer A (50 mM NaH₂PO₄, 300 mM NaCl, 10 mM imidazole, pH 8.0) (5 mL/g of cell paste) supplemented with protease inhibitors (A32965, ThermoFisher Scientific) and universal nuclease (88702, ThermoFisher Scientific), followed by disruption performed using sonication (Sonics) (5s ON/ 5s OFF, amplitude 40-50%, 10 minutes sonication time). The cell lysate was then clarified by centrifugation (45 min., 37 000 x g, 4°C), and mixed with chromatography resin – 2 mL (batch volume) of His-Select[®] Nickel Affinity Gel (P6611, Merck) previously equilibrated in A buffer – followed by overnight incubation at 8°C on rocking platform. Next, the resin was applied onto the gravity column and washed with buffer A supplemented with imidazole (20 and 40 mM final concentration - 15 and 10-bed volumes, respectively). The Bra12-Hisx6 protein was eluted from the resin using buffer A supplemented with 100 and 250 mM imidazole (final concentration) (4-bed volumes for each elution buffer). The elution fractions (250-350 µL) were collected manually and analyzed using sodium dodecyl sulfate-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE). Similar fractions were then pooled together and aliquoted. The protein samples were flash-frozen with liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C.

SdpR purification

The SdpR-Hisx6 recombinant protein was overproduced using the *E. coli* BL21(DE3) strain transformed with the pET-21a(+)sdpR plasmid. The overexpression culture (total volume of 250 ml in LB medium) was prepared similarly to the procedure described previously in the CabRHis₆ purification protocol (Wolański et al. 2016). The purification of SdpR-Hisx6 was performed using His-Select[®] Nickel Affinity Gel as described above for Bra12-Hisx6.

KstR-Hisx6 purification

The *E. coli* Rosetta 2(DE3) strain (Merck) transformed with the pET-21a(+)kstR was used to overproduce the KstR-Hisx6 recombinant protein. The KstR-Hisx6 was purified from a 1.6-litre expression culture using the protocol previously described for the LysRNtHis6 protein (Wolański et al. 2021).

OmpR-Hisx6 purification

The *E. coli* Rosetta 2(DE3) strain (Merck) transformed with the pET-21a(+)ompR was used to overproduce the OmpR-Hisx6 recombinant protein. The OmpR-Hisx6 was purified from a 1.6-litre expression culture using the protocol previously described for the LysRNtHis6 protein (Wolański et al. 2021).

Protein-DNA interactions

EMSA assays with digested fosmids

The interaction studies between purified recombinant proteins and restriction-digested BcaAB01 fosmid were performed similarly to those previously described for MBPCabA protein (Wolański et al. 2016). Briefly, the BcaAB01 fosmid DNA was digested using a corresponding restriction enzyme followed by heat-inactivation of the enzyme. The binding reaction was assembled by mixing 2 μ L of the recombinant protein, diluted in the protein purification buffer (lysis buffer A with imidazole concentration adjusted to 100 mM), and 18 μ L of the reaction mixture containing 750 ng of digested fosmid DNA diluted in 1× phosphate-buffered saline (PBS; 137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM, KCl, 10 mM Na₂HPO₄, 1.8 mM KH₂PO₄) supplemented with BSA and glycerol (5 μ g/ μ L and 5%, final concentrations, respectively). After a 30-minute incubation at room temperature (~25 °C), the samples were transferred to ice and immediately loaded into 1% agarose gels prepared in 0.5× Tris borate-EDTA (TBE) buffer. The gel was then resolved at 20 V overnight at room temperature, in the 0.5× TBE as a running buffer. The next day, the gels were bathed in ethidium bromide solution (0.5 μ g/mL) and DNA was visualized with UV light using the ChemiDoc MP system (Bio-Rad).

EMSA assays with PCR-amplified DNA fragments

EMSAs with non-radiolabeled DNA fragments

The protein-DNA interactions were carried out as described previously (Wolanski et al. 2011; Wolański et al. 2016), with minor changes. Briefly, the purified proteins were incubated with 25–50 ng of PCR-amplified non-labeled DNA fragments for 30 min (~25 °C) in 1× PBS supplemented with 5 % glycerol and 5 μ g/ μ L bovine serum albumin (BSA). In case more than one non-labeled DNA fragment was used in the assay (see Fig. 2A and S6A), all fragments were delivered in the same amounts (50 ng per reaction) apart from internal negative control (33140p) of which 25 ng per reaction was used due to shorter length of the fragment. After incubation, the samples were transferred to ice and immediately run onto 4–5% polyacrylamide gels in 0.25× TBE for 3–4 h (5–10 V/cm) at 4–6°C. Before loading the samples, the gels were pre-run for 30 minutes at 100 V 4-8°C. After the run staining with ethidium bromide was used to visualize the DNA using the ChemiDoc MP apparatus (Bio-Rad).

EMSAs with radiolabeled DNA fragments

The protein-DNA interactions were carried out as described previously (Zawilak-Pawlik et al. 2005; Wolański et al. 2021), with the following modifications. Briefly, the purified recombinant proteins were incubated with 50 cps ³²P-radiolabeled DNA (³²P) (~ 4 fmol) in the reaction buffer for 30 minutes at 25°C. The binding reactions were conducted in 20 µl in 1× PBS supplemented with 5 % glycerol and 5 µg/µL BSA, and non-specific competitor poly(dl-dC)·(dl-dC) (3.75 ng/µL). In the competition assays with non-labeled DNA fragments, the "cold" DNAs were added to the reaction mixtures before the corresponding regulatory proteins. In case a restriction digestion of radiolabeled fragments was required the restriction reaction was conducted on radiolabeled DNA fragments, then after thermal inactivation of the enzymes the fragments were incubated with the proteins as described above. After incubation, the samples were resolved in 4–6% polyacrylamide gels. Upon the electrophoresis, the gels were dried onto a single sheet of Whatmann 3MM paper using a vacuum gel dryer. The gels were subsequently incubated overnight with a Storage Phosphor Screen (GE Healthcare) and analyzed using an autoradiography reader (Typhoon 8600 Variable Mode Imager, GE Healthcare), and dedicated software (Image Quant, GE Healthcare).

DNase I footprinting assay

The footprinting experiments were performed similarly to a previously described method (Majka et al. 1999; Wolanski et al. 2011). Briefly, ~10 fmols of DNA fragment, PCR amplified using 5'-end radiolabelled oligonucleotide, was incubated with different amounts of a recombinant protein in

1× reaction buffer (the same as used for EMSAs) at 25 °C for 30 min followed by DNase I treatment. Upon stopping the samples were applied on an 8 % polyacrylamide-urea sequencing gel and resolved. The gel was analyzed using the Typhoon 8600 Variable Mode Imager and Image Quant software.

RT-qPCR

For gene expression analyses using qPCR the *A. japonicum* strains were cultivated as described previously (Schwarz et al. 2018). The sample collection at 72 hours of growth and subsequent steps including total RNA isolation, cDNA synthesis, and qPCR analyses were performed according to the procedure described in our previous report for *S. venezuelae* (Płachetka et al. 2021). The experiments were conducted in three biological replicates for each strain in the qPCR experiment. The negative-control reactions (no reverse transcriptase added) were performed to confirm the absence of chromosomal DNA contamination. The primers used in the study are listed in Table S2.

Internet links to sequence resources

This genome sequence has been deposited in EMBL/GenBank under the accession number NZLWGR00000000.1

(https://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/all/GCF/001/625/105/GCF_001625105.1_ASM162510v1/); the brasilicardin gene cluster sequence is available under GenBank accession number MT247069 (direct link: <u>https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MT247069</u>). To get direct access to wholegenome nucleotide and protein sequences use the following genome annotation link: <u>https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/datasets/genome/GCF_001625105.1/</u>

Raw sequencing data are available via Gene Expression Omnibus under accession number GSE271981 (<u>https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE271981</u>).

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(26.1 kDa)

25.0-

18.4-14.4-





other domains

Fig. S1

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Fig. S3





Fig. S4







BcaAB01 / Xhol

BcaAB01 / Acc65I







Fig. S7

ompR promoter region

<u>TCCACGATCAATAAACG**CAT**</u>CGAGCACACCGCCAATCCGCTAGGTGTATCGGTCTGTCGCGCAATGCCTTCGGCGCACCT CGACGGGGCGCCCGTGTACGGTCAGATTATGCCCGAGTACCCGCAGTTACGGGAAACCTAGTGCTATGCAGGGGATTTCG CTCCG

GTG<u>TCAGCGGACCGCGGCCGCGA</u>

lysRNt promoter region

CCCAGCCGAACCAGTGACATATAACCTCCCGGATCGAAAACTGGTGCACCAGAAGGCTTCTGGATCATCAGACTCCCCCG GGTGTGGATAGTCAGTATGTCAAACGATCTCTGTCCGGGATGGTCCTCGGCATAAATTTTGGGTAATACCCTGATAATCC GG<u>TCA</u>CGGCAGCGGCAGGCCGT

<u>GCGGTCGAGGACCACTC**CAT**</u>GGCGAAACAACATACCCGGCAGTCGAATCCGTCGTTCCGCAAGAGATTGATCGCGAACAA TCCGGAGCGGCCCACCTATTATCCAGGCGTGCTACCACCCGTTGTCCCGGCGTGCTTTTGGCCGGGACCACCCGCCGCA

bra12 promoter region

<u>ACGGTAATGGTCGCAGG**CAT**</u>CGATGACCCCTCCTGGCCGCAACGGGAAGCCGACGGCTGCCATGGTATGTCGCGGATCCG AATCGCGCAGCCCAACGAGCGGATAAATTTAGGATAAACAATGCTTCCGGACAATAATTTCTGGATAACATCGAAACCGG TCATATTGCCCGTGATCGGTTTTCCGTGGGATGATCCCGGCaTACATTCGGTACGGGGTGGAGGTCGGACGGTCCGGCAA TTCTGTCGATCATGAATTGGTGAGTTTTTCCGGTGGCGTCACGGCGAAACCGGCGGTTGATAGCGGAGGGTCCGGTGATG GTGAATTCCGGAGAATG



bra0-bra1 promoter region

<u>ACGTCGAACGCTACTGTCAC</u>AACCGCCAGTGTGCCTCTTTGGTTATATTCCCGTCAAGGCATATAGGGCCG<mark>TCA</mark>GCCCAC AGCCGCAGACCTCGGCGGCCTCCTGGTAGGACAGGCCCAGGACCTGGGTGAGGATCAGGGCCTCGCGGCGTTCGGGGGTCC

sdpR promoter region









[Bra12-His, 50 nM; SdpR-His, 100 nM]

Fig. S10









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