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Selective trihydroxyazepane NagZ inhibitors increase sensitivity of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* to β -lactams[‡]

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Chemical synthesis:

All reagents were used as purchased from commercial suppliers without further purification. Solvents (DMF, THF) were distilled under anhydrous conditions. TLC plates (Macherey-Nagel, ALUGRAM® SIL G/UV₂₅₄, 0.2 mm silica gel 60 Å) were visualized under 254 nm UV light and/or by dipping the TLC plate into a solution of 3 g of phosphomolybdic acid in 100 mL of ethanol followed by heating with a heat gun. Flash column chromatography was performed using Macherey-Nagel silica gel 60 (15-40 µm). NMR experiments were recorded with a Bruker Avance 400 spectrometer at 400 MHz for ¹H nuclei and at 100 MHz for ¹³C nuclei. The chemical shifts are expressed in part per million (ppm) relative to TMS ($\delta = 0$ ppm) and the coupling constant *J* in hertz (Hz). NMR multiplicities are reported using the following abbreviations: b = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quadruplet, m = multiplet. HRMS were obtained from the Mass Spectrometry Service, CRMPO, at the University of Rennes I, France, using a MICROMASS ZABSPEC-TOF spectrometer and a VARIAN MAT311 spectrometer.

(3*S*,4*R*,5*R*,6*R*)-Benzyl 3,4,5-tris(benzyloxy)-6-hydroxyazepane-1-carboxylate **2**

Triphenylphosphine polymer bound (1 g, 3.2 mmol.g⁻¹, 3.2 mmol) was added to a solution of azidolactol (1 g, 2.10 mmol) in anhydrous THF (30 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C overnight, then filtered on a Celite plug and the solvent removed under reduce pressure to give the crude (3*R*,4*S*,5*S*,6*R*,7*S*)-4,5,6-tris(benzyloxy)-8-oxa-1-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]octane as a colorless oil (990 mg); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35-7.23 (m, 15H, ArH), 5.06 (s, 1H, H-7), 4.57-4.52 (m, 5H, 2 OCH₂Ph, H-3), 4.43 (br s, 2H, OCH₂Ph), 3.57 (br s, 1H, H-5), 3.31 (br s, 1H, H-6), 3.25 (br s, 1H, H-4), 3.08-2.98 (m, 2H, H-2); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.3, 138.2, 138.0 (ArC), 128.6, 128.56, 128.52, 128.06, 128.00, 127.9, 127.8 (ArCH), 88.7 (C-7), 77.7 (C-6), 77.3 (C-4), 75.9 (C-5), 73.9 (C-3), 72.1, 71.5, 71.01 (OCH₂Ph), 45.9 (C-2).

The crude bicyclic N,O-acetal (990 mg) was dissolved in AcOH (8 mL), NaBH₃CN (173 mg, 2.74 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 14 h, quenched with a 1N NaOH aqueous solution and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was washed sequentially with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the crude (3*R*,4*R*,5*S*,6*S*)-4,5,6-tris(benzyloxy)azepan-3-ol as a colorless oil (822 mg, 1.90 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.31 (m, 15H, ArH), 4.69-4.52 (m, 6H, 3 OCH₂Ph), 4.00 (dt, *J* = 5.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.93 (ddd, *J* = 6.1, 2.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.70 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.54 (ddd, *J* = 6.0, 2.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H, H-6), 3.15 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H, H-7a), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H, H-2a), 2.83 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H, H-7b), 2.75 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H, H-2b); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.3 (ArC), 138.0 (ArC), 137.0 (ArC), 128.6-127.6 (9ArCH), 86.3 (C-4), 82.7 (C-5), 78.0 (C-6), 73.1 (CH₂Ph), 72.4 (CH₂Ph), 71.7 (C-3), 71.6 (CH₂Ph), 52.0 (C-2), 46.7 (C-7).

To a cooled biphasic solution of the crude azepane (822 mg, 1.90 mmol) in EtOAc/water (50 mL:50 mL) at 0°C were added K₂CO₃ (1.9 g, 19 mmol) and benzyl chloroformate (0.8 mL, 5.64 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18h, then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were successively washed with a 1N HCl solution, water and brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether, 5 to 20%) afforded the corresponding azepane **2** (536 mg, 45% over 3 steps). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -10$ (*c* = 1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (presence of 2 rotamers) 7.30 (m, 20H, ArH), 5.11-5.02 (m, 2H, NCOOCH₂Ph, NCOOCH₂'Ph), 4.77-4.40 (m, 6H, 3 CH₂Ph, 3 CH₂'Ph), 4.18-4.05 (m, 1H, H-6, H-6'), 4.01-3.26 (m, 7H, 2H-2, H-3, H-4, H-5, 2H-7 and 2H-2', H-3', H-4', H-5', 2H-7'); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.8, 155.7 (2 C=O, Z), 140.9, 138.0, 137.9, 136.6 and 136.4 (ArC), 128.6-126.9 (ArCH), 82.9, 82.3 (C-5, C-5'), 80.2, 80.0, 79.8 and 77.9 (C-3, C-3', C-4, C-4'), 73.0, 72.9, 72.7, 72.6, 72.1, 71.9 (3 CH₂Ph, 3 CH₂'Ph), 68.7 and 68.6 (C-6, C-

6'), 67.5, 67.2 (NCOOCH₂Ph, NCOOCH₂'Ph), 49.5, 49.3, 47.0, 46.4 (C-2, C-2', C-7, C-7'); HRMS (CIMS) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₅H₃₈O₆N: 568.2699; found: 568.2695.

(3*S*,4*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-Benzyl 3-azido-4,5,6-tris(benzyloxy)azepane-1-carboxylate 3

Methanesulfonyl chloride (1.1 mL, 14.81 mmol) was added dropwise at 0°C under argon to a solution of alcohol **2** (2.80 g, 4.93 mmol) and a catalytic amount of DMAP in dry pyridine (30 mL). The ice bath was removed and the reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at rt, co-evaporated with toluene and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) and washed with a 1M HCl aq. solution (50 mL), water (50 mL) and brine (50 mL). The organic layer was then dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mesylate was used directly without further purification. To a solution of crude mesylate in DMF (90 mL) was added NaN₃ (1.8 g, 27.62 mmol) and the reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 96 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in AcOEt/toluene (2:1, 100 mL) and washed successively with aq. NH₄Cl (50 mL), water (50 mL) and brine (50 mL). The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), filtered and the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether-EtOAc 10:1 then 10:2) afforded the azido azepane **3** (2.1 g, 72%) as an oil. [α]_D = + 5.8 (*c* = 1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (presence of 2 rotamers) 7.29-7.05 (m, 20H, ArH), 5.14-5.01 (m, 2H, NCOOCH₂Ph, NCOOCH₂'Ph), 4.71 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 0.5H, CHPh), 4.54-4.42 (m, 4.5H, 4.5 x CHPh), 4.39 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 0.5H, CHPh), 4.34 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 0.5H, CHPh), 3.91 (td, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 0.5H, H-6), 3.85 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 0.5H, H-6'), 3.80-3.67 (m, 2.5H, H-2a, H-2'a, H-3', H-4, H-4'), 3.65-3.60 (m, 1.5H, H-7'a, H-7a, H-3), 3.58-3.55 (m, 1H, H-5, H-5'), 3.50-3.45 (m, 1.5H, H-2b, H-2'b, H-7b), 3.39 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 7.6 Hz, 0.5H, H-7'b); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.2, 156.1 (2 x C=O), 138.4, 138.1, 137.9, 137.8, 137.7, 137.6, 136.5, 136.4 (8 x ArC), 128.6-127.4 (ArCH), 83.0, 82.4 (C-5', C-5), 81.7, 81.1 (C-4, C-4'), 79.4, 78.5 (C-3, C-3'), 73.3, 73.1, 73.0, 72.9, 71.7, 71.6 (3CH₂Ph, 3CH₂'Ph), 67.8, 67.5 (NCOOCH₂Ph, NCOOCH₂'Ph), 64.0, 63.3 (C-6', C-6), 46.1, 46.0 (C-7, C-7'), 44.8, 44.4 (C-2', C-2); HRMS (CIMS) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₅H₃₇O₅N₄: 593.2764; found: 593.2763.

(3*S*,4*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-Benzyl 3-Acetamido-4,5,6-tris(benzyloxy)azepane-1-carboxylate 4

Triphenyl phosphine (342 mg, 1.30 mmol) was added to a solution of the azido azepane **3** (514 mg, 0.868 mmol) in a 3:1 mixture of THF/H₂O (40 mL) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50° C for 24 h, by which time TLC revealed no trace of starting material. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the crude amine that was directly engaged in the next step. Acetic anhydride (2.5 mL) and a catalytic amount of DMAP were added to the solution of crude amine in anhydrous pyridine (5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h, quenched with 1N HCl, extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was washed with 1N HCl and brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 80:20 then 70:30) afforded the corresponding acetamido azepane **4** (392 mg, 74%, 2 steps) as a white solid. Mp 147-148 °C; [α]_D = +5.9 (*c* 0.20, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (presence of 2 rotamers) 7.32-7.08 (m, 20H, ArH), 6.60 and 6.50 (2d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, NH, NH'), 5.15-5.03 (m, 2H, NCOOCH₂Ph, NCOOCH₂'Ph), 4.79-3.72 (m, 12H, 3 CH₂Ph, H-2a, H-3, H-4, H-5, H-6, H-7a and 3 CH₂'Ph, H-2'a, H-3', H-4' H-5', H-6', H-7'a), 3.29-3.21 (m, 2H, H-2b, H-7b and H-2'b, H-7'b), 1.73 and 1.43 (2s, 3H, CH₃CO, CH₃'CO); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 170.0, 169.7 (2 C=O, Ac), 156.5, 156.2 (2 C=O, Z), 138.2, 138.1, 137.7, 137.5, 137.4, 137.3, 136.6, 136.5 (8 ArC), 128.6-127.6 (ArCH), 83.7, 83.4 (C-5, C-5'), 81.3, 81.1 (C-6', C-6), 76.0, 75.8 (C-4, C-4'), 72.7, 72.5, 72.3, 71.9, 71.8 (6 CH₂Ph), 67.5, 67.2 (2 NCOOCH₂Ph), 51.9, 51.5 (C-3', C-3), 47.8, 47.7, 47.6, 46.8 (C-2, C-7 and C-2', C-7'), 22.8 (CH₃CO); HRMS (CIMS) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₇H₄₁N₂O₆: 609.2965; found: 609.2961.

(3S,4R,5R,6S)-Benzyl 3,4,5-tris(benzyloxy)-6-(propionamido)azepane-1-carboxylate 5

Triphenyl phosphine (200 mg, 0.762 mmol) was added to a solution of the azepane **3** (301 mg, 0.508 mmol) in a 3:1 mixture of THF/H₂O (15:5 mL) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 12 h by which time TLC revealed no trace of starting material. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the crude amine that was directly engaged in the next step. The crude amine was dissolved in anhydrous pyridine (3 mL) in presence of a catalytic amount of DMAP and propionyl chloride (90 μL, 1.02 mmol) was added under nitrogen at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was left to stand at 10 °C overnight, extracted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with 1N HCl and brine. Purification by flash chromatography (PE/EA, 85:15 to 70:30) afforded the corresponding azepane **5** (145 mg, 45%, 2 steps) as a white solid. Mp 137.5–138 °C; [α]_D = +25 (c 0.21, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (presence of 2 rotamers) 7.39–7.14 (m, 20H, ArH), 6.60 and 6.51 (2d, 1H, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, NH, NH'), 5.17–5.04 (m, 2H, NCOOCH₂Ph, NCOOCH₂'Ph), 4.80–4.17 (m, 9H, 3 CH₂Ph, H-2a, H-6, H-7a and 3 CH₂'Ph, H-2'a, H-6', H-7'a), 4.07–3.77 (m, 3H, H-3, H-4, H-5 and H-3', H-4', H-5'), 3.36–3.28 (m, 2H, H-2b, H-7b and H-2'b, H-7'b), 1.98 and 1.71 (qd, *J* = 7.6 and 2.5 Hz and q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, CH₂ and CH₂'), 0.94 and 0.76 (2t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H, CH₃ and CH₃'); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.5, 173.2 (2 C=O), 156.3, 156.2 (2 C=O, Z), 138.2, 138.1, 137.7, 137.5, 137.4, 137.3, 136.5, 136.4 (8 ArC), 128.5–126.9 (ArCH), 83.7, 83.5 (C-4, C-4'), 81.6, 81.4 (C-3, C-3'), 76.1, 75.9 (C-5, C-5'), 72.8, 72.6, 72.4, 72.2, 71.8, 71.6 (3 CH₂Ph, 3 CH₂'Ph), 67.4, 67.2 (NCOOCH₂Ph, NCOOCH₂'), 51.5, 51.2 (C-6, C-6'), 47.6, 47.4, 47.2 and 46.5 (C-2, C-7 and C-2', C-7'), 29.7, 29.4 (CH₂ and CH₂'), 9.4, 9.3 (CH₃ and CH₃'); HRMS (CIMS) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₈H₄₃N₂O₆: 623.3115; found: 623.3102.

(3S,4R,5R,6S)-Benzyl 3,4,5-tris(benzyloxy)-6-(butyramido)azepane-1-carboxylate 6

Triphenyl phosphine (175 mg, 0.666 mmol) was added to a solution of the azido azepane **3** (263 mg, 0.444 mmol) in a 3:1 mixture of THF–H₂O (20 mL) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 15 h, by which time TLC revealed no trace of starting material. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the crude amine that was directly engaged in the next step. The crude amine was dissolved in anhydrous pyridine (3 mL) in presence of a catalytic amount of DMAP and butyryl chloride (92 μL, 0.888 mmol) was added under nitrogen at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was left to stand at 10 °C overnight, extracted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with 1N HCl and brine. Purification by flash chromatography (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, 85:15 to 70:30) afforded the corresponding azepane **6** (198 mg, 70%) as a white solid. mp 117 °C. [α]_D = +27 (c 0.2, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (presence of 2 rotamers) 7.40–7.15 (m, 20H, ArH), 6.60 and 6.51 (2d, 1H, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, NH, NH'), 5.18–5.04 (m, 2H NCOOCH₂Ph, NCOOCH₂'Ph), 4.81–4.18 (m, 9H, 3 CH₂Ph, H-2a, H-6, H-7a and 3 CH₂'Ph, H-6', H-2'a, H-7'a), 4.07–3.77 (m, 3H, H-3, H-4, H-5 and H-3', H-4', H-5'), 3.37–3.23 (m, 2H, H-2b, H-7b and H-2'b, H-7'b), 1.94–1.21 (4m, 2 CH₂, 2 CH₂'), 0.81 and 0.69 (2t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H, CH₃ and CH₃'); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.7, 172.6 (2 C=O), 156.3, 156.2 (2 C=O, Z), 138.2, 138.1, 137.7, 137.5, 137.4, 137.3, 136.5, 136.4 (8 ArC), 128.5–127.6 (ArCH), 83.7, 83.5 (C-4, C-4'), 81.6, 81.4 (C-3', C-3), 76.1, 75.9 (C-5, C-5'), 72.7, 72.6, 72.4, 72.2, 71.7, 71.6 (6 CH₂Ph), 67.4, 67.1 (2 NCOOCH₂Ph), 51.4, 51.1 (C-6', C-6), 47.5 (C-7' or C-2'), 47.4 (C-2' or C-7'), 47.2 (C-2 or C-7), 46.5 (C-2 or C-7), 38.7, 38.4 (2 CH₂), 18.7, 18.6 (2 CH₂), 13.7, 13.6 (2 CH₃); HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₉H₄₄N₂O₆Na: 659.3091; found: 659.3093.

(3S,4R,5R,6S)-Benzyl 3,4,5-tris(benzyloxy)-6-(pentanamido)azepane-1-carboxylate 7

Triphenyl phosphine (281 mg, 1.07 mmol) was added to a solution of the azido azepane **3** (424 mg, 0.716 mmol) in a 3:1 mixture of THF–H₂O (28 mL) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 15 h, by which time TLC revealed no trace of starting material. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude amine was directly engaged in the next step. The crude amine was dissolved in anhydrous pyridine (4 mL) in presence of a catalytic amount of DMAP and valeroyl chloride (0.16 mL, 1.39 mmol) was added under nitrogen at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was left to stand at 10 °C overnight, extracted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with 1N HCl and brine. Purification by flash chromatography (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, 85:15 then 80:20) afforded the corresponding azepane **7** (290 mg, 62%) as a white solid. Mp 110–115 °C. [α]_D = +36 (c 0.22, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (presence of 2 rotamers) 7.40–7.28 (m, ArCH), 6.61 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, NH), 6.52 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, NH'), 5.17–5.03 (m, NCOOCH₂Ph, NCOOCH₂'Ph), 4.81–4.17 (m, 3 CH₂Ph, 3 CH₂'Ph, H-6, H-6', H-2a, H-2'a, H-7a, H-7'a), 4.02–3.76 (m, H-4, H-4', H-5, H-5', H-3, H-3'), 3.37–3.28 (m, H-2b, H-2'b, H-7b, H-7'b), 1.98–1.06 (5m, 3CH₂, 3CH₂'), 0.81 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, CH₃'), 0.74 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 172.8, 172.7 (2 C=O), 156.3, 156.2 (2 C=O, Z), 138.2, 138.1, 137.7, 137.5, 137.4, 137.3, 136.5, 136.4 (8 ArC), 128.5–127.6 (ArCH), 83.7, 83.5 (C-5, C-5'), 81.7, 81.5 (C-6', C-6), 76.1, 75.9 (C-4, C-4'), 72.8, 72.7, 72.4, 72.2, 71.8, 71.7 (6 CH₂Ph), 67.5, 67.1 (2 NCOOCH₂Ph), 51.4, 51.1 (C-3', C-3), 47.5 (C-7' or C-2'), 47.4 (C-2' or C-7'), 47.2 (C-2 or C-7), 46.5 (C-2 or C-7), 36.4, 36.2 (2 CH₂), 27.3, 27.2 (2 CH₂), 22.3, 22.2 (2 CH₂), 13.7, 13.6 (2 CH₃); HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₄₀H₄₇N₂O₆: 651.3428; found: 651.3423.

(3S,4R,5R,6S)-Benzyl 3-(2-ethylbutanamido)-4,5,6-tris(benzyloxy)azepane-1-carboxylate 8

Triphenyl phosphine (195 mg, 0.742 mmol) was added to a solution of the azido azepane **3** (293 mg, 0.495 mmol) in a 3:1 mixture of THF–H₂O (20 mL) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 15 h, by which time TLC revealed no trace of starting material. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude amine was directly engaged in the next step. The crude amine was dissolved in anhydrous pyridine (3 mL) in presence of a catalytic amount of DMAP and 2-ethylbutyryl chloride (0.13 mL, 0.99 mmol) was added under nitrogen at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was left to stand at 10 °C overnight, extracted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with 1N HCl and brine. Purification by flash chromatography (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, 85:15) afforded the corresponding azepane **8** (178 mg, 54%) as a white solid. Mp 135 °C. [α]_D = +33 (c 0.20, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (presence of 2 rotamers) 7.39–7.15 (m, ArCH), 6.54 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, NH), 6.51 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, NH'), 5.27 and 4.91 (2d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, NCOOCH₂Ph), 5.16 and 5.07 (2d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, NCOOCH₂'Ph), 4.80 and 4.66 (2d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.61–4.37 (m, 2 CH₂Ph, 3 CH₂'Ph, H-3, H-3'), 4.31–4.16 (m, H-2a, H-2'a, H-7a, H-7'a), 4.05–3.76 (m, H-4, H-4', H-5, H-5', H-6, H-6'), 3.39–3.30 (m, H-2b, H-2'b, H-7b, H-7'b), 1.65–1.30 (m, 2CH₂, 2CH₂', 1CH, 1CH'), 0.83–0.67 (m, 2CH₃, 2CH₃'); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 175.4 (C=O), 156.3, 156.2 (2 C=O, Z), 138.2, 138.1, 137.7, 137.5, 137.4, 137.3, 136.6, 136.5 (8 ArC), 128.6–127.6 (ArCH), 83.6, 83.5 (C-5, C-5'), 81.8, 81.7 (C-6', C-6), 76.9, 76.7 (C-4, C-4'), 72.9, 72.7, 72.4, 72.2, 71.6 (6 CH₂Ph), 67.4, 67.1 (2 NCOOCH₂Ph), 51.1, 51.0, 50.81, 50.80 (C-3', C-3, CH, CH'), 47.3 (C-7' or C-2'), 47.0 (C-2' or C-7'), 46.5 (C-2 or C-7), 46.3 (C-2 or C-7), 25.1, 25.0, 24.85, 24.84 (2 CH₂, 2 CH₂'), 11.9, 11.8, 11.7 (3 CH₃); HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₄₁H₄₉N₂O₆: 665.3594; found: 665.3594.

N-[(3S,4R,5R,6S)-4,5,6-Trihydroxyazepan-3-yl]acetamide 1

To a solution of the protected acetamido azepane **4** (18 mg, 0.030 mmol) in CH₃OH (3 mL) was added 10% Pd/C (20 mg) and a 1 M HCl aq solution (30 μL). The solution was degassed three times and air was replaced by H₂. After stirring for 7 h at rt, the reaction mixture was filtered, filter eluted with CH₃OH, and concentrated to afford the acetamido azepane **1** (6.1 mg, quantitative yield) as its hydrochloride salt. $[\alpha]_D = +14.8$ (c 0.4, CH₃OH); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 4.21 (td, *J* = 9.0 and 3.4 Hz, 1H, H-3), 4.05 (dd, *J* = 5.9 and 5.0 Hz, 1H, H-6), 3.87 (dd, *J* = 5.9 and 3.7 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.65 (dd, 9.0 and 3.7 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.31–3.11 (m, 4H, 2H-2, 2H-7), 1.90 (s, 3H, CH₃CO); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, D₂O): δ = 174.0 (CO), 75.9 (C-5), 74.8 (C-4), 67.6 (C-6), 49.4 (C-3), 46.5 (C-2 or C-7), 46.1 (C-2 or C-7), 21.9 (COCH₃); HRMS (CIMS) (as free amine) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₈H₁₇N₂O₄: 205.1188; found: 205.1183.

N*-[(3*S*,4*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-4,5,6-Trihydroxyazepan-3-yl]propionamide **9*

To a solution of the protected azepane **5** (21.5 mg, 0.345 mmol) in CH₃OH (7 mL) was added 10% Pd/C (13 mg), Pd black (12 mg) and a 1 M HCl aq solution (70 μL, 0.070 mmol). The solution was purged with N₂ then with H₂. After stirring for 20 h at rt, the reaction mixture was filtered on celite, filter eluted with CH₃OH, and concentrated at reduce pressure without heating, to afford the azepane **9** as its hydrochloride (8.8 mg, quantitative yield). $[\alpha]_D = +96$ (c 0.06, CH₃OH); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 4.31 (m, 1H, H-3), 4.15 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H, H-6), 3.96 (dd, *J* = 5.8 and 3.8 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.65 (dd, 8.9 and 3.8 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.43–3.24 (m, 4H, 2H-2, 2H-7), 2.26 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.13 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 175.3 (CO), 77.5 (C-4), 76.7 (C-5), 69.7 (C-6), 52.3 (C-3), 47.8 (C-2 or C-7), 47.1 (C-2 or C-7), 30.1 (CH₂), 10.2 (CH₃); HRMS (CIMS) (as free amine) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₉H₁₉N₂O₄: 219.1344; found: 219.1345.

N*-[(3*S*,4*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-4,5,6-Trihydroxyazepan-3-yl]butyramide **10*

To a solution of the protected azepane **6** (33 mg, 0.0518 mmol) in CH₃OH (8 mL) was added 10% Pd/C (17 mg), Pd black (16 mg) and a 1 M HCl aq solution (54 μL, 0.054 mmol). The solution was purged with N₂ then with H₂. After stirring for 4 h at rt, the reaction mixture was filtered, filter eluted with CH₃OH, and concentrated at reduce pressure without heating, to afford the azepane **10** (13.9 mg, quantitative yield) as its hydrochloride. $[\alpha]_D = +87$ (c 0.12, CH₃OH); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 4.21 (dt, *J* = 9.0 and 6 Hz, 1H, H-3), 4.05 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H, H-6), 3.87 (dd, *J* = 5.7 and 3.8 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.65 (dd, 9.0 and 3.8 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.31–3.11 (m, 4H, 2H-2, 2H-7), 2.12 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.55 (sext, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 176.3 (CO), 77.6 (C-4), 76.7 (C-5), 69.7 (C-6), 52.3 (C-3), 47.9 (C-2 or C-7), 47.3 (C-2 or C-7), 38.9 (CH₂), 20.3 (CH₂), 14.0 (CH₃); HRMS (CIMS) (as free amine) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₂₁N₂O₄: 233.1501; found: 233.1502.

N*-[(3*S*,4*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-4,5,6-Trihydroxyazepan-3-yl]pentanamide **11*

Azepane **7** (11.2 mg, 0.0172 mmol) was deprotected as described for compound **1** to afford compound **11** as its hydrochloride salt (4.3 mg, 88%).

$[\alpha]_D = +41$ (c 0.1, CH₃OH); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 4.33 (dt, *J* = 8.9 and 5.8 Hz, 1H, H-3), 4.16 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H, H-6), 3.97 (dd, *J* = 5.8 and 3.8 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.77 (dd, *J* = 9.0 and 3.8 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.40–3.20 (m, 4H, 2H-2, 2H-7), 2.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.60 (quint, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.37 (sext, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD): δ

=176.5 (CO), 77.6 (C-4), 76.6 (C-5), 69.7 (C-6), 52.3 (C-3), 47.9 (C-2 or C-7), 47.2 (C-2 or C-7), 36.7 (CH₂), 28.9 (CH₂), 23.4 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₃); HRMS (CIMS) (as free amine) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₂₃N₂O₄: 247.1657; found: 247.1542.

2-Ethyl-N-[(3S,4R,5R,6S)-4,5,6-Trihydroxyazepan-3-yl]butanamide 12

Azepane **8** (11.8 mg, 0.0178 mmol) was deprotected as described for compound **1** to afford compound **12** as its hydrochloride salt (5.1 mg, 97%).

[α]_D = +61 (c 0.1, CH₃OH); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 8.23 (d, *J* = 4 Hz), 4.36 (td, *J* = 9.2 and 2.5 Hz, 1H, H-3), 4.17 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H, H-6), 3.98 (dd, *J* = 5.5 and 3.8 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.77 (dd, 9.2 and 3.8 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.43–3.21 (m, 4H, 2H-2, 2H-7), 2.10 (m, 1H, CH), 1.60–1.45 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 0.93 and 0.91 (2t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 179.0 (CO), 77.9 (C-4), 76.6 (C-5), 69.5 (C-6), 52.4 (C-3), 51.6 (CH), 48.3 (C-2 or C-7), 47.2 (C-2 or C-7), 26.8 (CH₂), 12.4 (CH₃); HRMS (CIMS) (as free amine) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₂₅N₂O₄: 261.1814; found: 261.1811.

N-[(3S,4R,5R,6S)-4,5,6-Tris(benzyloxy)azepan-3-yl]acetamide 4'

To a solution of the protected acetamido azepane **4** (98 mg, 0.161 mmol) and Et₃N (11.2 μ L, 0.080 mmol) in CH₃OH (10 mL) was added 5% Pd/CaCO₃ (98 mg). The solution was degassed three times and air was replaced by H₂. After stirring for 2 h at RT, the reaction mixture was filtered, eluted with CH₃OH, and concentrated to afford the acetamido azepane **4'** as a colorless oil (76.4 mg, quantitative yield), used without purification in the next step. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.33–7.30 (m, 15H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, NH), 4.62 (s, 4H, 2CH₂Ph), 4.56 (s, 2H, 1CH₂Ph), 4.27 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.91 (m, 2H, H-4, H-5), 3.69 (m, 1H, H-6), 3.17 (dd, *J* = 13.4 and 1.9 Hz, H-2a), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 13.5 and 3.0 Hz, H-7a), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 13.5 and 9.3 Hz, H-7b), 2.87 (dd, *J* = 13.4 and 4.9 Hz, H-2b), 1.85 (s, 3H, CH₃CO); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 169.8 (CO), 138.4, 138.1, 138.0 (3 Cipso), 128.47–127.55 (aromatic CH), 85.4 (C-5), 85.1 (C-6), 78.1 (C-4), 73.1 (CH₂Ph), 72.1 (CH₂Ph), 51.4 (C-3), 49.1 (C-7), 48.3 (C-2), 23.4 (CH₃CO).

N-[(3S,4R,5R,6S)-4,5,6-Tris(benzyloxy)-1-butylazepan-3-yl]acetamide 13

Potassium carbonate (84 mg, 0.608 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of azepane **4'** (57.7 mg, 0.121 mmol) and n-butyl bromide (26 μ L, 0.312 mmol) in a 8:1 mixture of EtOAc/H₂O (3.4 mL) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80° C for 48h, by which time TLC revealed no trace of starting material. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by preparative TLC chromatography (EtOAc/MeOH, 95:5) afforded the corresponding azepane **13** (52 mg, 80%) as a white solid. Mp 115 °C. [α]_D = +3 (c 0.16, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.34–7.25 (m, 15H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, NH), 4.70–4.58 (m, 6H, 3 x CH₂Ph), 4.25 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.98 (m, 1H, H-4), 3.77 (dd, *J* = 7.3 and 3.6 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.66 (m, 1H, H-6), 2.85 (m, 2H, H-2a, H-7a), 2.64 (m, 2H, H-2b, H-7b), 2.49 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH₂), 1.75 (s, 3H, CH₃CO), 1.40 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.28 (quint, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 169.6 (CO), 138.5, 138.4, 138.3 (ArC), 128.36–127.56 (ArCH), 86.4 (C-5), 82.8 (C-6), 78.2 (C-4), 73.5 (CH₂Ph), 72.6 (CH₂Ph), 72.0 (CH₂Ph), 59.2 (CH₂), 56.7 and 53.9 (C-2, C-7), 49.5 (C-3), 29.3 (CH₂), 23.4 (CH₃CO), 20.4 (CH₂), 14.0 (CH₃); HRMS (CIMS) m/z: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₃H₄₃N₂O₄: 531.3217; found: 531.3217.

***N*-[(3*S*,4*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-4,5,6-Tris(benzyloxy)-1-(4-phenylbutyl)azepan-3-yl]acetamide 14**

Reaction of azepane **4'** (74.8 mg, 0.158 mmol) with 1-bromo-4-phenylbutane afforded compound **15** as a white solid (62 mg, 64%) as described for compound **13**. Mp 197-108 °C; $[\alpha]_D = +1$ (c 0.9, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.34$ – 7.14 (m, 20H), 6.41 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, NH), 4.68–4.57 (m, 6H, 3CH₂Ph), 4.25 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.97 (dd, $J = 5.0$ and 3.7 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.76 (dd, $J = 7.2$ and 3.7 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.64 (ddd, $J = 10.0$, 7.2 and 2.9 Hz, 1H, H-6), 2.87–2.80 (m, 2H, H-2a, H-7a), 2.68–2.59 (m, 4H, H-2b, H-7b, CH₂), 2.51 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, NCH₂), 1.83 (s, 3H, CH₃CO), 1.62 (quint, $J = 7.2$ Hz 2H, CH₂), 1.49 (m, 2H, CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 169.6$ (CO), 142.3, 138.5, 138.4, 138.3 (4 ArC), 128.37–125.8 (ArCH), 86.36 (C-5), 82.9 (C-6), 78.1 (C-4), 73.4 (CH₂Ph), 72.5 (CH₂Ph), 72.0 (CH₂Ph), 59.3 (NCH₂), 56.7 (C-7), 54.0 (C-2), 49.5 (C-3), 35.7 (CH₂), 29.2 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 23.4 (CH₃CO); HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₉H₄₇N₂O₄: 607.3530; found: 607.3529.

***N*-[(3*S*,4*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-1-Butyl-4,5,6-trihydroxyazepan-3-yl]acetamide 15**

To a solution of the protected azepane **13** (20 mg, 0.0341 mmol) in CH₃OH (3 mL) was added 10% Pd/C (12 mg), Pd black (12 mg) and a 1 M HCl aq solution (35 μ L, 0.035 mmol). The solution was purged with N₂ then with H₂. After stirring for 7 h at rt, the reaction mixture was filtered, eluted with CH₃OH, and concentrated under reduced pressure at rt, to afford the azepane **15** as a white solid (8.8 mg, quant yield). Mp 75-82 °C; $[\alpha]_D = +67$ (c 0.2, CH₃OH); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): $\delta = 4.40$ (td, 1H, $J = 9.6$ and 1.5 Hz, H-3), 4.16 (m, 1H, H-6), 3.97 (dd, $J = 5.8$, 3.2 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.72 (dd, $J = 9.6$, 3.2 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.47–3.31 (m, 4H, 2H-2, 2H-7), 3.25 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.98 (s, 3H, CH₃CO), 1.72 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.40 (sext, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H, CH₂), 0.99 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD): $\delta = 171.9$ (CO), 77.9 (C-4), 76.4 (C-5), 69.4 (C-6), 60.2 (CH₂), 57.4 and 55.0 (C-2, C-7), 51.8 (C-3), 27.3 (CH₂), 23.1 (CH₃CO), 21.2 (CH₂), 14.9 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₂₅N₂O₄: 261.1814; found: 261.1817.

***N*-[(3*S*,4*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-4,5,6-Trihydroxy-1-(4-phenylbutyl)azepan-3-yl]acetamide 16**

Azepane **14** (11 mg, 0.018 mmol) was deprotected as described for compound **13** (one night at RT) to afford compound **16** as a white solid (6 mg, quant. yield). Amorphous solid; $[\alpha]_D = +38$ (c 0.17, CH₃OH); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): $\delta = 7.27$ – 7.17 (m, 5 Harom), 4.41 (td, 1H, $J = 9.6$, 1.3 Hz, H-3), 4.18 (m, 1H, H-6), 3.98 (dd, $J = 5.8$, 3.1 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.74 (dd, $J = 9.6$, 3.1 Hz, 1H, H-4), 3.45–3.15 (m, 6H, 2H-2, 2H-7, CH₂), 2.70 (like t, $J = 7.4$ and 6.6 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.01 (s, 3H, CH₃CO), 1.78–1.65 (m, 4H, 2CH₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD): $\delta = 173.6$ (CO), 142.8, (C), 129.5 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 77.9 (C-4), 76.3 (C-5), 69.3 (C-6), 59.8 (NCH₂), 57.0 (C-7), 54.9 (C-2), 49.9 (C-3), 36.1 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH₂), 24.6 (CH₂), 22.6 (CH₃CO); HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₂₉N₂O₄: 337.2127; found: 337.2128.

***BcNagZ* expression, purification and crystallization:**

The open reading from for *BcNagZ* (UniProtKB B4EA43) was amplified by PCR from *Burkholderia cenocepacia* J2315 genomic DNA (provided by Dr. Silvia Cardona, Microbiology, University of Manitoba) as template and the following oligonucleotide primers:

5'-GATATACATATGGCGCATCACCATCACCATCACATGAAAACGACTCCCGGCC-3'
and 5'-GATATAGGATCCTTACGCCAGCGCGCTGCTCAACAGCGC-3'. The resulting PCR amplicon was restricted with NdeI and BamHI and ligated into a version of a pET28

plasmid (Novagen) containing a reduced multicloning site (Nde1/Spe1/BamH1). The resulting plasmid (pBCNagZ) was used to transform *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) GOLD cells. Transformants were selected on Luria broth (LB) agar supplemented with 50 mg/ml kanamycin. The resulting expression plasmid pBCNagZ was isolated from single kanamycin-resistant transformant and confirmed by DNA sequencing.

Expression of recombinant *BcNagZ* was induced in *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) GOLD cells using IPTG. Cell culture pellets were lysed by French press in 25 mM HEPES pH 7, 500 mM NaCl, 5% glycerol and 1 mM PMSF. The His-tagged protein was purified using a nickel gravity column after being subjected to washes with wash buffer (25 mM HEPES pH 7, 500 mM NaCl and 5% glycerol) supplemented with 0, 10 and 20 mM imidazole, and eluted using wash buffer containing 250 mM imidazole. *BcNagZ* crystals were grown at room temperature using the hanging drop vapour-diffusion method by mixing equal volumes of reservoir buffer (28-32% PEG8000, 0.1M MES pH 6.2-6.8) with protein solution (35-15 mg/ml). A single droplet containing several *BcNagZ* crystals in reservoir buffer was soaked for 24 hours in MM-124 at a final concentration of 1 mM to obtain the protein-inhibitor complex. Prior to screening, crystals were cryo-protected in 30% PEG3500, 15% PEG8000 and 0.1M MES pH 6.6, and flash-cooled in liquid nitrogen. X-ray data were collected using a Rigaku R-Axis IV++ detector and 007HF Microfocus X-ray generator at the University of Manitoba. The X-ray data were indexed using Mosflm¹, then scaled and averaged using SCALA.² The *BcNagZ*:**11** complex was determined by molecular replacement using PHASER (from within the PHENIX package³) and a structure of *BcNagZ* (PDB ID: 4GNV) from which GlcNAc and solvent had been removed prior to use as the search model. The MR model was subsequently rebuilt using PHENIX.AUTOBUILD³. The ligand restraint file for **11** was generated using PHENIX eLBOW (Adams et al., 2010) and a model of the inhibitor was manually fit into its electron density. Subsequent refinement of the complex and addition of solvent was carried out using PHENIX.REFINE³ and COOT⁴. Crystallographic and refinement statistics are presented in Table S1.

Minimum inhibitory concentration assay (MIC):

MICs were performed in triplicate using the broth microdilution method (Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute) in a 96-well plate with appropriate serial dilutions of ceftazidime in 100 μ l of cation-adjusted Mueller-Hinton broth (MHB). Addition of 50 μ l MM-124 to a final concentration of 1 mM was followed by inoculation with 50 μ l of $\sim 10^4$ cells of *P. aeruginosa* Δ *dacB* grown to an optical density (OD₆₀₀) of ~ 0.5 . As a control, 50 μ l of MHB was used in place of MM-124 in the above assay. MICs were determined after incubation of the cells for 18 h at 37 °C in a shaker incubator.

TABLE S1: Crystallographic and refinement statistic for *BcNagZ* bound to **1**.

Data collection	
Space group	P 2 ₁
Cell dimensions	
<i>a</i>, <i>b</i>, <i>c</i> (Å)	48.76, 87.58, 67.21
α, β, γ (°)	90, 92.1, 90
Resolution (Å)	29.59-1.80
<i>R</i>_{merge}	0.09 (0.55)*
I / σI	9.3 (2.0)
Completeness (%)	98.0 (96.2)
Redundancy	3.2 (3.1)
Refinement	
<i>R</i>_{work} / <i>R</i>_{free}	0.14/ 0.19
B-factor (Å²)	
Protein	19.4
MM-124 ligands	16.6
Water	31.0
R.m.s. deviations	
Bond lengths (Å)	0.01
Bond angles (°)	1.34

* Values in parentheses refer to the high-resolution shell (1.9 – 1.8 Å)

Table S2: Inhibition of *Salmonella typhyrum* NagZ, OGA, and HexA by azepanes **1**, **9-16**

<i>Compound</i>	1	9	10	11	12	15	16
OGA K_i (μM)	0.7±0.1	2.2±0.2	47±3	190±20	NI	22±1	2.0±0.1
NagZ K_i (μM)	0.4±0.2	0.4±0.2	7.4±0.5	27±2	NI	NI	NI
HexA K_i (μM)	3.6±0.9	NI	NI	NI	NI	51±4	14±3
(K_i OGA/ K_i NagZ)	1.8	5.5	6.7	7.1	NA	NA	NA
(K_i HexA/ K_i NagZ)	2.1	+	+	+	NA	NA	NA

NI: No significant inhibition at 500 μM , NA: not applicable, italic numbers K_i by Dixon analysis, +: estimated to be at least >1000.

Table S3: Susceptibility of PA Δ *dacB* to CAZ in the presence or absence of 1 mM Azepane

Strain PA Δ <i>dacB</i>	CAZ MIC ^a ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$)		
	- Azepane 24	+ Azepane 1 12	+ Azepane 10 8

^a MICs were determined by the broth microdilution method using cation adjusted Mueller Hinton media according to CLSI guidelines.⁵ Measurements were performed in triplicate.

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