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Abstract

Cervimycins A-D are novel polyketide glycosides with significant activity against multi-drug-resistant staphylococci and vancomycin-resistant enterococci. They are produced by a strain of *Streptomyces tendae*, isolated from an ancient cave. The structures of the cervimycins were determined by performing extensive NMR and chemical degradation studies. All cervimycins have a common tetracyclic polyketide core that is substituted with unusual di- and tetrasaccharide chains, composed exclusively of trideoxysugars; however, they differ in the acetyl and carbamoyl ring substituent and in the highly unusual terminal methylmalonyl and dimethylmalonyl residues.

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