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Title: Streamlined Streptomyces cell factories for industrial production of valuable natural products Project acronym: MISSION

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Project partners



- University of Saarland, Germany
- Helmholtz Institute of Pharmaceutical Research, Saarbrücken, Germany
- University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Novartis/LEK, Slovenia
- Entrechem, Spain
- Eurice, Saarbrücken, Germany

- Total project budget: 1.791.000 €
- Project start: 01 May 2018







Project Objectives: Sustainable supply of anti-infectives and anti-cancer drug candidates

- ✓ Synthetic biology and metabolic engineering to create a chassis strain of Streptomyces with superior growth and robustness, and tuneable metabolic activities
- "Plug-in" of secondary biosynthetic pathways to derive streamlined cell factories for novel antiinfectives and anti cancer drugs



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griselimycin



myxopyronin

Streptomyces: Two-time Noble Price winner!





Technical overview



Scientific Approach:
 Interdisciplinary

 integration of systems and
 synthetic biology,
 metabolic engineering,
 process development

 Creation of an efficient value chain







Objectives:

- ✓ Systems-wide profile of wildtype and industrial *S. rimosus*
- ✓ Analyze new strains created
- Integrate multi-omics data to understand cellular function and identify targets for metabolic engineering.
- GEM as premium knowledge and database.

- Multi-omics data sets of initial and new strains
- ✓ Target identification for strain engineering
- ✓ Systems biology model





Project Plan WP2 – Synthetic biology



- Objectives:
 - To provide a standard operating procedure for streamlined genome engineering of industrial *S. rimosus* strains.
 - ✓ To generate the *S. rimosus* chassis strain for optimized heterologous production of bioactive natural products.
 - ✓ To reconstruct and verify synthetic promoters, RBSs and terminators in an industrial *S. rimosus* strain.

- Technology platform for the efficient genome engineering of *S. rimosus*
- ✓ First-generation S. rimosus chassis strain
- ✓ Final collection of improved *S. rimosus* chassis strains and their genome sequences





Project Plan WP3 – Metabolic engineering of core functions



Objectives:

- Optimize building block, redox and energy supply.
- Implement novel precursor pathways to enhance the chemical space
- ✓ Implement orthogonal pathways to drive the production of e.g. polyketides, isoprenoids and other compounds (with WP₂).

- ✓ Bioinformatic data set on S.
 rimosus metabolic potential
- Cloned target genes (enzymes) or metabolic pathways
- Hosts carrying the new pathways





Project Plan WP4 – Biosynthetic engineering of target gene clusters



- Objectives:
 - ✓ Synthesize target gene clusters
 - ✓ Re-engineer clusters via mini-plasmids
 - Introduce clusters into suitable strains of S. rimosus and optimized versions (WP3).
 - ✓ Evaluate the productivity at lab scale.

- Gene clusters encoding biosynthesis of target compounds
- Engineereed gene clusters containing suitable promoters and regulatory elements located on replicative or integrative vectors
- ✓ Ready-to-use S. rimosus transformants





Project Plan WP5 Bioprocess development



Objectives:

- ✓ Re-adaptation of industrial media
- ✓ To scale down the process to lab-scale
- ✓ Strain testing at 5-L- and 20-Lfermenter scale.
- ✓ Down-stream processing.

- Re-optimized media and fermentation procedures at lab, 5-L and 20-Lfermenter scale
- The best-performing strains tested and selected target compounds isolated





Summary and Project outcomes



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- Widely exploitable microbial hosts for the production of industrial goods
- High value anti-infectives and anti-cancer drugs in sufficient amount and quality for further commercial development



RRI aspects



Round table and public event in Slovenia, Dorbna, 25.09.2019 and in Germany, Saarbrücken, HIPS Symposium 27.06. 2019. MISSION presentation in Piza, Genetics of Industrial Microorganisms International Symposium, 08-11.09.2019.

Flyers, webpage, posters etc.







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MISSION team at kick-off meeting in Saarbrücken, May 2018