

1 Asenjonamides A–C, antibacterial metabolites isolated from *Streptomyces*  
2 *asenjonii* strain KNN 42.f from an extreme-hyper arid Atacama Desert soil

3 **Running head:** Asenjonamides A-C from *Streptomyces asenjonii*

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23 Bio-guided fractionation of the culture broth extract of *Streptomyces asenjonii* strain KNN  
24 42.f recovered from an extreme hyper-arid Atacama Desert soil in northern Chile led to the  
25 isolation of three new bioactive  $\beta$ -diketones; asenjonamides A–C (**1-3**) in addition to the  
26 known N-(2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-oxoethyl)acetamide (**4**), a series of bioactive acylated 4-  
27 aminoheptosyl- $\beta$ -N-glycosides; spicamycins A–E (**5-9**), and seven known diketopiperazines  
28 (**10-16**). All isolated compounds were characterized by HRESIMS and NMR analyses and  
29 tested for their antibacterial effect against a panel of bacteria.

## 30 INTRODUCTION

31 Natural products are considered a valuable resource for drug discovery due to their diverse  
32 chemical scaffolds which cannot be matched by any synthetic libraries. However, the  
33 discovery of new and bioactive natural products is quite challenging due to the high re-  
34 isolation rate of known metabolites. One of the main strategies to address this problem is the  
35 isolation of new metabolites through the screening of novel microorganisms from neglected  
36 and underexplored habitats, particularly the extremobiosphere that includes desert biomes,  
37 the Antarctic, and the symbionts of insects.<sup>1-3</sup> The incorporation of rigorous dereplication  
38 procedures into all stages of the natural product discovery process is a critical step to achieve  
39 this goal.

40 One such neglected habitat is the Atacama Desert in northern Chile which is known for its  
41 extreme aridity. It has been arid over at least  $\sim$ 15 million years and is considered to be the  
42 oldest and driest nonpolar desert on Earth.<sup>4</sup> Some regions in the desert were described to  
43 feature “Mars-like” soils that were deemed too extreme for life to exist owing to extreme  
44 aridity, high levels of UV radiation, the presence of inorganic oxidants, areas of high salinity,

45 and very low concentrations of organic carbon.<sup>5</sup> However, recent surveys indicated the  
46 presence of diverse culturable bacteria in the Atacama Desert.<sup>6,7</sup> The successful  
47 incorporation of taxonomic information into the drug discovery process<sup>8</sup> proved effective in  
48 the isolation of novel filamentous actinobacteria from the desert among which the novel anti-  
49 HIV-1 lentzeosides A–F were discovered.<sup>9</sup> Additionally, bio-guided and genome-guided  
50 screening of representatives of these actinobacteria led to the isolation of new bioactive  
51 metabolites belonging to diverse structural classes such as the antimicrobial chaxamycins<sup>10</sup>  
52 and chaxalactins<sup>11</sup> from *Streptomyces leeuwenhoekii* C34<sup>T,12</sup> the abenquines from  
53 *Streptomyces* sp. DB634,<sup>13</sup> the antitumor atacamycins from *Streptomyces leeuwenhoekii*  
54 C38,<sup>14</sup> and the cell invasion inhibitor chaxapeptin from *S. leeuwenhoekii* strain C58.<sup>15</sup> More  
55 recently, co-cultivation of *S. leeuwenhoekii* with an *Aspergillus* isolate similarly led to the  
56 synthesis of new luteride and pseurotin derivatives.<sup>16</sup>

57 As part of our ongoing program to investigate the Atacama extremobiosphere as a source of  
58 new bioactive natural products, we have focused our attention on *Streptomyces asenjonii*  
59 strain KNN 42.f which showed strong antibacterial effects and **specific UV and <sup>1</sup>H NMR**  
60 **pattern of secondary metabolites obtained from LCMS profile and associated NMR data.**  
61 Bioactivity-guided screening of the strain led to the isolation of three new active metabolites  
62 belonging to the  $\beta$ -diketone family of polyketides in addition to thirteen known metabolites  
63 including the structurally unique antitumor antibiotic spicamycins, featuring different fatty  
64 acid residues, glycine, unusual amino sugars, and adenine units. Structure elucidation of  
65 these compounds was based on HRESIMS, 1D and 2D NMR analyses. The isolated  
66 compounds were screened for their antibacterial activity against a panel of bacteria.

## 67 RESULTS

68 When screened against a panel of bacterial isolates, only *Streptomyces asenjonii* strain KNN  
69 42.f out of a collection of 10 different Atacama Desert-derived actinobacteria exhibited  
70 strong antibacterial effects against Gram positive and Gram negative target microorganisms.  
71 Bioactivity-guided fractionation of a large scale fermentation broth of this strain revealed the  
72 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and EtOAc fractions to be the most active. Subjecting these fractions to multiple  
73 steps of medium and high pressure preparative C-18 chromatography resulted in the isolation  
74 of three new and thirteen known natural products based on HRESIMS and NMR data (Figure  
75 1).

76 Compound **(1)** was obtained as a white amorphous powder. Its molecular formula  
77 C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> was determined by analysis of its HRESIMS quasi-molecular ion peak at *m/z*  
78 264.1565 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, indicating three degrees of unsaturation. The analysis of <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C (Table  
79 1) and multiplicity-edited HSQC NMR spectra revealed the presence of one methyl triplet  
80 ( $\delta_C/\delta_H$  13.6/0.88, C-9), one methyl doublet ( $\delta_C/\delta_H$  14.2/1.12, C-11), one methyl singlet ( $\delta_C/\delta_H$   
81 11.4/1.68, C-10), five methylenes of which one was oxygenated ( $\delta_C/\delta_H$  59.5/3.36, C-2'), one  
82 **aliphatic methine** ( $\delta_C/\delta_H$  47.0/4.08, C-2), one **olefinic methine** ( $\delta_C/\delta_H$  142.6/6.79, C-5) and  
83 three quaternary carbons, two of which were assigned to an amide carbonyl ( $\delta_C$  170.7, C-1)  
84 and an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated keto carbonyl ( $\delta_C$  197.4, C-3), respectively. The COSY spectrum  
85 revealed distinct spin systems, comprising the one of the olefinic H-5 through H<sub>3</sub>-9  
86 consistent with a hexenyl moiety, another one of the NH through H<sub>2</sub>-2' which indicated a  
87 **hydroxyethylamino** moiety in compound **(1)** (Figure 2). The HMBC correlations H<sub>3</sub>-11 to C-  
88 1, C-2 and C-3 located this methyl doublet between 2 carbonyl moieties, while the

89 correlations of H<sub>3</sub>-10 to C-5, C-4 and C-3 connected the hexenyl moiety to the C-3 ketone  
90 (Figure 2). The HMBC correlations of NH and H<sub>2</sub>-1' to C-1 confirmed the attachment of the  
91 **hydroxyethylamino** moiety to the C-1 amide. NOESY correlations between H<sub>3</sub>-10 and H<sub>2</sub>-6  
92 established the *E* configuration for the double bond in the hexenyl moiety. **The only**  
93 **compound close to our β-diketone was siphonarienedione which was reported naturally<sup>17</sup> and**  
94 **through stereoselective total synthesis.<sup>18</sup> Although the close similarity of siphonarienedione**  
95 **<sup>13</sup>CNMR data, coupling patterns and optical rotation data to (1), it could not be used to**  
96 **assign the stereochemistry as siphonarienedione has four additional stereocentres.** Based on  
97 these findings, the structure of **(1)** was established as depicted, representing a new natural  
98 product for which we propose the name asenjonamide A.

99 Compound **(2)** was obtained as a white amorphous powder, its molecular formula  
100 C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> was derived from HRESIMS analysis of its quasi-molecular ion peak at *m/z*  
101 220.1304 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, consistent with three degrees of unsaturation. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR  
102 spectral data of **(2)** (Table 1) in addition to the NOESY correlations were almost identical to  
103 those of **1**, with the exception of the absence of resonances for the hydroxyethyl moiety  
104 which was supported by the molecular weight of **(2)** being 44 amu less than that of **(1)**. This  
105 unambiguously led to the elucidation of the structure of **(2)** as shown in Figure 1 as a new  
106 natural product for which the name asenjonamide B is proposed.

107 Compound **(3)** was obtained as a white amorphous powder, and its molecular formula was  
108 assigned as C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> based on HRESIMS analysis of its quasi-molecular ion peak at *m/z*  
109 196.1330 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> which indicated four degrees of unsaturation. The close similarity of this  
110 molecular formula to **(2)**, with only 2 amu less and the absence of some proton resonances in  
111 the <sup>1</sup>H NMR indicated the same chemical class with one extra ring in the structure of **(3)**.

112 The COSY correlations of H<sub>2</sub>-6 through H<sub>3</sub>-9 confirmed the *n*-butyl side chain (Figure 2).  
113 The HMBC correlations of H<sub>3</sub>-11 to C-1, C-2 and C-3 and of H<sub>3</sub>-10 to C-3, C-4 and C-5  
114 established the 2-amino-2,4-dimethylcyclopent-4-ene-1,3-dione moiety. The HMBC  
115 correlations of H<sub>2</sub>-6 to C-1, C-5 and C-4 confirmed the connectivity of the aliphatic chain to  
116 C-5. Attempts to apply Mosher's ester method failed and the compound decomposed. On  
117 that basis, compound (3) is considered a new natural product for which we propose the name  
118 asenjonamide C.

119 Compound (4) was identified as *N*-(2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-oxoethyl)acetamide based on  
120 comparing its accurate mass and NMR spectra with literature data.<sup>19,20</sup> Chemical screening  
121 of the EtOAc extract led to the isolation of a series of five acylated 4-aminoheptosyl-β-*N*-  
122 glycosides, spicamycins A–E (5-9) featuring an adenine base, an unusual amino sugar, and  
123 aliphatic side chains of 8-12 CH<sub>2</sub> groups ending in an isopropyl moiety. The structures of  
124 these compounds were elucidated by direct comparison of their HRESIMS and NMR  
125 spectroscopic data with literature data.<sup>19</sup> Their HRESIMS analysis (see SI) showed a  
126 characteristic pattern with quasi-molecular ion peak at *m/z* 566.3320 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> establishing the  
127 molecular formula C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>43</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>7</sub> which was assigned for spicamycin A. Subsequent increases  
128 of 14 amu in the molecular ions corresponded to additional CH<sub>2</sub> groups giving spicamycins  
129 B–E. This was supported by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra which were virtually identical to those  
130 previously reported (See SI).<sup>21</sup> Their structure was confirmed through the first total synthesis  
131 of one of the spicamycin congeners, SPM VIII.<sup>22</sup> They were initially obtained as a non-  
132 separable mixture of seven compounds from the culture broth of *Streptomyces alanosinicus*  
133 879-MT<sub>3</sub> and reported as potent differentiation inducer of HL-60 human promyelocytic  
134 leukemia cells.<sup>21,23</sup>

135 Finally, the isolated diketopiperazine compounds were identified based on comparing their  
136 accurate mass, NMR, and optical rotation data with literature as cyclo(L-Pro-L-Val) (**10**),<sup>24</sup>  
137 cyclo(L-Pro-L-Phe) (**11**),<sup>24</sup> cyclo(L-Pro-L-Tyr) (**12**),<sup>25</sup> brevianamide F (**13**),<sup>26</sup> cyclo(3-  
138 hydroxy-L-Pro-L-Leu) (**14**),<sup>27</sup> cyclo(3-hydroxy-L-Pro-L-Phe) (**15**),<sup>28</sup> and cyclo(3-hydroxy-L-  
139 Pro-L-Tyr) (**16**).<sup>29</sup>

140 The preliminary bio-guided isolation revealed the CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and EtOAc fractions to possess  
141 antimicrobial effects (data not shown). Asenjonamides A–C (**1-3**), isolated from the CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>  
142 fractions, exhibited significant antibacterial effects against Gram-positive strains with  
143 asenjonamide C (**3**) showing activity comparable to that of the positive control tetracycline  
144 (Table 2). Additionally, (**3**) also exhibited strong activity against Gram-negative strains in  
145 relation to tetracycline and moderate effect against *M. smegmatis*. Moreover, spicamycins  
146 A–E (**5-9**) exhibited weak antibacterial effects against Gram-positive strains in the MIC  
147 range of 70-85 µg/mL but no effects against Gram-negative strains at the highest  
148 concentration used (100 µg/mL). On the other hand, compound (**5**) and all diketopiperazine  
149 compounds (**10-16**) didn't exhibit any antibacterial effects against all tested strains at the  
150 highest concentration used (100 µg/mL, data not shown).

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## 152 DISCUSSION

153 The Atacama Desert is considered to be the oldest and driest nonpolar desert on Earth, being  
154 arid since the Jurassic period and developing to hyper-aridity during the Miocene period.<sup>6</sup>  
155 Initially, the hyper-arid core of the Atacama Desert was considered by some to be too  
156 extreme for microbial life to exist,<sup>4</sup> but subsequent investigations led to the recovery of  
157 diverse cultivable microorganisms from this harsh environment indicating that it could

158 provide another unexpected resource of microbiological diversity. The discovery that a  
159 representative of a recently described *Streptomyces* species isolated from an extreme hyper-  
160 arid Atacama Desert soil synthesizes sixteen specialized metabolites that belong to different  
161 chemical classes underlines the premise that extreme environmental conditions give rise to a  
162 unique actinobacterial diversity which is the basis of novel chemistry.<sup>7</sup> Indeed, to date, our  
163 taxonomic approach to the detection of new natural products from novel filamentous  
164 actinobacteria has led to the discovery of about 50 specialized metabolites representing  
165 diverse chemical classes, including alkaloids, peptides, polyketides, macrolides and terpenes  
166 that exhibit a range of biological activities.<sup>9-16</sup> Most of these new compounds have been  
167 isolated from novel streptomycetes, notably ones, like *S. asenjonii* and *S. leeuwenhoekii*, that  
168 form deep rooted subclades in single and concatenated *Streptomyces* gene trees.<sup>15,30</sup> Since  
169 our project began, numerous streptomycetes have been obtained from the complete range of  
170 hyper-arid and extreme hyper-arid habitats, six of which have been taxonomically  
171 characterized.<sup>31</sup> Such novel filamentous actinobacteria known to be present in the Atacama  
172 Desert landscape are a feature of an immense untapped resource for the search and discovery  
173 of the new generation of antibiotics needed for healthcare.<sup>7,20</sup>

174 In the current study, strong antibacterial activity was the driving force for the selection of *S.*  
175 *asenjonii* isolate KNN 42.f. Chromatographic separation and spectroscopic identification of  
176 active CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> fractions led to the identification of asenjonamides A–C, new members of β-  
177 diketone subclass of polyketides which exhibited a broad antibacterial effect **against a panel**  
178 **of different Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria** with asenjonamide C showing a  
179 comparable effect to that of the positive control, tetracycline. Based on inspection of their  
180 structures, the biosynthesis of these polyketides may be similar to that of the non-peptide



181 part of calcaripeptide A<sup>32</sup> isolated from *Calcarisporium* sp. strain KF525 or the anti-HIV  
182 inhibitor aetheramide A<sup>33</sup> from *Aetherobacter* sp. strain SBSr003.

183 Despite the revolutionary effects of environmental metagenomics on revealing microbial  
184 diversity, there remain powerful reasons for isolating and observing the behavior of  
185 organisms in culture. Recently, a spectacular diversity of actinobacteria has been detected  
186 and described in both low and very high altitude habitats of the Atacama region that include  
187 a putative new sub-order, and several new classes, families and numerous genera.<sup>30</sup> The  
188 presence of such actinobacterial *dark matter* strongly supports the view that the  
189 extremobiosphere is a prime landscape for bioprospecting activities. However, while mining  
190 such metagenomic resources for novel natural products is a legitimate route for discovery,  
191 continued efforts to bring these rare and dark phylotypes into laboratory culture should not  
192 be neglected. Furthermore, culture-based studies also allow to carry out co-cultivation  
193 experiments, and we have successfully adopted this approach to include Atacama Desert  
194 microorganisms whereby many compounds were observed only in co-cultures of  
195 actinobacteria and fungi, but not in axenic cultures of the fungus or bacterium.<sup>16,34</sup>

## 196 **Experimental**

197 *General experimental procedures.* Optical rotations were measured in methanol on a Perkin  
198 Elmer 241 instrument at the sodium D line (589 nm). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were  
199 recorded at 25 °C with a Varian VNMRS 600 MHz NMR spectrometer. High-resolution  
200 mass spectra were acquired with a Thermo Scientific LTQ/XL Orbitrap using the following  
201 parameters: analyzer: FTMS, mass range: normal full ms 100-2000, resolution: 30,000. For  
202 LC-ESIMS, gradient separation was achieved using a Sun Fire C-18 analytical HPLC

203 column (5  $\mu\text{m}$ , 4.6  $\times$  150 mm, Waters) with a mobile phase of 0-100% MeOH over 30 min at  
204 a flow rate of 1 mL/min. HPLC was performed on Agilent 1260 Infinity preparative HPLC  
205 system with an Agilent Eclipse XDB-C18 column (5  $\mu\text{m}$ , 10  $\times$  250 mm, Agilent  
206 technologies, USA) monitored using an Agilent photodiode array detector. Detection was  
207 carried out at 220, 254, 280, 350, and 400 nm. MPLC separations were carried out on  
208 Biotage system using reversed-phase pre-packed columns. Detection was carried out at 220  
209 and 280 nm. Diaion HP-20 was obtained from Resindion S.R.L., a subsidiary of Mitsubishi  
210 Chemical Co., Binasco, Italy.

211 *Microorganism isolation and identification.* *Streptomyces asenjonii* strain KNN 42.f was  
212 recovered from a plate of Gauze's No.1 agar<sup>35</sup> following inoculation with a suspension of an  
213 extreme hyper-arid soil collected by ATB in 2010 from the Yungay core region of the  
214 Atacama Desert (24°06'18.6"S,70°01'55.6"W at 1016 m asl).<sup>30</sup> Phylogenetic analysis of  
215 KNN 42.f and other isolates recovered from the same region was performed through 16S  
216 rRNA gene sequencing and showed that these strains were belonging to new species within  
217 the genus *Streptomyces*, and KNN 42.f was identified as *Streptomyces asenjonii* KNN 42.f  
218 and deposited in the NRRL public service collection under the accession number NRRL B-  
219 65049.<sup>30</sup>

220 *Microbial fermentation, extraction and isolation.* *Streptomyces asenjonii* strain KNN 42.f  
221 was fermented on modified ISP2 medium comprising malt extract (4.0 g), yeast extract (10.0  
222 g), dextrose (10.0 g), glycerol (10.0 g) and distilled water to 1 L, pH 7.0. It was grown at a  
223 volume of 4 L by shaking at 180 rpm in an incubator shaker at 30 °C for 7 days when HP-20  
224 resin beads were added, followed by shaking at 180 rpm for 6 h before harvest. The

225 harvested fermentation broth was centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 20 min, and the HP20 was  
226 washed with distilled water and then extracted with methanol ( $4 \times 200$  mL). The successive  
227 MeOH extracts were combined and concentrated *in vacuo* yielding 2.3 g of residue. The  
228 latter was suspended in distilled water (300 mL) and then successively partitioned between  
229 *n*-hexane (300 mL  $\times$  3), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (300 mL  $\times$  3) and EtOAc (300 mL  $\times$  3). Each fraction was  
230 concentrated under reduced pressure to give *n*-hexane extract (390 mg), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> extract (310  
231 mg), and EtOAc extract (260 mg), respectively. The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> fraction was subjected to flash  
232 chromatography on a Biotage system using a prepacked RP-18 column and a MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O  
233 gradient to give 5 subfractions. Sub-fraction 1 was subjected to semi-preparative HPLC  
234 using MeCN–H<sub>2</sub>O (35–100% over 30 min, 100% for 5 min) at 2 mL/min flow rate affording  
235 compounds **10-16**. Sub-fraction 2 afforded compounds **3** (1.3 mg) and **4** (2.1 mg), while sub-  
236 fraction 3 afforded compounds **1** (1.0 mg) and **2** (5.9 mg) under the same HPLC conditions.  
237 The EtOAc fraction was subjected to flash chromatography on the Biotage system using  
238 prepacked RP-18 column chromatography using MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O gradient to give 4 subfractions.  
239 Sub-fraction 2 was subjected to semi-preparative HPLC and a MeCN–H<sub>2</sub>O (15–100% over  
240 30 min, 100% for 5 min) at a flow rate of 2 mL/min to afford compounds **5** (11 mg), **6** (3  
241 mg), **7** (7 mg), **8** (8 mg), and **9** (4.5 mg).

242 Asenjonamide A (**1**). White amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +6.7$  (*c* 0.1, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  
243  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) at 230 (3.8), 256 (2.5) nm; HRESIMS *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 264.1565 indicating the  
244 molecular formula C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (calculated [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> ion at *m/z* 264.1570); NMR data: see  
245 Table 1.

246 Asenjonamide B (**2**). White amorphous powder;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +6.9$  (*c* 0.12, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  
247  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) at 230 (3.7), 256 (2.6) nm; HRESIMS *m/z* [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 220.1304 indicating the

248 molecular formula C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (calculated [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> ion at m/z 220.1308); NMR data: see  
249 Table 1.

250 Asenjonamide C (**3**). White amorphous powder; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +6.9 (*c* 0.15, MeOH); UV (MeOH)  
251  $\lambda_{\max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) at 232 (3.6), 258 (2.7) nm; HRESIMS *m/z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 196.1330 indicating the  
252 molecular formula C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (calculated [M+H]<sup>+</sup> ion at m/z 196.1332); NMR data: see  
253 Table 1.

254 *Antibacterial screening.* The antibacterial activity of all of the compounds was evaluated  
255 against *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923, *Bacillus subtilis* NCTC 2116, *Escherichia coli*  
256 ATCC 25922, *Enterococcus faecalis* ATCC 10541, and the acid fast strain *Mycobacterium*  
257 *smegmatis* ATCC607, using the agar diffusion method and regression line analysis.<sup>36</sup> Filter  
258 paper disks containing amoxicillin (10  $\mu$ g) and tetracycline (30  $\mu$ g) were used as positive  
259 controls. Minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) against the panel of strains were  
260 calculated using the method described before albeit with minor modifications.<sup>37</sup> In brief,  
261 tested strains were grown in Müller-Hinton (MH) broth to early stationary phase and then  
262 diluted to an OD<sub>600</sub> = 0.005. The assays were performed in a 96-well microtiter plate format  
263 in duplicate, with two independent cultures for each strain. All of the compounds were  
264 dissolved in DMSO (Sigma) and added to the cultures in wells to give a final concentration  
265 of DMSO of 10% that did not affect the growth of any of the tested strains. The effect of  
266 different dilutions of the compounds (up to 100  $\mu$ g/mL) on growth was assessed after 18 h  
267 incubation at 37 °C using a Labsystems iEMS MF plate reader at OD<sub>620</sub>. The MIC value was  
268 determined as the lowest concentration showing no growth compared to the MH control.

## 269 **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

270 The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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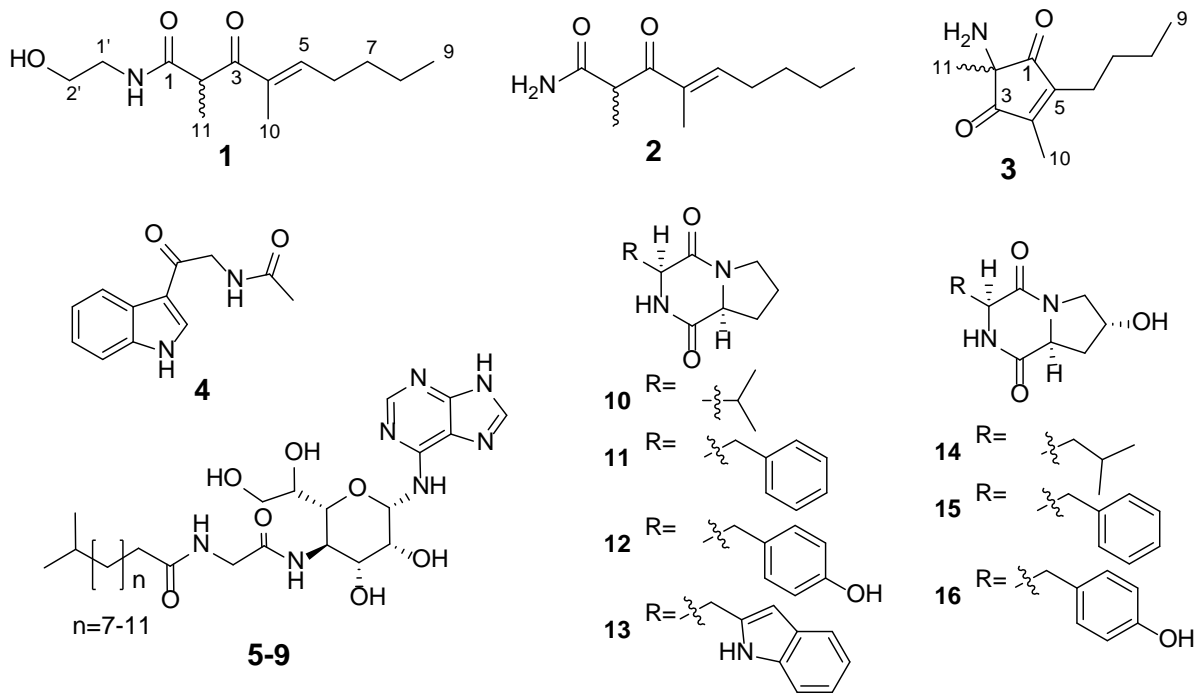
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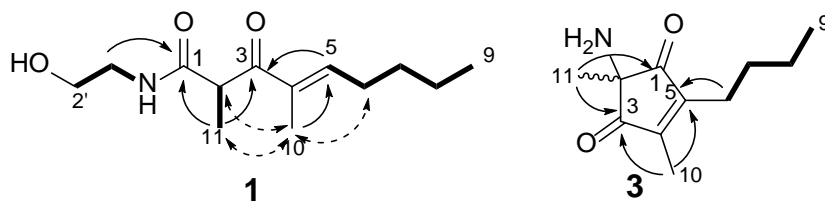


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385 **Table 1.** <sup>1</sup>H (600 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C (150 MHz) NMR spectroscopic data of **1-3** (298 K, DMSO-  
 386 *d*<sub>6</sub>).

No.	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>	
	δ <sub>C</sub> , mult.*	δ <sub>H</sub> (mult, <i>J</i> in Hz)	δ <sub>C</sub> , mult.	δ <sub>H</sub> (mult, <i>J</i> in Hz)	δ <sub>C</sub> , mult.*	δ <sub>H</sub> (mult, <i>J</i> in Hz)
1	170.7, C	-	172.6, C	-	203.8, C	-
2	47.0, CH	4.09 (q)	47.0, CH	4.08 (q)	69.9, C	-
3	197.4, C	-	197.6, C	-	203.8, C	-
4	135.5, C	-	135.6, C	-	156.0, C	-
5	142.6, CH	6.76 (t, 7.1)	142.7, CH	6.78 t (7.1)	152.7, C	-
6	28.0, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.20 (q)	28.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.21 (q)	23.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	2.41 (t, 7.6)
7	30.0, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.40 (m)	30.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.41 (m)	29.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.41 (m)
8	21.9, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.30 (m)	21.8, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.32 (m)	22.1, CH <sub>2</sub>	1.29 (m)
9	13.7, CH <sub>3</sub>	0.88 (t, 7.3)	13.8, CH <sub>3</sub>	0.89 (t, 7.3)	13.7, CH <sub>3</sub>	0.88 (t, 7.3)
10	11.4, CH <sub>3</sub>	1.66 (s)	11.5, CH <sub>3</sub>	1.67 (s)	9.1, CH <sub>3</sub>	1.96 (s)
11	14.2, CH <sub>3</sub>	1.12 (d, 7.0)	14.3, CH <sub>3</sub>	1.13 (d, 7.0)	20.0, CH <sub>3</sub>	1.14 (s)
1'	41.2, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.08 (m)	-	-	-	-
2'	59.5, CH <sub>2</sub>	3.36 (m)	-	-	-	-
NH <sub>2</sub>	-	-	-	6.95 (bs)	-	5.98 (bs)
NH	-	8.11 (bs)	-	-	-	-

387 \*<sup>13</sup>C assignments were based on HSQC and HMBC spectra.

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393 **Table 2.** Antibacterial Activity of compounds **1-3** and **5-9**.

Compound	Average MIC ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ) <sup>a</sup>				
	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>B. subtilis</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>E. faecalis</i>	<i>M. smegmatis</i>
<b>1</b>	3.6	3.9	16.8	12.2	18.6
<b>2</b>	3.1	3.3	17.3	13.7	19.1
<b>3</b>	1.8	1.7	5.4	3.9	10.3
<b>5</b>	77.0	72.0	>100	>100	>100
<b>6</b>	72.0	68.0	>100	>100	>100
<b>7</b>	74.0	69.0	>100	>100	>100
<b>8</b>	79.0	75.0	>100	>100	>100
<b>9</b>	84.0	77.0	>100	>100	>100
Tetracycline	1.5	1.2	4.1	2.9	3.8
Amoxicillin	0.05	0.03	0.8	0.3	0.9

394 <sup>a</sup> average of two independent replicates.

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