Supporting Information

Hydroxybenzylidene-indolinones, c-di-AMP synthase inhibitors, have antibacterial and anti-biofilm activities and also re-sensitize resistant bacteria to methicillin and vancomycin

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A. Supplementary Figures



Figure S1. A. Principle of the coralyne assay detection of c-di-AMP. In the presence of c-di-AMP, coralyne fluorescence, which is otherwise quenched by iodide ions, is increased due to the formation of c-di-AMP/coralyne complex. **B**. Plot of percent fluorescence (emission 475 nm) of coralyne against time for the screening of benzylidene-indolinones (20 μ M) against DisA (0.5 μ M). **C**. Radioactive TLC confirmation of the inhibition of DisA (0.25 μ M) by compound **1** (20 μ M).



Figure S2. HPLC analysis of benzylidene-indolinones that did not inhibit DAC activity of DisA. Compounds were tested at 20 μ M in a 40 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 100 mM NaCl and 10 mM MgCl₂ reaction buffer with 100 μ M ATP and 0.25 μ M DisA for 2 h. ATP and c-di-AMP peaks are as indicated on compound **2**.



Figure S3. Plot of the effect of other benzylidene-indolinones on *S. aureus* and *E. coli* at 16 µg/mL. We screened these compounds against *S. aureus* and *E. coli* as representative Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria respectively. These compounds were inactive.



Figure S4. A. Coralyne assay of DisA activity in the presence of compound I (indolinone). The structure of compound I is as shown in the insert. **B**. The effect of compound I on the growth of *S. aureus* and *E. coli* at 16 μg/mL. Compound I did not have any effect on DAC activity and growth of the bacteria tested.



Figure S5. Compound **1** does not affect the growth of E. coli in the presence of sub-inhibitory concentrations of colistin. *E. coli* was cultured in the presence of $\frac{1}{4}$ MIC of colistin (0.03125 µg/mL) with and without 16 µg/mL of compound **1**.

Methods

General procedure for the synthesis of 3-(Benzylidene)indolin-2-ones:

Following a literature procedure¹ a solution of indolinone (1 mmol) in acetic acid (10 mL) was treated with aldehyde (1 mmol) and sodium acetate (2 mmol). Reaction mixture was refluxed for 5 h. After the completion of reaction cold water (15 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and the resulted precipitate was filtered, washed with cold water and recrystallized from ethanol or purified by silica column chromatography (methanol : dichloromethane = 1 : 40, v/v) to give the corresponding desired product. *E* and *Z* isomers of the product were characterized from the precedent literature¹.

3-(3,5-Dibromo-4-hydroxybenzylidene)-5-iodoindolin-2-one (1)



 $Z/E\approx (1/1)$

Yellow solid (40%);¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.75 (s, 1H), 10.71 (s, 1H), 8.78 (s, 2H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 167.20, 155.08, 140.51, 137.24, 136.88, 136.16, 135.16, 133.88, 128.40, 128.05, 126.92, 117.25, 113.06, 112.31, 111.63, 84.55, 62.88; LR-MS(ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₉Br₂INO₂ ([M+H]⁺) 519.8, found 519.7.

(E)-3-(3,5-Dibromo-4-hydroxybenzylidene)indolin-2-one (2)



Yellow solid (58%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.58 (s, 1H), 7.89 (s, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (td, J = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, J = 6.25 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.90, 152.44, 143.53, 133.67, 130.77, 129.11, 128.02, 122.42, 121.65, 121.20, 112.26, 110.78; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₀ Br₂NO₂ [M + H]⁺ 393.9078, found 393.9078.

5-Bromo-3-(3,5-dibromo-4-hydroxybenzylidene)indolin-2-one (3)



Z major/ E minor \approx (2/1)

Yellow solid (70%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.78 (s, 1H), 10.73 (s, 0.5 H), 8.77 (s, 2H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 0.3H), 7.54 (s, 0.3H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.9 Hz, 0.3H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 0.3H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.46, 167.37, 153.53, 152.74, 143.46, 142.57, 140.05, 136.88, 136.37, 135.43, 133.84, 132.89, 131.45, 130.53, 128.99, 128.78, 127.69, 125.12, 124.96, 123.38, 122.84, 113.57, 113.26, 113.06, 112.57, 112.31, 111.78, 111.60, 111.34; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₉Br₃NO₂ [M + H]⁺ 471.8183, found 471.8192. **3-(3,5-Dibromo-4-hydroxybenzylidene)-5-(trifluoromethyl)indolin-2-one (4)**



 $Z/E \approx (1/1)$

Yellow solid (55%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.75 (s, 1H), 10.70 (s, 1H) 8.77 (s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1.7H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.54 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.49 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.25, 167.17, 153.35, 152.65, 142.96, 140.51, 138.61, 137.78, 137.26, 136.84, 136.08, 135.09, 134.12, 133.85, 130.78, 128.95, 128.69, 128.42, 128.00, 126.89, 125.04, 123.82, 113.05, 112.50, 112.27, 111.55, 84.54, 84.24; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₉Br₂F₃NO₂ [M + H]⁺ 461.8952, found 461.8955.

(E)3-(3,5-Dibromo-4-hydroxybenzylidene)-5-hydroxyindolin-2-one (5)



Orange solid (88%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.50 (s, 1H), 10.25 (s, 1H), 9.03 (s, 1H), 7.84 (s, 2H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.67-6.63 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 168.90, 152.35, 152.19, 135.87, 133.46, 133.16, 129.24, 128.97, 121.85, 117.34, 112.29, 111.09, 110.13; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₀Br₂NO₃ [M + H]⁺ 409.9027, found 409.9030

3-(3,5-Dibromo-4-hydroxybenzylidene)-2-oxoindoline-5-carbonitrile (6)



Z major/E minor \approx (2/1)

Orange solid (72%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 11.16 (s, 1H), 11.12 (s, 0.4H), 8.75 (s, 2H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.76 (s, 0.4H), 7.69 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 0.4 H), 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 1.4H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 0.4H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 167.55, 153.87, 147.09, 144.49, 137.49, 136.97, 136.68, 135.00, 133.96, 133.54, 128.54, 126.35, 125.72, 124.08, 123.72, 122.04, 120.05, 112.36, 111.66, 110.67, 103.60. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₉Br₂N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 418.9030, found 418.9030.

5-Amino-3-(3,5-dibromo-4-hydroxybenzylidene)indolin-2-one (7)



Z major/E minor \approx (1/1)

Brown solid (52%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD- d_4) δ 8.62 (s, 2H), 7.80 (s, 2H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.71 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 170.06, 168.34, 153.18, 152.71, 141.23, 140.88, 135.99, 135.16, 133.98, 133.58, 133.40, 132.96, 128.37, 128.21, 126.34, 125.96, 121.73, 117.76, 116.73, 111.03, 110.84, 110.52, 110.21, 109.73, 107.58; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₁Br₂N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 408.9187, found 408.9170.

Methyl 3-(3,5-dibromo-4-hydroxybenzylidene)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxylate (8)



E major /*Z* minor \approx (20/1)

Yellow solid (89%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 11.04 (s, 0.1H), 11.00 (s, 1H), 10.66 (s, 1H), 8.83 (s, 0.1H), 8.26 (s, 0.1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.95 (s, 2H), 7.91 (s, 0.1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 0H), 3.83 (s, 0.2H), 3.76 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.14, 166.21, 152.74, 147.45, 136.94, 135.17, 134.02, 132.31, 131.07, 128.95, 128.62, 126.83, 123.48, 122.78, 121.22, 112.29, 111.51, 110.53, 52.37; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₂Br₂NO₄ [M + H]⁺ 451.9133, found 451.9118.

3-(3,5-Dibromo-4-hydroxybenzylidene)-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxylic acid (9)



Z major /E minor \approx (1.5/1)

Yellow solid (63%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.99 (s, 1H), 10.96 (s, 0.6H), 10.69 (s, 1H), 8.84 (s, 2H), 8.27 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 0.6H), 7.94 (s, 1.3H), 7.89 (s, 0.8H), 7.85 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 0.7H), 7.82 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (s, 0.6H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 0.7H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.20, 168.05, 167.81, 167.31, 148.42, 147.11, 144.54, 136.96, 133.94, 132.45, 131.04, 130.44, 126.40, 125.88, 125.50, 124.00, 123.60, 121.33, 112.42, 111.72, 110.37, 109.53, 109.19. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₀Br₂NO₄ [M + H]⁺ 437.8976, found 437.8971.

3-(3,5-Dichloro-4-hydroxybenzylidene)-5-iodoindolin-2-one (10)



Z major/E minor \approx (2/1)

Yellow solid (66%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.74 (s, 1H), 10.70 (s, 0.5H), 8.78 (s, 2H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 0.5 H), 7.52 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 0.5H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.30, 167.20, 142.91, 140.38, 138.54, 136.91, 136.26, 135.22, 133.89, 133.17, 130.73, 128.29, 128.14, 123.88, 122.14, 113.04, 112.36, 112.22, 111.77, 84.51, 84.25; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₈Cl₂INO₂ [M + H]⁺ 430.8976, found 430.8985.

(Z)-3-(3,5-Difluoro-4-hydroxybenzylidene)-5-iodoindolin-2-one (11)



E major/*Z* minor \approx (2/1)

Yellow solid (48%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD + DMSO- d_6) δ 9.56 (s, 1H), 8.16 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (s, 0.5H), 7.90 (s, 0.5H), 7.61 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.36 (s, 2H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 6.73 – 6.66 (m, 1.5H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD+ DMSO- d_6) δ 189.52, 139.49, 137.96, 136.99, 136.49, 136.38, 130.71, 127.97, 127.56,

123.71, 122.99, 116.04, 112.41, 112.03, 111.35, 111.17, 83.20; LR-MS(ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_9F_2INO_2$ ([M+H]⁺) 339.9, found 339.9.

(Z)-3-(4-Hydroxybenzylidene)-5-iodoindolin-2-one (12)



Yellow solid (53%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, MeOD) δ 8.50 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, MeOD) δ 167.02, 160.54, 139.33, 136.15, 135.19, 128.39, 127.18, 125.71, 121.71, 119.41, 115.21, 111.45, 83.35; LR-MS(ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₁INO₂ ([M+H]⁺) 363.9, found 363.2.

3-(3,5-Dibromobenzylidene)-5-iodoindolin-2-one (13)



E major/*Z* minor \approx (5/1)

Yellow solid (83%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.82 (s, 0.2 H), 10.77 (s, 1H), 8.62 (s, 0.4H), 8.04 (s, 0.2H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.90 (s, 2H), 7.85 (s, 0.2H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.63-7.55 (m, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 0.3H);¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 167.92, 143.32, 141.19, 139.21, 138.68, 138.28, 135.14, 134.72, 134.25, 133.66, 131.27, 131.17, 129.13, 123.44, 123.23, 122.64, 113.20, 112.49, 84.36; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₉ Br₂INO [M + H]⁺ 503.8095, found 503.8103.

3-(3,5-Dibromo-4-hydroxybenzylidene)-6-iodoindolin-2-one (14)



E major /*Z* minor \approx (3/1)

Yellow solid (85%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.73 (s, 0.3H), 10.67 (s, 1H), 10.61 (s, 1H), 8.76 (s, 0.6H), 7.87 (s, 2H), 7.74 (s, 0.3), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.13 (s, 0.3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 168.54, 167.34, 152.56, 144.67, 142.25, 136.69, 135.46, 134.61, 133.70, 130.28, 130.18, 128.96, 127.18,

125.50, 125.09, 123.89, 121.90, 120.85, 119.09, 118.21, 112.30, 111.58, 96.44. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_9Br_2INO_2$ [M + H]⁺ 519.8044, found 519.8037.

(Z)-5-Bromo-3-(3,5-dibromobenzylidene)indolin-2-one (15)

E major/Z minor \approx (3/1)

Yellow solid (81%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.84 (s, 0.3 H), 10.80 (s, 1H), 8.61 (s, 0.7H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.90 (s, 2H), 7.86 (s, 0.3 H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (m, 1.3 H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 0.3 H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.10, 166.98, 142.94, 140.76, 138.65, 137.89, 135.38, 135.24, 134.76, 134.55, 133.67, 133.49, 132.50, 131.22, 129.29, 128.67, 127.04, 125.35, 123.58, 123.27, 122.98, 122.64, 113.72, 113.15, 112.74, 112.03; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₉ Br₃NO [M + H]⁺455.8234, found 455.8242.

(E) 3-(3,5-dibromo-2-hydroxybenzylidene)-5-iodoindolin-2-one (16)



Brown solid (65%);¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.74 (s, 1H), 10.26 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 168.07, 152.59, 143.02, 138.81, 136.37, 131.91, 131.67, 131.37, 128.50, 126.07, 123.80, 113.93, 113.00, 84.35; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₉ Br₂INO₂ [M + H]⁺ 519.8044, found 519.8053.

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Characterization of synthesized compounds







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