

**Comparative metabolomics reveals fungal conversion of co-existing
bacterial metabolites within a synthetic *Aspergillus-Streptomyces*
community**

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Chemical and Reagents

The Reagents for cultivation and extraction were purchased from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Company, China. The organic solvents used in chromatographic separation were of analytical grade purchased from Sayfo Technology, Tianjin, China and chromatographic grade in HPLC analysis purchased from Tedia, USA. Deionized water was prepared by Reverse osmosis Milli-Q water (18M Ω) (Millipore, Bedford, MA, USA) used for all solutions and dilutions.

Parameters for the Designed Co-culture Devices

The co-culture setup (Ref. 1) consists of a conical flask (2L), a dialysis bag with sealing tools, a mechanical spring, a magnet, and a sampling rope (Fig. S1). MD77 dialysis bags (Union Carbide, Danbury, USA) were used in this research. The diameter of the dialysis bag and the mechanical spring were 4.5 cm and 4 cm, respectively. The length of the dialysis bag and the mechanical spring were 15 cm and 10 cm, respectively. All these components are easily commercially available. The dialysis bag with a molecular-weight cutoff of 8 to 14 kDa can serve to separate two culturing spaces. A mechanical spring inside the dialysis bag attracted by one piece of magnet outside the conical flask serves as a brace. Removing the magnet and then raising the rope tied to the dialysis bag can help sample the culture inside the dialysis bag. Conical flask, dialysis bag,

spring, sealing elements, and sampling rope can be autoclaved separately and assembled under a sterile hood.

Metabolomics Sampling and UHPLC-ESI-HR-MS Analysis

The culture broth (200 ml) was extracted three times with 200 ml of ethyl acetate. The EtOAc was removed under vacuum at 40 °C and a 2-mL amount of CH₃OH was added to the freeze-dried sample. Subsequently, the mixture was vortexed for 10 s and sonicated for 20 min at a frequency of 42 kHz using an Ultrasonicator 5510E-MT (Branson, Danbury, CT, USA), followed by centrifugation. The supernatant (1.5 mL) was transferred to a UHPLC vial for metabolomics analysis. The sample components were separated on a Waters Acquity ethylene-bridged hybrid (BEH) C18 column (2.1 × 150 mm, 1.7 µm) using a gradient of 20-100% CH₃OH in H₂O over 10 min and holding for 5 min at 100% CH₃OH with a flow rate of 0.6 mL/min. The column was kept at 40 °C, and 5.00 µL of the extracts was injected. Mass spectrometric detection was performed with a quadrupole-TOF MS (TripleTOF 5600, AB Sciex, Concord, Canada). Data was acquired in centroid mode with source/fragmentor voltage of 120 V, both negative and positive mode ion detection between 150-1500 *m/z* at a scan time of 0.2 seconds, gas temperature of 250 °C, and capillary voltage of 4,000 V. Leucine-enkephaline was infused through the reference probe for internal calibration during data acquisition.

Data Processing and Multivariate Data analysis

The HR-MS data were analyzed using Analyst® TF 1.6 and Peakview 2.1 (AB SCIEX). Markers between 150 and 1500 Da were collected with an intensity threshold of 10k counts and retention time and mass windows of 0.2 min and 0.1 Da, respectively. The noise level was set to 100, and the raw data were deisotoped. Statistical analysis of the data was done using SIMCA (version 14.0, Umetrics, Umea, Sweden). The markers from the extracts were compared through PCA, and the data were scaled using Pareto. Two and two groups of extracts were compared using orthogonal projections to latent structures with discriminant analysis (OPLS-DA).

Detailed Parameter for Molecular Networking on GNPS

A molecular network was created using the online workflow at GNPS. The data was filtered by removing all MS/MS peaks within +/- 17 Da of the precursor m/z. MS/MS spectra were window filtered by choosing only the top 6 peaks in the +/- 50Da window throughout the spectrum. The data was then clustered with MS-Cluster with a parent mass tolerance of 0.05 Da and a MS/MS fragment ion tolerance of 0.1 Da to create consensus spectra. Further, consensus spectra that contained less than 1 spectra were discarded. A network was then created where edges were filtered to have a cosine score above 0.5 and more than 4 matched peaks. Further edges between two nodes were kept in the network if and only if each of the nodes appeared in each other's respective top 10 most similar nodes. The spectra in the network were then searched against GNPS' spectral libraries. The library spectra were filtered in the same manner as the input data. All matches kept between network spectra and library spectra were required to have a

score above 0.6 and at least 4 matched peaks. The complete molecular networking output and parameters can be accessed via <https://gnps.ucsd.edu/ProteoSAFe/status.jsp?task=03c0510fb39f445ba9fb19a08d021b76>

Structure Elucidation of the Co-Culture-Induced Notoamide X

Notoamide X was isolated as a white powder. The molecular formula was determined to be $C_{12}H_7NO_4$ by analysis of the HR-TOF-MS ion peak at m/z 252.0277 $[M + Na]^+$ (calcd. 252.0267). The 1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of **1** ([Table s1](#)) showed similar chemical shifts and the same multiplicities for 28 carbon atoms of six rings A-F as compared to the known compound notoamide K [Ref. 2] with two evident differences in the juncture site between ring C and D, indicating that notoamide X supposedly possesses the basic structure of a nitroamide fused ring system with a modification imposed upon ring A and D. The diagnostic HMBC correlations from the proton H-21 to the two juncture carbons between ring C and D, namely the oxygenated C-3 and the di-aminated C-2 bridged these two carbon atoms with an addition ring, which generated a novel skeleton and new fused ring system that is hitherto unreported. This inference also was supported by the HR-TOF-MS results and indicates the presence of an additional ring in the molecule of notoamide X. The NOESY cross peak of δ 2.54 (H-10)/ δ 0.87 (H-23) indicated a β -oriented H-10 (δ 2.54) and the same orientation for the new ring on C-2 and C-3. The identification of an α -oriented H-11 was deduced from the analysis of the HOESY correlation between the α -oriented H-10

(δ 2.74) and H-11 (δ 4.71). The determination of OH-17 was inferred from the biosynthetic origin of all the nitroamide, which was confirmed by the distinctive downfield ^{13}C NMR chemical shift at δ 91.6 [Ref. 3]. According to the established data (Figure S7-S13, Table S1), notoamide X was identified as a new notoamide derivative containing a distinctive ring saddled at the juncture of ring C and D. The complete NMR signal assignments are listed in Table S1.

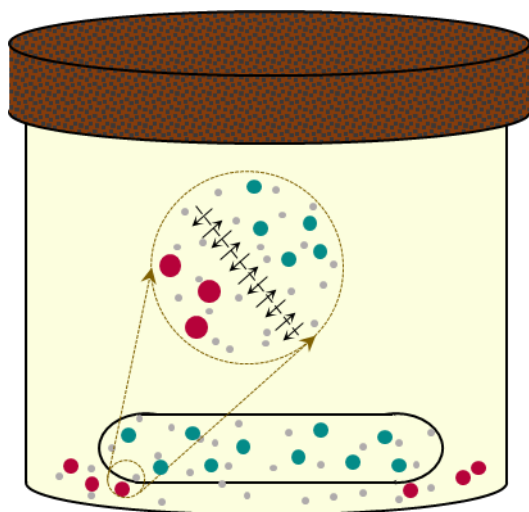


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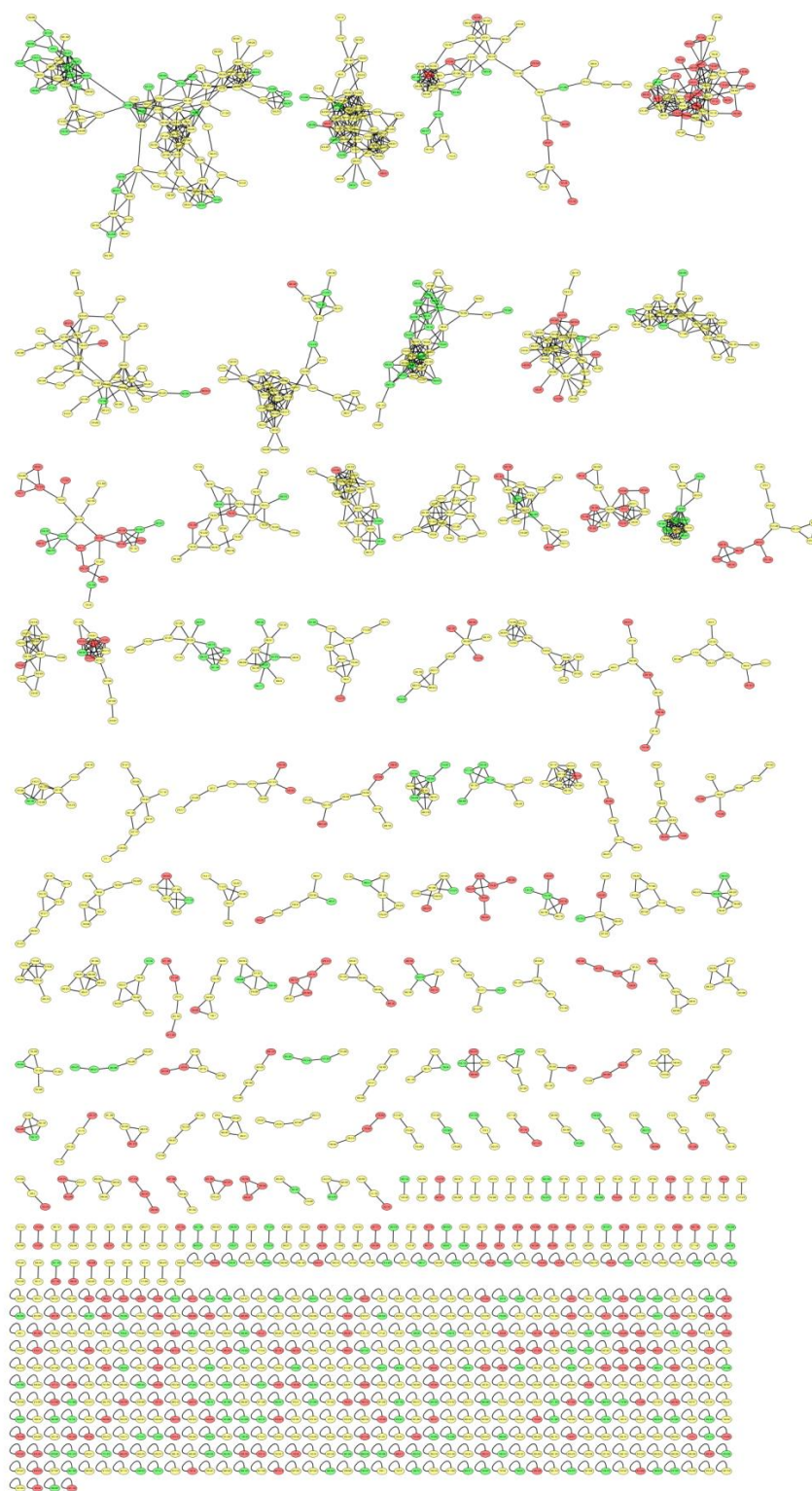


Figure S3. Molecular networking of the samples derived from the co-culture and the corresponding fungal monoculture. Red nodes were markers only presenting in the co-culture and green nodes were only detected in the monoculture. Yellow features were detected in both groups.

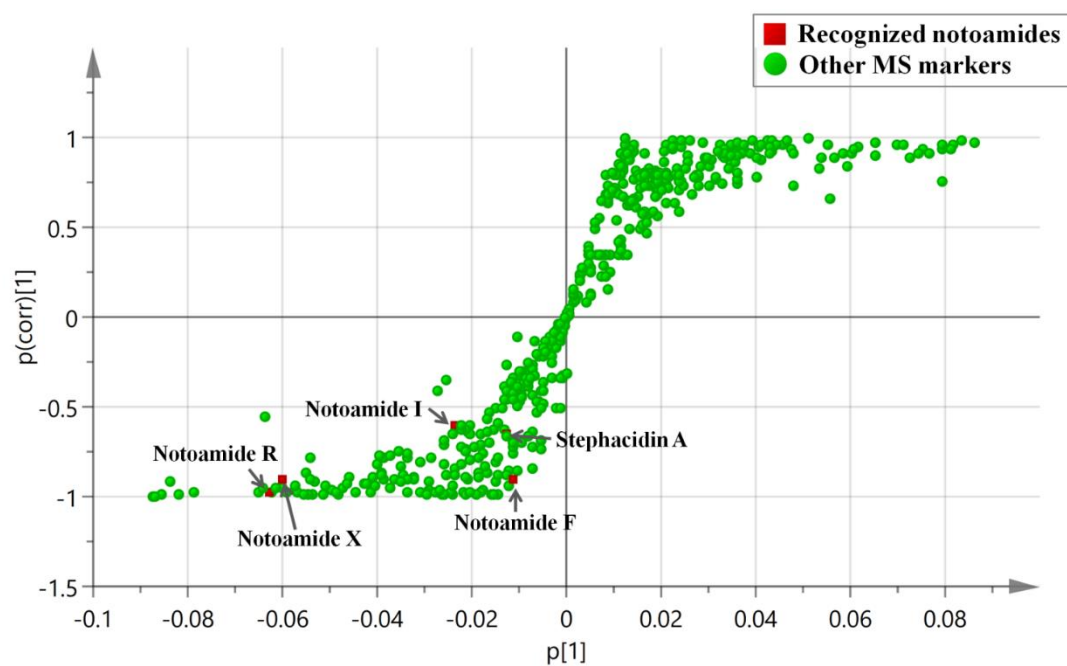


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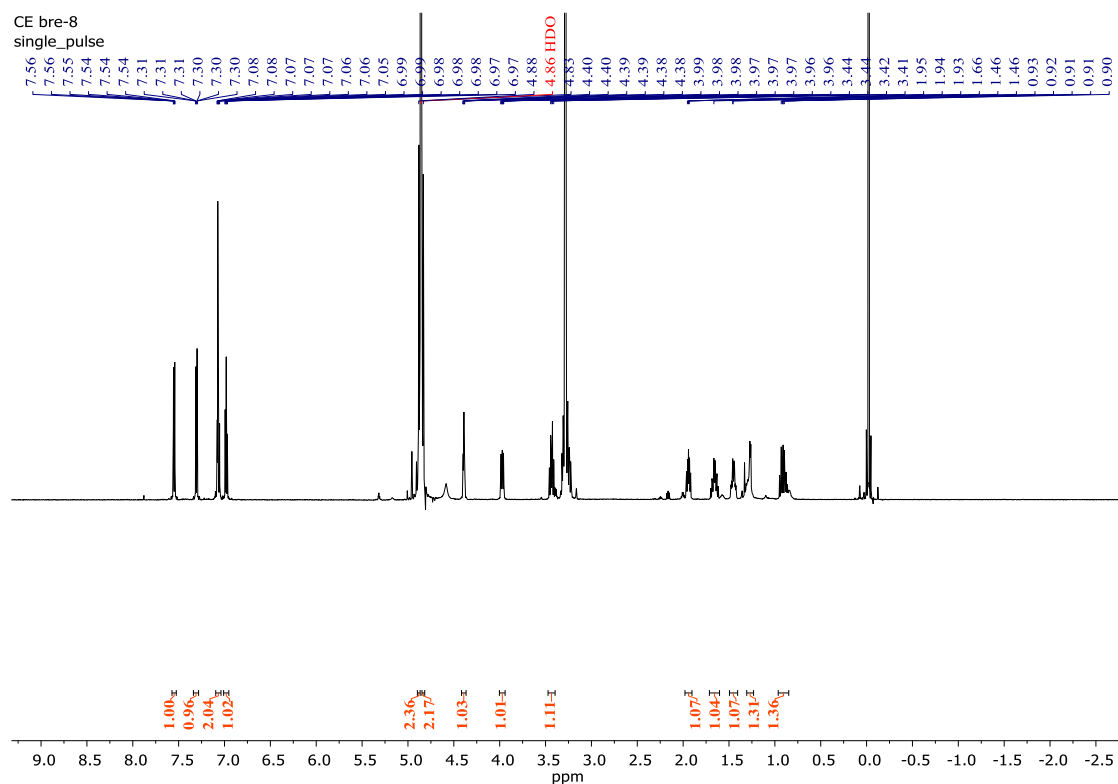


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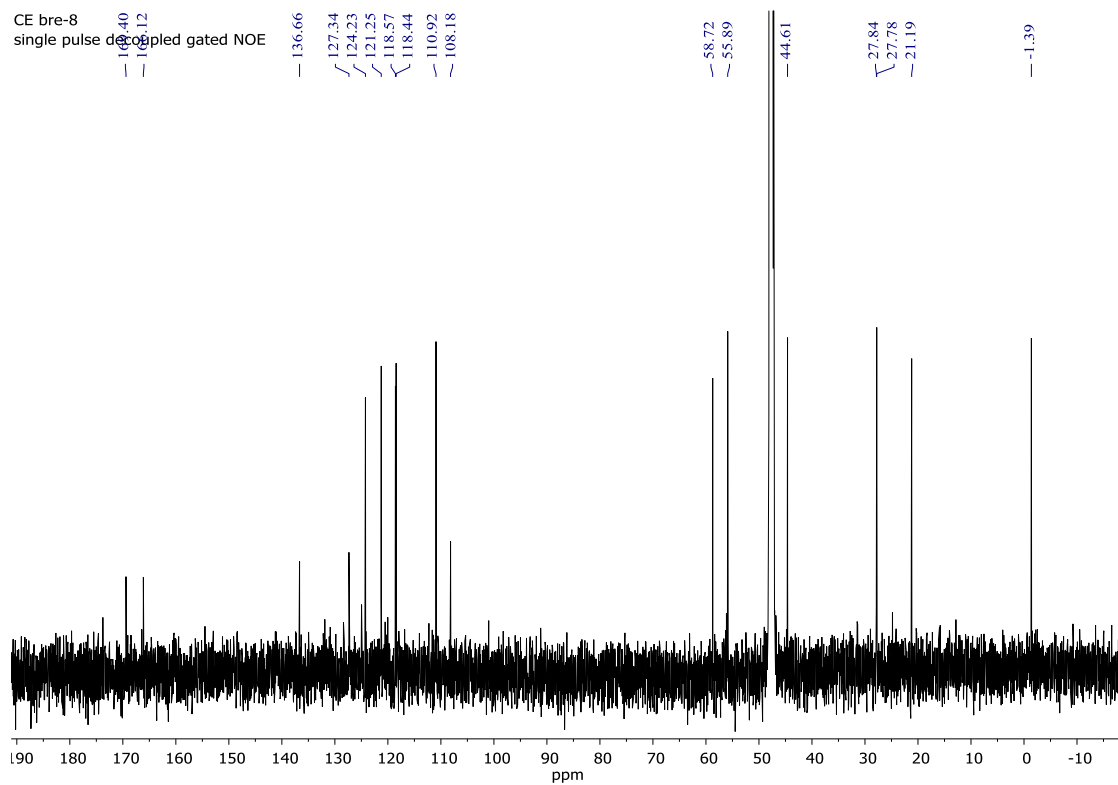


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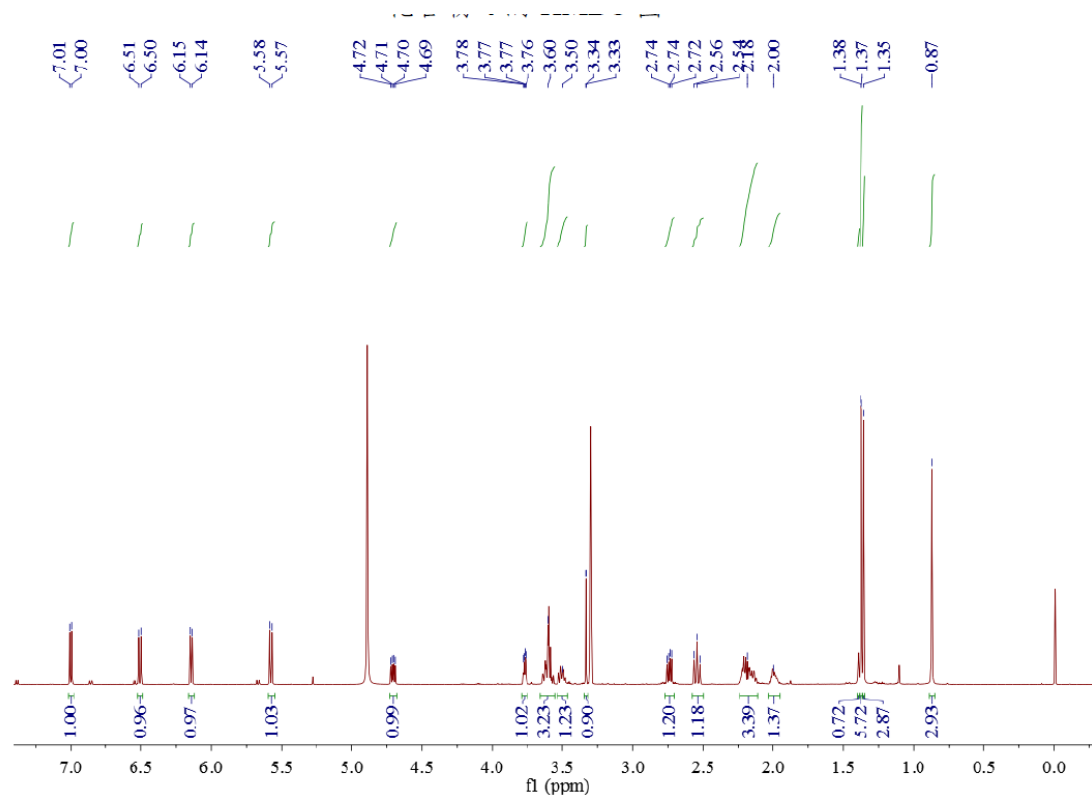


Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum (500 MHz) of purified notoamide X in CD₃OD.

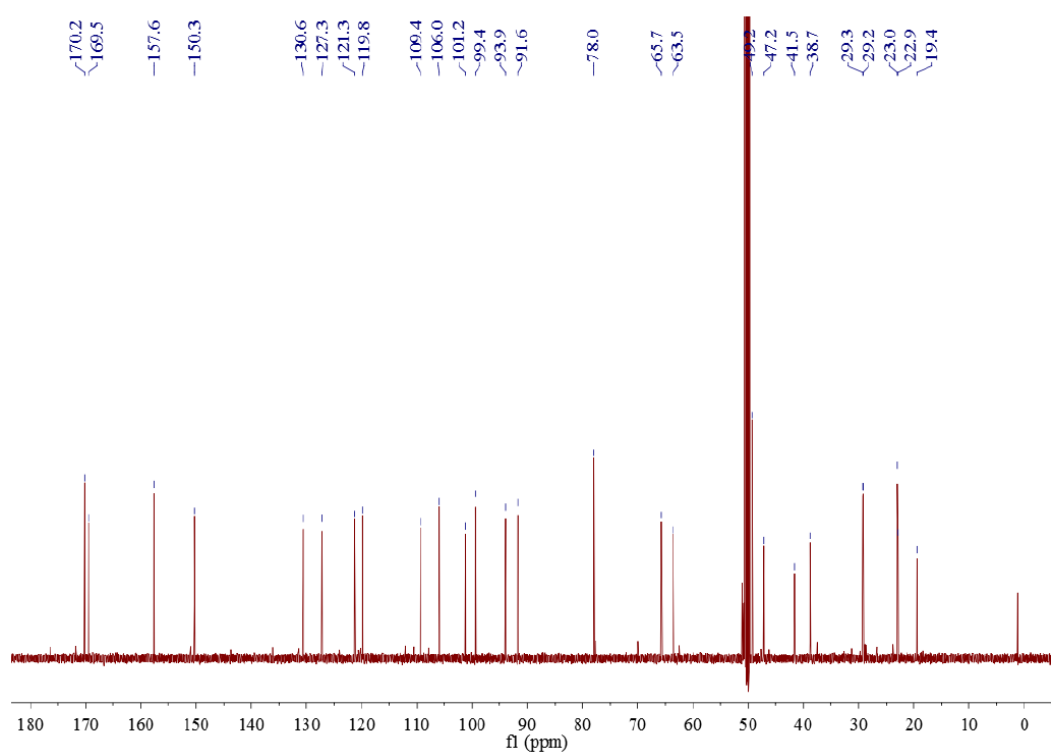


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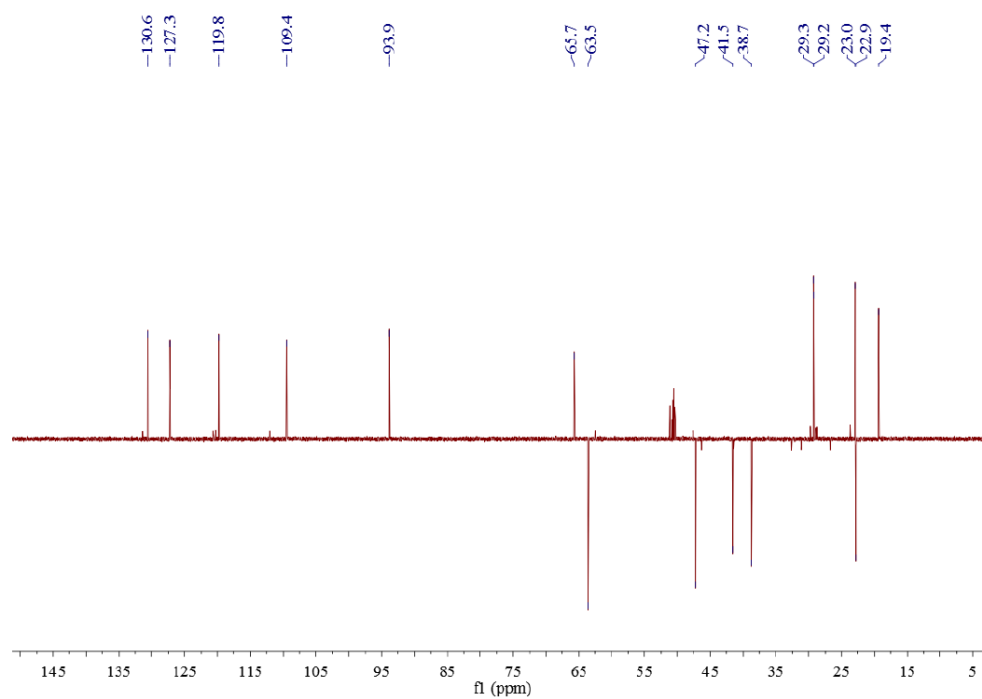


Figure S9. DEPT135 spectrum (125 MHz) of notoamide X in CD₃OD.

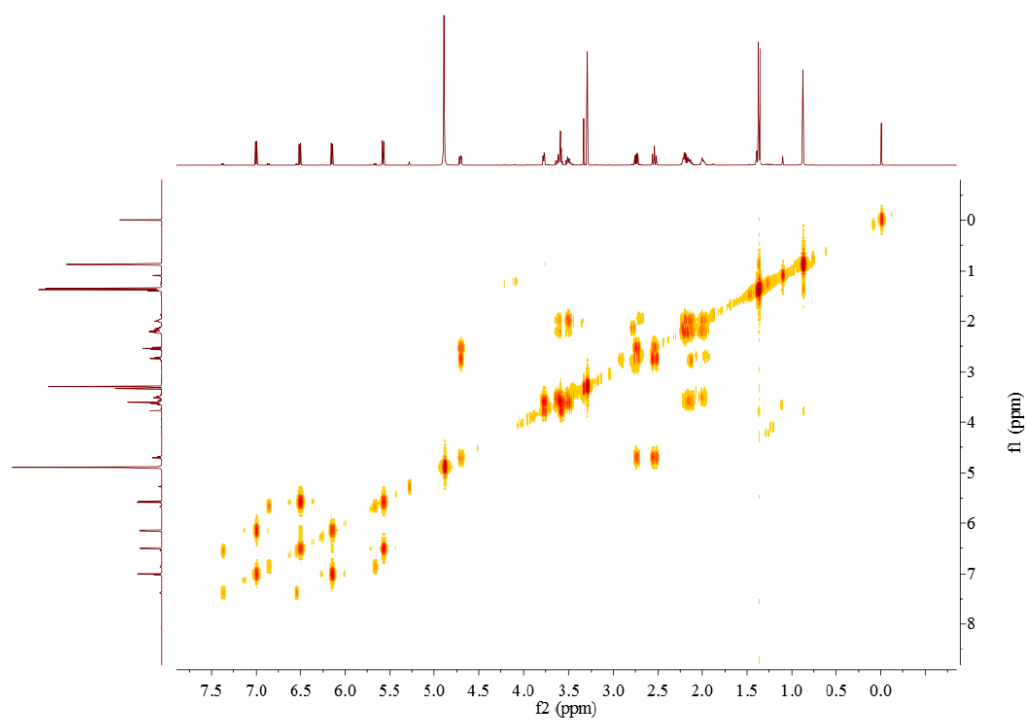


Figure S10. ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum (500 MHz) of notoamide X in CD₃OD.

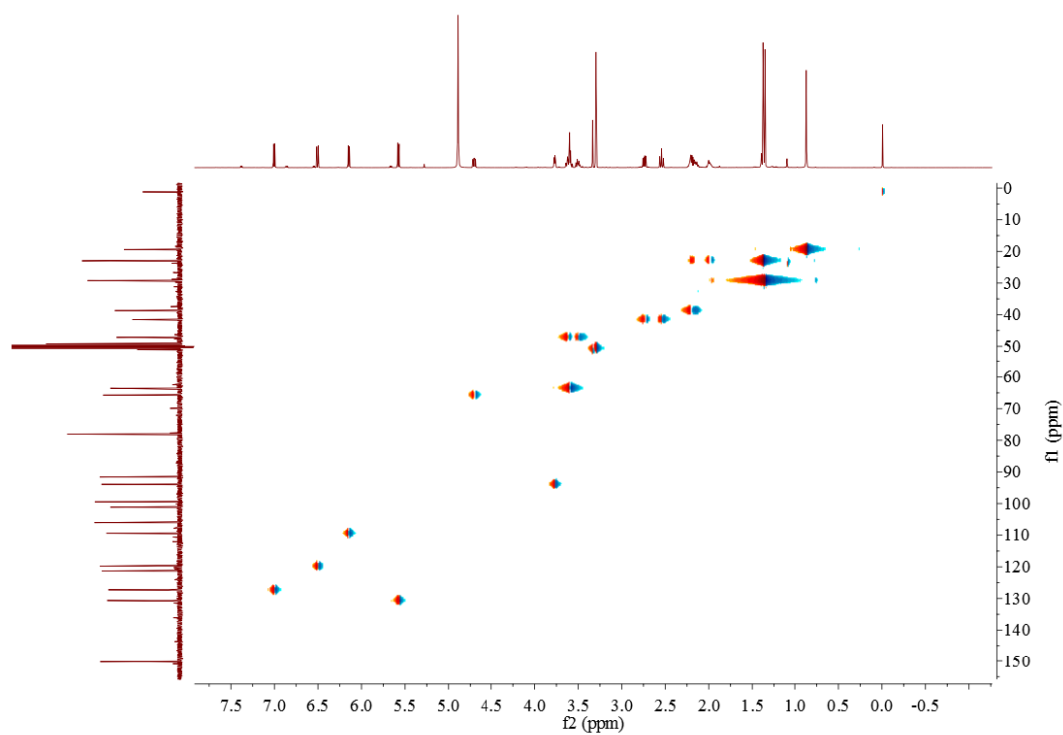


Figure S11. HSQC spectrum of notoamide X in CD₃OD.

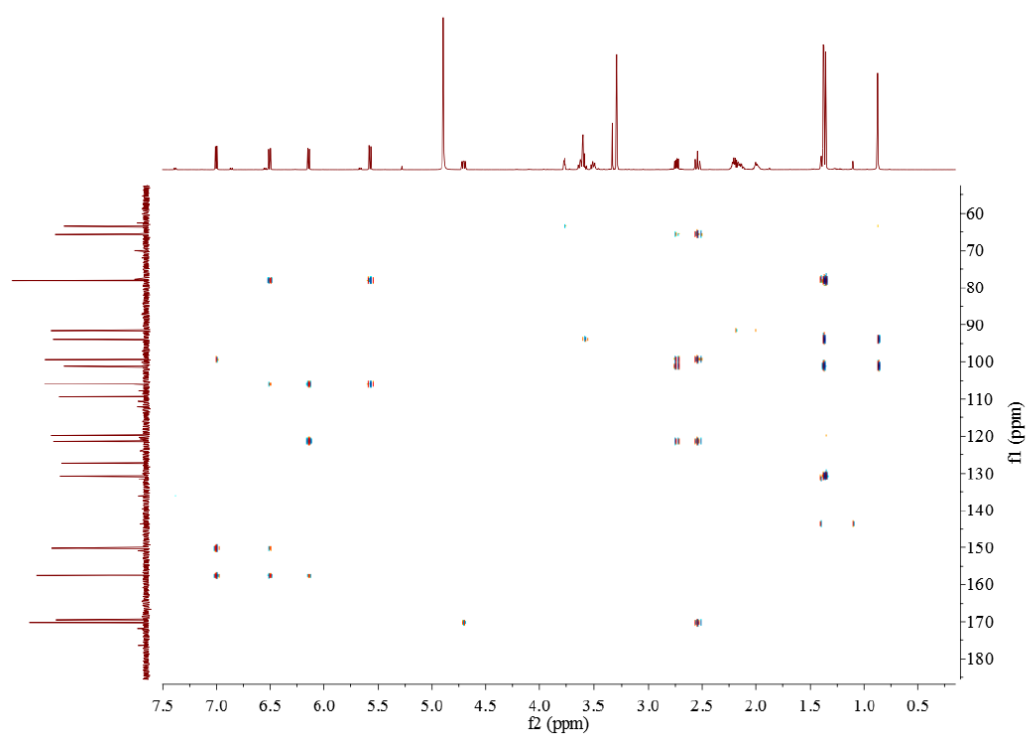


Figure S12. HMBC spectrum of notoamide X in CD₃OD.

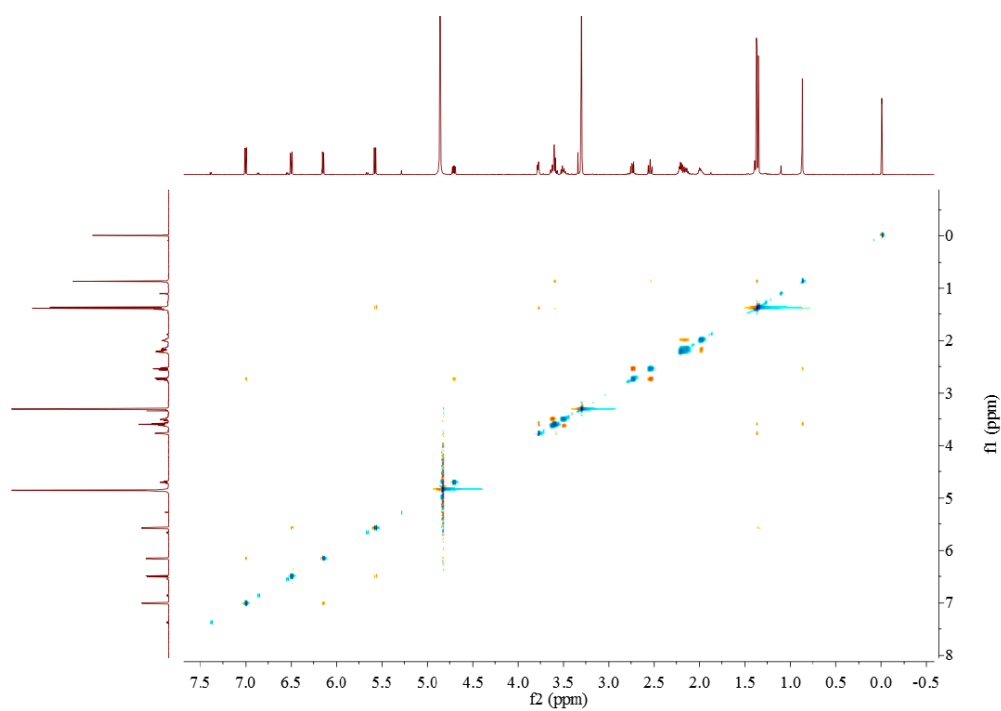


Figure S13. NOESY spectrum of notoamide X in CD₃OD.

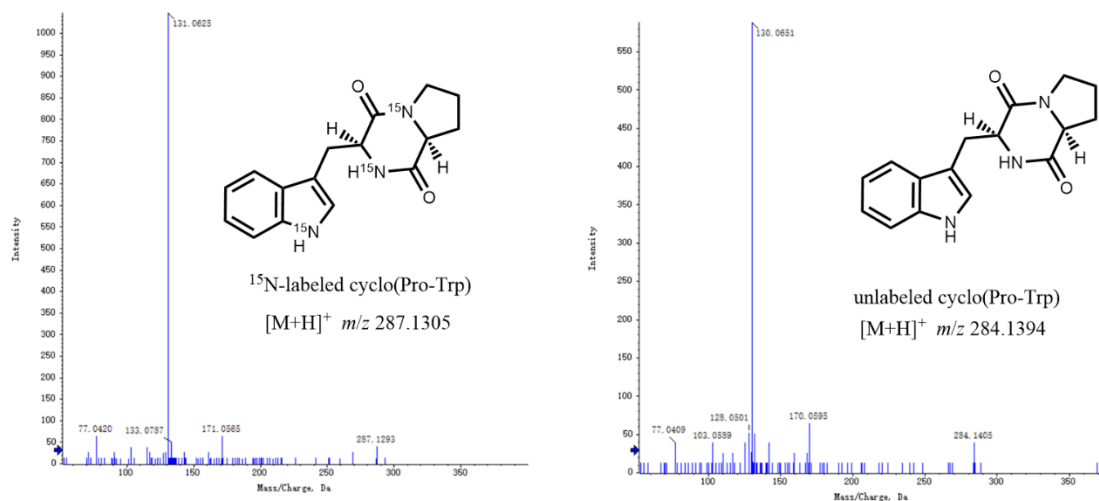


Figure S14. ¹⁵N-labeled cyclo(Pro-Trp) detected in the LC-MS analysis of the bacterial cultivation added with stable ¹⁵N-labeled L-proline and L-tryptophan.

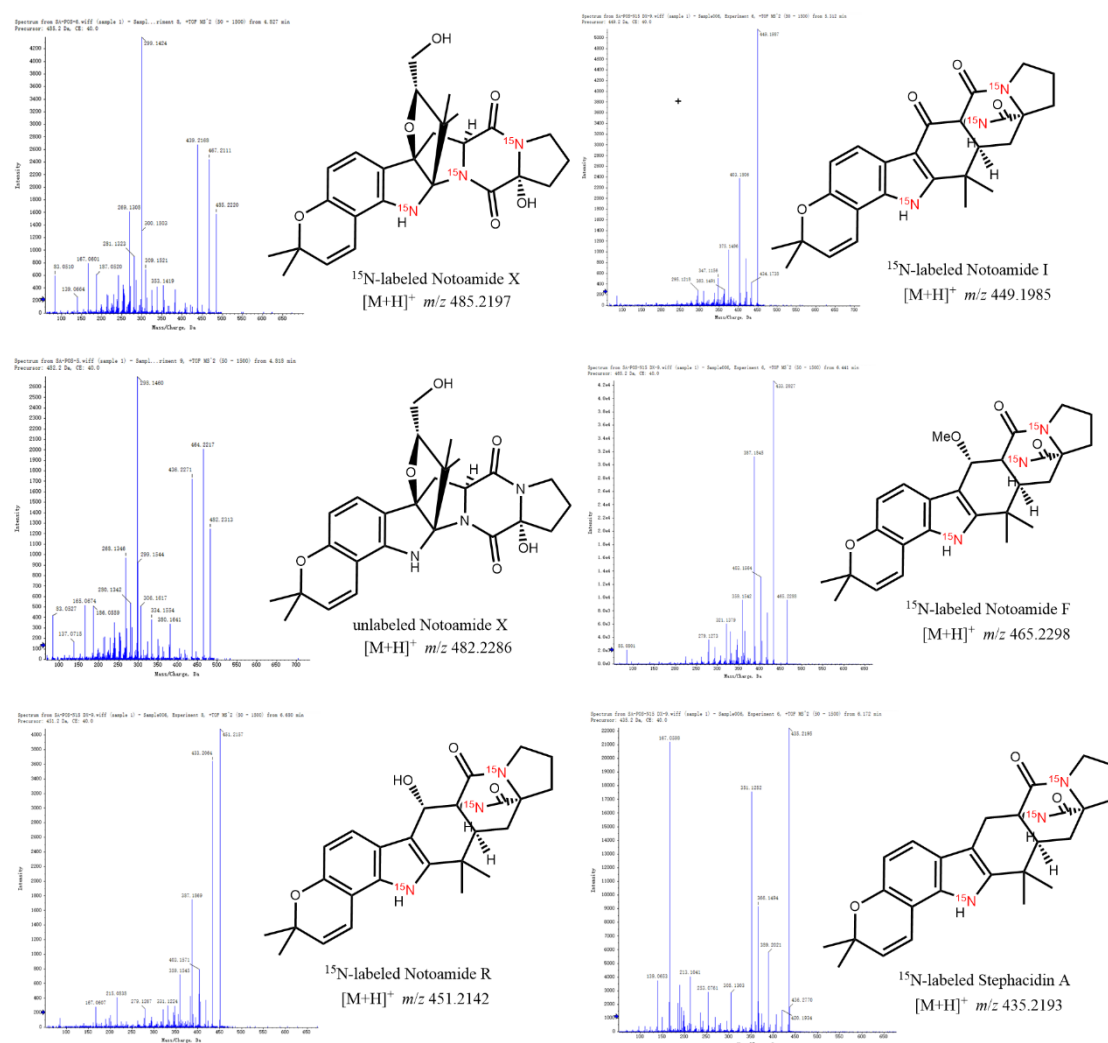
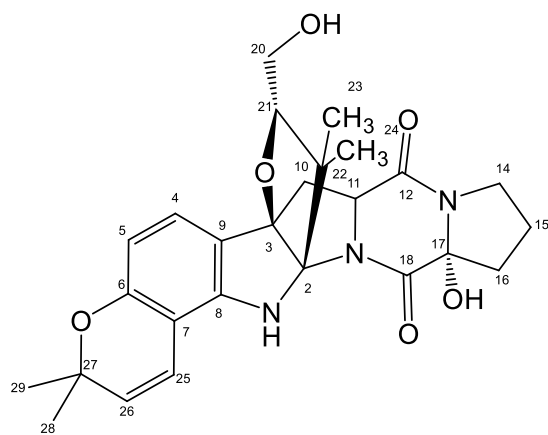


Figure S15. ¹⁵N-labeled notoamides detected in the LC-MS analysis of the fungal cultivation added with the corresponding bacterial broth containing ¹⁵N-labeled cyclo(pro-trp)

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no.	δ_{C}^a	δ_{H}^a
2	101.2 C	
3	99.4 C	
4	127.3 CH	7.00 (d, 8.1)
5	109.4 CH	6.15 (d, 8.1)
6	157.6 C	
7	106.0 C	
8	150.3 C	
9	121.3 C	
10	41.5 CH_2	2.74 (dd, 12.7, 6.9) 2.54 (t, 12.4)
11	65.7 CH	4.71 (dd, 12.0, 6.9)
12	170.2 C	
14	47.2 CH_2	3.58 (m) 3.51 (m)
15	22.9 CH_2	2.20 (m) 2.00 (m)
16	38.7 CH_2	2.18 (m)
17	91.6 C	6.48, s
18	169.5 C	
20	63.5 CH_2	3.58 (m)
21	93.9 CH	3.77 (dd, 7.1, 3.4)
22	49.2 C	
23	19.4 CH_3	0.87(s)
24	23.0 CH_3	1.37(s)
25	119.8 CH	6.51 (d, 9.9)
26	130.6 CH	5.58 (d, 9.9)
27	78.0 C	
28	29.2 CH_3	1.38(s)
29	29.3 CH_3	1.35(s)

^aRecorded in $\text{MeOH-}d_4$.



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Table S2. Mass intensities of notoamide-type metabolites detected in the UHPLC-HRMS analysis of both the mono-cultures and co-cultures.

Compound	[M+H] ⁺ /Da	RT/min	Mass Intensity					
			Mono-cultures			Co-cultures		
notoamide R	448.2231	4.2	75662	69881	80912	479166	398271	458219
notoamide X	482.2286	4.4	42604	44857	60192	139382	144884	152910
notoamide F	462.2387	5.4	31955	35102	39180	64073	72351	70295
notoamide I	446.2074	5.2	44089	45992	32101	105298	156902	65061
notoamide B	448.2231	5.8	18734	27381	22939	23912	26524	29873
stephacidin A	432.2282	5.4	21019	23017	14291	30298	35921	31558

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