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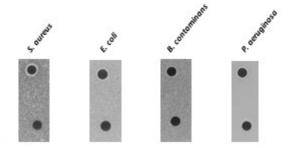
## Antibacterial activity of silver camphorimine coordination polymers

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## **Supplementary Information**

The antimicrobial properties of compounds **I**, **II**, **III**, **IV** and **V** were assessed by evaluating their activity against the Gram-positive *Staphylococcus aureus* Newman and the Gram-negative *Burkholderia contaminans* IST408, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* 477, and *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922.

A first screening of antibacterial activity was carried out by using the disk diffusion method as exemplified for **III** (Figure S1).

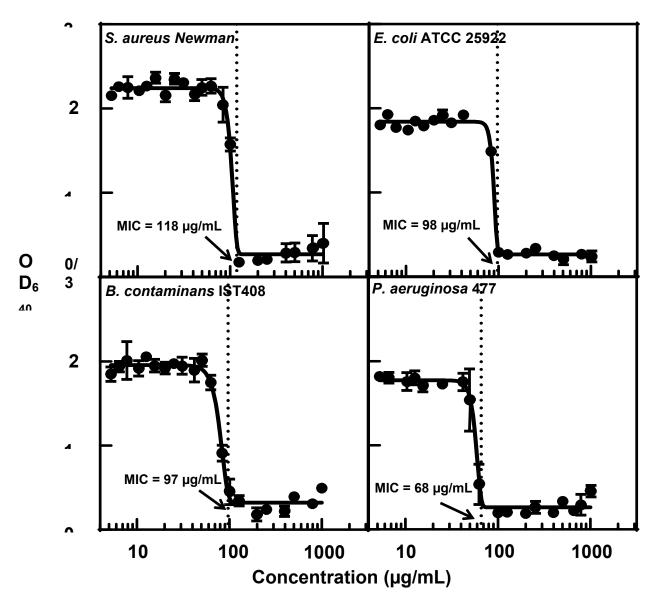


**Figure S1** – Hallos of growth inhibition towards *S. aureus* Newman, *E. coli, P. aeruginosa* and *B. contaminans* detected for **III** after 24 h of incubation at 37 °C.

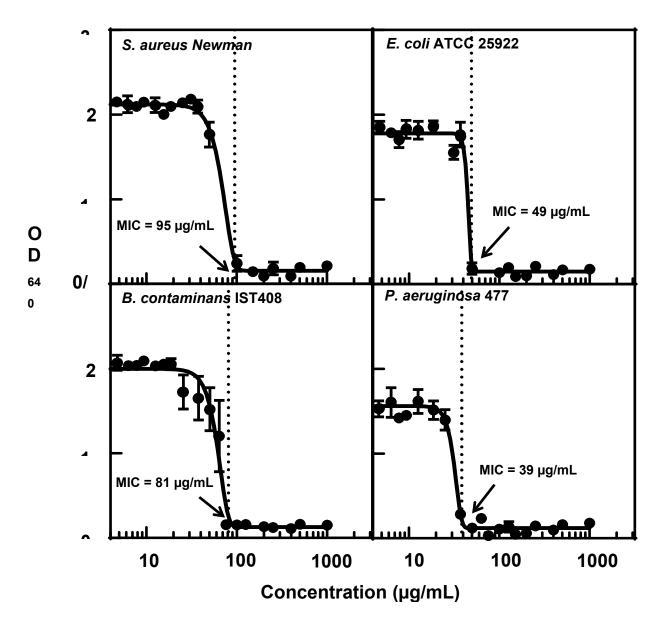
Since all compounds displayed considerable hallos of growth inhibition, a step forward was given towards evaluation of their Minimal Inhibitory Concentrations (MIC) for the four bacteria strains. Data fitting was performed using a modified Gompertz equation<sup>1</sup> and the corresponding graphs are displayed in Figures S2 to S5.

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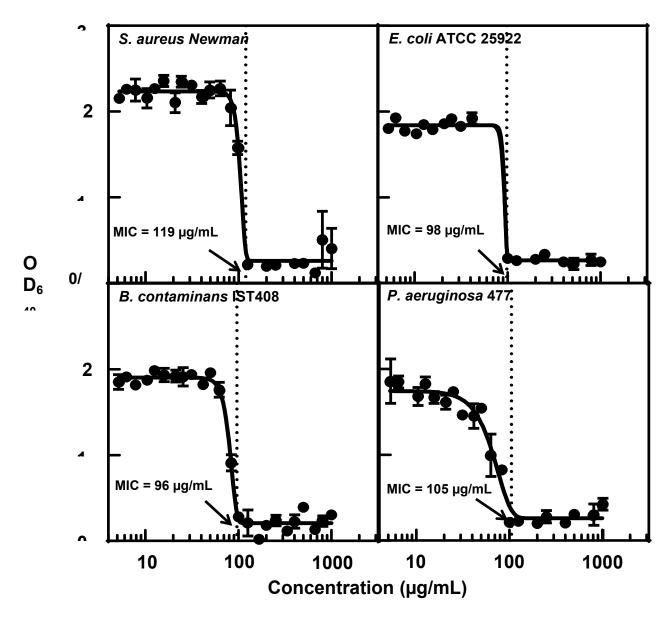
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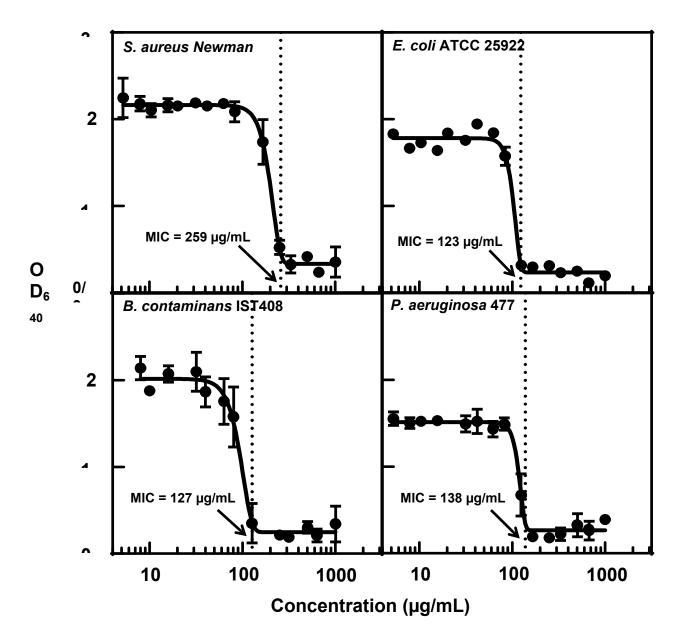
**Figure S2** – Antibacterial activity of compound I towards *S. aureus* Newman, *E. coli, P. aeruginosa* and *B. contaminans*. Experimental  $OD_{640}$  mean  $\pm$  SD values of the indicated cultures after 24 h incubation at 37 °C in the presence of the indicated concentrations of I are shown. Data fitting was performed using a modified Gompertz equation. MIC values are indicated in each case.



**Figure S3** – Antibacterial activity of compound **II** towards *S. aureus* Newman, *E. coli, P. aeruginosa* and *B. contaminans*. Experimental  $OD_{640}$  mean  $\pm$  SD values of the indicated cultures after 24 h incubation at 37 °C in the presence of the indicated concentrations of **II** are shown. Data fitting was performed using a modified Gompertz equation. MIC values are indicated in each case.



**Figure S4** – Antibacterial activity of compound **IV** towards *S. aureus* Newman, *E. coli*, *P. aeruginosa* and *B. contaminans*. Experimental  $OD_{640}$  mean  $\pm$  SD values of the indicated cultures after 24 h incubation at 37 °C in the presence of the indicated concentrations of **IV** are shown. Data fitting was performed using a modified Gompertz equation. MIC values are indicated in each case.

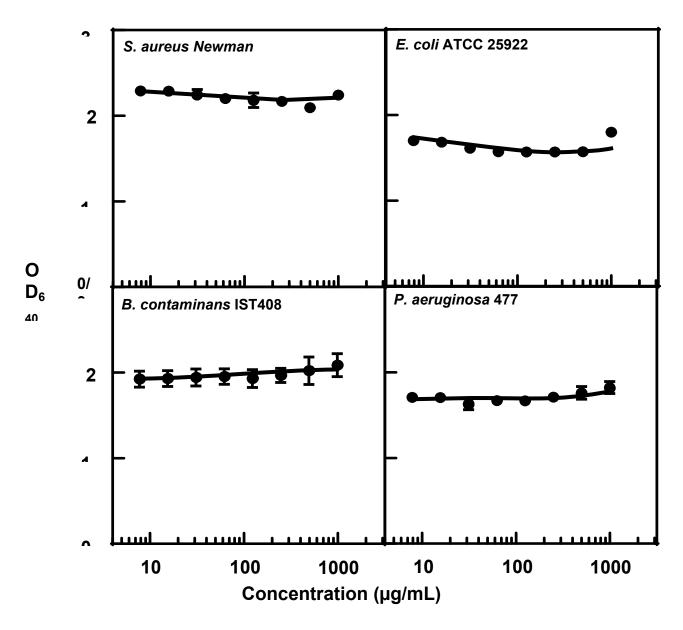


**Figure S5** – Antibacterial activity of compound **V** towards *S. aureus* Newman, *E. coli*, *P. aeruginosa* and *B. contaminans*. Experimental  $OD_{640}$  mean  $\pm$  SD values of the indicated cultures after 24 h incubation at 37 °C in the presence of the indicated concentrations of **V** are shown. Data fitting was performed using a modified Gompertz equation. MIC values are indicated in each case.

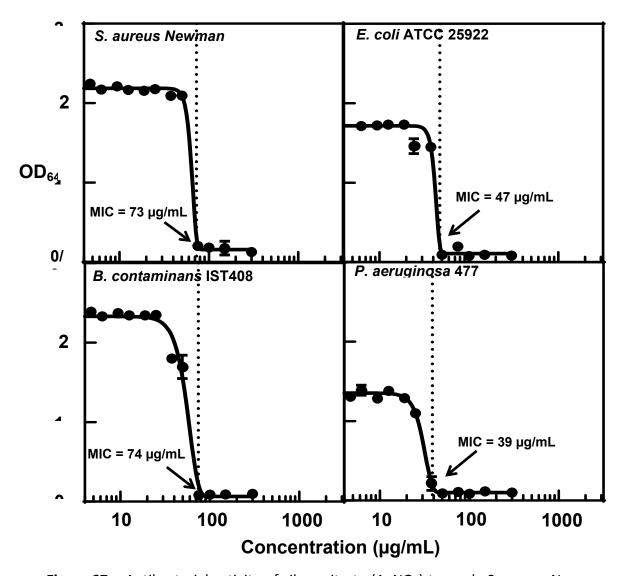
For comparative purposes, the MIC values for camphor (Figure S6), AgNO<sub>3</sub> (Figure S7), and the camphor ligands <sup>1A</sup>L (Figure S8), <sup>2A</sup>L (Figure S9), <sup>1B</sup>L (Figure S10), <sup>2B</sup>L (Figure S10

S11), and <sup>3</sup>L (Figure S12), were also evaluated under the same experimental conditions.

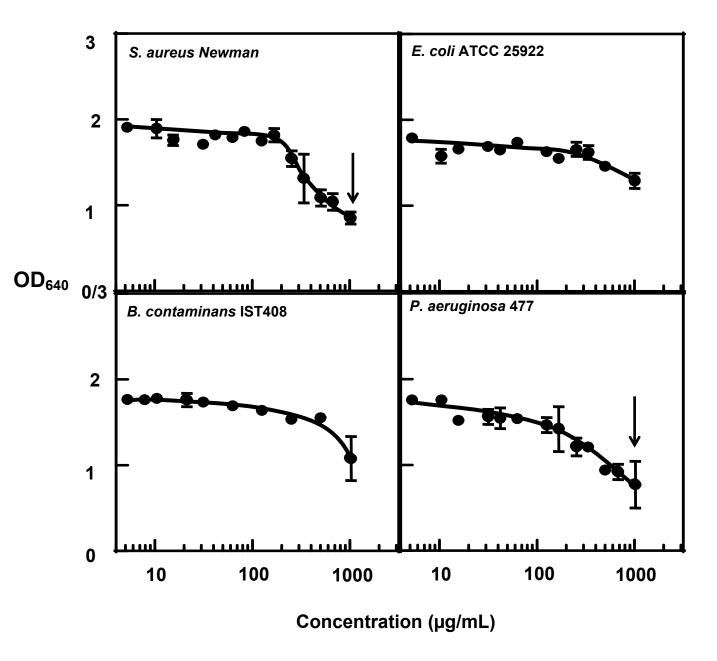
The experimental data was plotted and the graphs are shown.



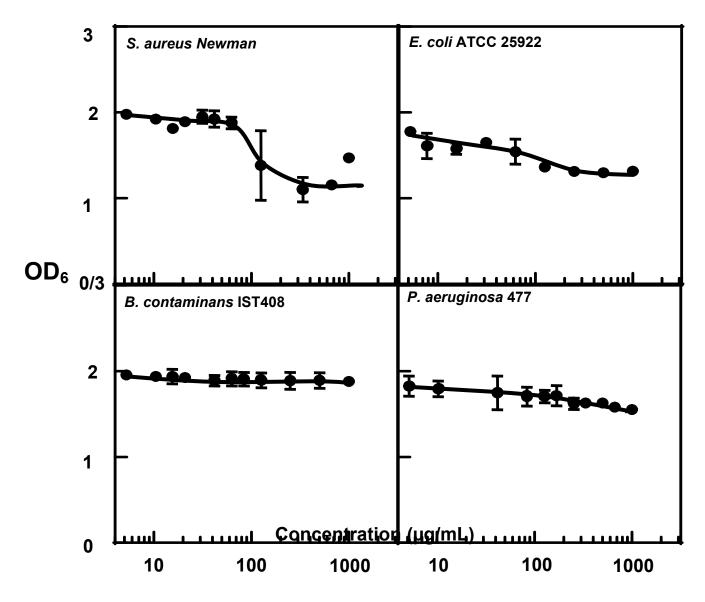
**Figure S6** – Antibacterial activity of **camphor** towards *S. aureus* Newman, *E. coli, P. aeruginosa* and *B. contaminans*. Experimental  $OD_{640}$  mean  $\pm$  SD values of the indicated cultures after 24 h incubation at 37 °C in the presence of the indicated concentrations of camphor are shown.



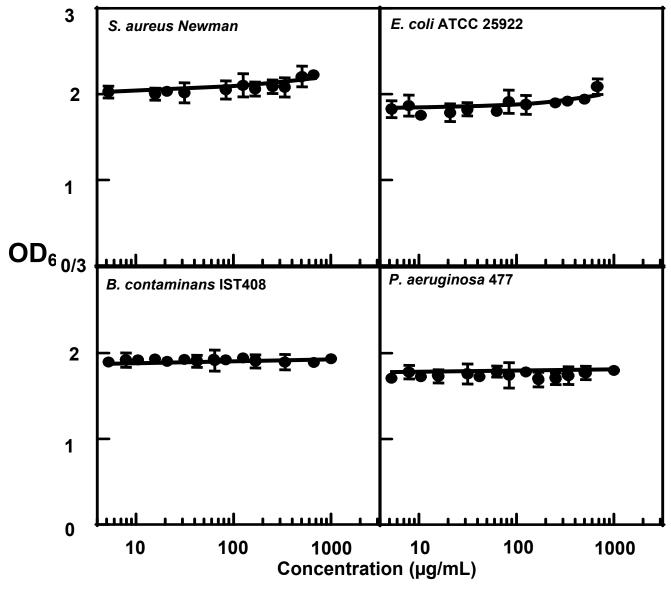
**Figure S7** – Antibacterial activity of silver nitrate (AgNO<sub>3</sub>) towards *S. aureus* Newman, *E. coli, P. aeruginosa* and *B. contaminans*. Experimental  $OD_{640}$  mean  $\pm$  SD values of the indicated cultures after 24 h incubation at 37 °C in the presence of the indicated concentrations of silver nitrate are shown. Data fitting was performed using a modified Gompertz equation. MIC values are indicated in each case.



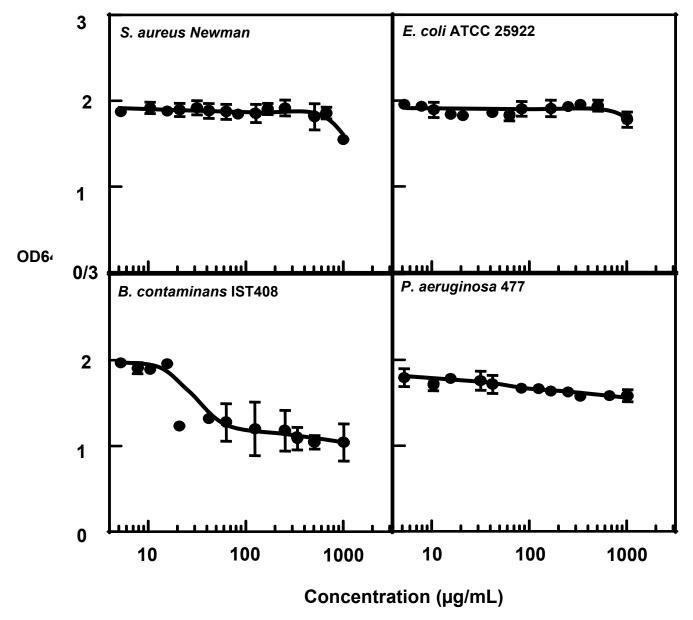
**Figure S8** – Antibacterial activity of ligand <sup>1A</sup>L towards *S. aureus* Newman, *E. coli*, *P. aeruginosa* and *B. contaminans*. Experimental  $OD_{640}$  mean  $\pm$  SD values of the indicated cultures after 24 h incubation at 37 °C in the presence of the indicated concentrations of ligand <sup>1A</sup>L are shown. For *S. aureus* and *P. aeruginosa*, since the  $OD_{640}$  was below 1.0 for the highest concentration tested (indicated by arrows), the CFUs per mL were determined and were, respectively,  $5.5 \times 10^7$  and  $1.2 \times 10^7$ .



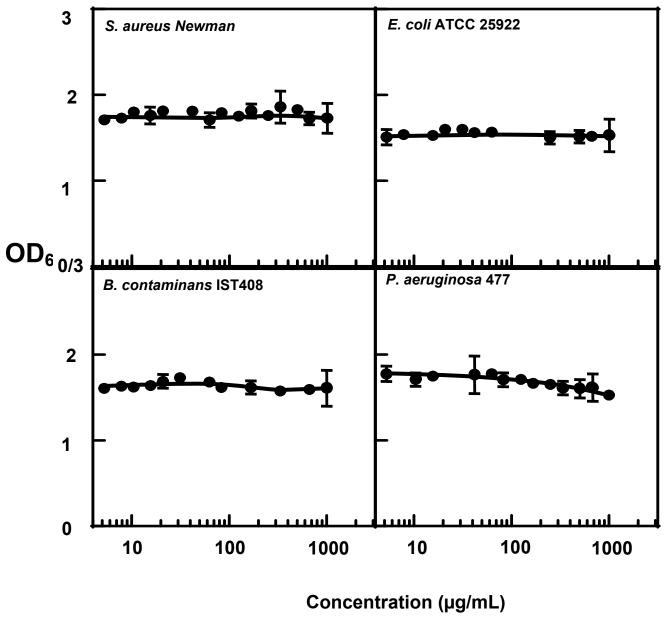
**Figure S9** – Antibacterial activity of ligand  $^{18}L$  towards *S. aureus* Newman, *E. coli, P. aeruginosa* and *B. contaminans*. Experimental OD<sub>640</sub> mean  $\pm$  SD values of the indicated cultures after 24 h incubation at 37 °C in the presence of the indicated concentrations of ligand  $^{18}L$  are shown.



**Figure S10** – Antibacterial activity of ligand  $^{2A}L$  towards *S. aureus* Newman, *E. coli, P. aeruginosa* and *B. contaminans*. Experimental OD<sub>640</sub> mean  $\pm$  SD values of the indicated cultures after 24 h incubation at 37 °C in the presence of the indicated concentrations of ligand  $^{2A}L$  are shown. MIC values are indicated in each case.



**Figure S11** – Antibacterial activity of ligand  ${}^{2B}L$  towards *S. aureus* Newman, *E. coli, P. aeruginosa* and *B. contaminans*. Experimental OD<sub>640</sub> mean  $\pm$  SD values of the indicated cultures after 24 h incubation at 37 °C in the presence of the indicated concentrations of ligand  ${}^{2B}L$  are shown. Data fitting was performed using a modified Gompertz equation. MIC values are indicated in each case.



**Figure S12** – Antibacterial activity of ligand  ${}^3L$  towards *S. aureus* Newman, *E. coli, P. aeruginosa* and *B. contaminans*. Experimental OD<sub>640</sub> mean  $\pm$  SD values of the indicated cultures after 24 h incubation at 37 °C in the presence of the indicated concentrations of ligand  ${}^3L$  are shown. Data fitting was performed using a modified Gompertz equation. MIC values are indicated in each case.