## **Supplementary Information**

## Discovery of Antibacterial Manganese(I) Tricarbonyl Complexes through Combinatorial Chemistry

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**Figure S1.** Representative chromatogram depicting the product peak and yield, along with their corresponding MS spectra indicating the molecular fragments within a selected sample from the crude reaction mixture during combinatorial synthesis.

Solvent											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
A		50							50	>100	
В		>100				>100		>100	>100		
С	50	50			100-50	>100	50	25	50-25		
D	50	50			100	>100	50	50-25	50-25		
E	>100	50	>100		100	>100	100	50	>100	50	
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G											
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**Table S1.** Overview of antibacterial activity display as MIC [ $\mu$ M] of the 420 combinatorial manganese complexes against MRSA.



# **Activity Distribution Mn-Complexes**

Figure S2. Distribution of the manganese compounds based on their activity against MRSA, represented as MIC  $[\mu M]$ .

Amines			Aldehydes			Axial Ligands		
	MRSA	E. coli		MRSA	E. coli		MRSA	E. coli
1	> 100	> 100	Α	> 100	> 100	Melm	> 100	> 100
2	> 100	> 100	В	> 100	> 100	Clo	12.5	> 100
3	> 100	> 100	С	> 100	> 100	BeMelm	> 100	> 100
4	> 100	> 100	D	> 100	> 100	DMAP	> 100	> 100
5	> 100	> 100	Ε	> 100	> 100	Quin	> 100	> 100
6	> 100	> 100	F	> 100	> 100			
7	> 100	> 100	G	> 100	> 100	]		
8	> 100	> 100						
9	> 100	> 100						
10	> 100	> 100	]					

**Table S2.** Antibacterial activity display as MIC [µM] of the building blocks combinatorial against MRSA and E. coli.

	MnD8DMAP	MnC1DMAP	MnG9MeBelm
Mn – N <sub>ax</sub>	2.094(2)	2.082(2)	2.086(3)
Mn – N <sub>py</sub>	2.103(2)	2.123(3)	2.132(3)
Mn – N <sub>am</sub>	2.050(2)	2.050(3)	2.056(3)
Mn – CO <sub>(trans ax)</sub>	1.806(2)	1.813(3)	1.829(4)
Mn – CO <sub>(trans py)</sub>	1.798(2)	1.806(4)	1.799(4)
Mn – CO <sub>(trans am)</sub>	1.827(2)	1.820(4)	1.826(5)

Table S3. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) Legend: ax (axial), py (pyridine ring), am (amine).

	MIC [µM] vs. Gram-negative Bacteria						
	A. baumannii	P. aeruginosa	K. pneumonia	E. coli			
MnC5Melm	> 100	>100	>100	> 100			
MnA3Clo	50	>100	>100	> 100			
MnC8MeBeim	100-50	>100	>100	> 100			
MnC9MeBeim	25	>100	>100	> 100			
MnE2MeBeim	25	>100	>100	> 100			
MnG9MeBeim	100	>100	>100	100-50			
MnC1DMAP	100	>100	>100	> 100			
MnD8DMAP	25	>100	>100	100-50			
MnD9DMAP	>100-50	>100	>100	50-25			
MnE6Quin	>100	>100	>100	> 100			
PMX [ug/ml ]	0.25	1	2	1			

 PMX [µg/mL]
 0.25
 1
 2
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 Table S4. Antibacterial activity is displayed as MIC [µM]. PMX – Polymixin B

	MBC [µM] vs. MRSA
MnC5Melm	50-25
MnA3Clo	3.13
MnC8MeBeim	6.25
MnC9MeBeim	6.25
MnE2MeBeim	6.25
MnG9MeBeim	1.56
MnC1DMAP	6.25-3.13
MnD8DMAP	6.25-3.13
MnD9DMAP	6.25-3.13
MnE6Quin	12.5-6.25
VAN [ug/mL]	8

Table S5. Antibacterial activity is displayed as MBC [ $\mu$ M]. VAN – Vancomycin



Figure S3. UV-Vis spectra of MnC5MeIm (left) and stability over 18 hours, monitored at the maximum absorbance (right).



Figure S4. UV-Vis spectra of MnA3Clo (left) and stability over 18 hours, monitored at the maximum absorbance (right).



Figure S5. UV-Vis spectra of MnC8MeBeim (left) and stability over 18 hours, monitored at the maximum absorbance (right).
 D. MnC9MeBeim UV (50 μM)







Figure S7. UV-Vis spectra of MnE2MeBelm (left) and stability over 18 hours, monitored at the maximum absorbance (right).



Figure S8. UV-Vis spectra of MnG9MeBelm (left) and stability over 18 hours, monitored at the maximum absorbance (right).
 G. MnC1DMAP UV (50 μM)



Figure S9. UV-Vis spectra of MnC1DMAP (left) and stability over 18 hours, monitored at the maximum absorbance (right).



Figure S10. UV-Vis spectra of MnD8DMAP (left) and stability over 18 hours, monitored at the maximum absorbance (right).



Figure S11. UV-Vis spectra of MnD9DMAP (left) and stability over 18 hours, monitored at the maximum absorbance (right).



Figure S12. UV-Vis spectra of MnE6Quin (left) and stability over 18 hours, monitored at the maximum absorbance (right).



Figure S13. Crystal structure of MnD8DMAP (CCDC No. 2280008). The right panel shows the crystal structure with atom labeling. The left panel shows the crystal used to collect the structure.



Figure S14. Crystal structure of MnC1DMAP (CCDC No. 2280009). The right panel shows the crystal structure with atom labeling. The left panel shows the crystal used to collect the structure.



 $z_{-60}$  23RF001\_MnG9MeBeLP -1 R = 0.05 RES<sup>B=2</sup>0 -36 X **Figure S15.** Crystal structure of **MnG9MeBeim** (CCDC No. 2280010). The right panel shows the crystal structure with atom labeling. The left panel shows the crystal used to collect the structure.





**Figure S16.** Vitality of the HuDe cells against different concentration of Mn complex (A – MnC5MeIm, B – MnA3Clo, C – MnC8MeBeIm, D – MnC9MeBeIm, E – MnE2MeBeIm, F – MnG9MeBeIm, G – MnC1DMAP, H – MnD8DMAP, H – MnD9DMAP, I – MnE6Quin). Interpolation curve to evaluate the  $CC_{50}$  is also displayed.







Figure S17. Hemolysis of the HRB cells against different concentration of Mn complex.



Figure S18. Growth curves of *B. subtilis* in presence of different concentrations of MnG9MeBelm measured at 620 nm over time.

#### Part 2: Materials and Methods

#### Physical Measurements.

Analytical RP-HPLC-MS was performed with an Ultimate 3000 Rapid Separation LC-MS System (DAD-3000RS diode array detector) using an Acclaim RSLC 120 C18 column (2.2  $\mu$ m, 120 Å, 3 × 50 mm, flow 1.2 mL/min) from Dionex. The HPLC is directly linked to a Thermo Scientific LCQ- Fleet Ion-trap MS. The elution solutions were A: MilliQ deionized water containing 0.05% TFA and D: MilliQ deionized water/acetonitrile (10:90,v/v) containing 0.05% TFA. High resolution mass spectra were recorded from LTQ Orbitrap XL with nano ESI (Thermo) positive mode, samples prepared in acetonitrile. NMR were recorded from AVANCE II 400 MHz (Bruker). The FT-IR measurements were recorded on Jasco FT/IR-4700 in the 2500-400 cm<sup>-1</sup> range, equipped with the UATR accessory. UV-vis spectra were collected using 1 cm quartz cuvette at room temperature with a Shimadzu UV-1800 UV spectrophotometer.

#### Materials and Reagents.

Reagents were commercially available, and they were used without any further purification.

#### Combinatorial Synthesis.

Stock solutions of the amines, aldehydes, and axial ligands where prepared at 40 mM in THF. Manganese(I) was activated according previously reported methods.<sup>[1]</sup> Briefly, bromopentacarbonylmanganese(I) (100 mg, 0.36 mmol) and silver triflate (93.5 mg, 0.36 mmol) were dried with three cycles of vacuum and argon flux. Then, 6 mL of dry THF were added. The suspension then was stirred and refluxed under argon for 45 min. The suspension was then filtered off to get rid of AgBr, and the solution is diluted 1:3 to obtain a 20 mM stock solution in dry THF. The reactants stock solution were combined in a 500 µL Eppendorf vial (50 µL of the amine, 50 µL of the aldehyde, 50 µL of the axial ligand and 100 µL of the Mn(I)), and heated at 75 °C for 2 hours in a water bath.<sup>[2]</sup> The reaction solution were evaporated under vacuum and dissolved with 100 µL of DMSO to obtained the stock solution at 20 mM. LC-MS was carried out diluting the stock solutions in DMSO in a mixture of ACN:water (50:50) (flux 1.2 mLmin<sup>-1</sup>; A= H<sub>2</sub>O 0.1%TFA, D=90%ACN 10% H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.1% TFA; program: A/D 100:0 to 0:100 in 5.00 min, total absorbance).

### Combinatorial Synthesis Set-up.

All procedures were conducted manually using a standard pipette with a capacity of 20-200  $\mu$ L. The 70 Eppendorf tubes were arranged in a 96-well plate, and the stock solutions of the compounds were added sequentially—first the aldehyde, followed by the amine, then (if applicable) the axial ligand, and lastly the manganese(I). After the additions, the Eppendorf tubes were sealed with their lids and placed in a floating rack, ensuring that half of the tubes were immersed in the bath. Following the reaction, the vials were transferred directly from the bath to a vacuum chamber to remove the THF. The dried compounds were subsequently dissolved in 100  $\mu$ L of DMSO and then transferred to a 96-well plate made of polypropylene (PP) in their corresponding positions. From here, the compounds were directly diluted to the working solution for biological activity or LC-MS analysis.

As part of the workflow, the preparation of stock solutions (weighing the compounds and dissolving them in the appropriate solvent) were carried out during the activation of the manganese precursor, taking approximately 2 hours in total. Subsequently, the reaction setup, including the transfer of the solution into the corresponding Eppendorf tubes, was carried out immediately after, requiring approximately 30 minutes. The actual reaction time was 90 minutes, followed by a 3-hour period during which the reaction was left under vacuum. The time required for redissolving the compounds and preparing the stock solution ranged from 30 to 60 minutes. Therefore, the total time for preparing the stock solutions, conducting the reactions, and post-reaction processing for all 70 compounds was approximately 8 hours or one working day.

## Batch Synthesis.

Manganese pentacarbonyl bromide (100 mg 0.36 mmol) and silver triflate (93.5 mg, 0.36 mmol) were dried under vacuum. Then 5 mL of dry THF are added and reflux under stirring and under argon atmosphere for 45 min. The suspension was then filtered off. The corresponding amines, aldehydes, and axial ligands (0.072 mmol) are dissolved in 1 mL of the solution of manganese(I) (0.072 mmol). The reaction is headed at reflux under argon for 2 hours. The product is precipitate with 5 mL of heptane, the solid collected, washed with diethylether and dry under vacuum. The pure product is obtained after purification of prepHPLC (flux 40mLmin<sup>-1</sup>; A= H<sub>2</sub>O 0.1%TFA, D=90%ACN 10% H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.1% TFA; program: time 0 min A/D 100:0, 5 min A/D 70:30, time 45 min A/D 30-70. For DMAP derivatives A= H<sub>2</sub>O, D=100% ACN; program: 0 min A/D 100:0, 5 min A/D 75:25, time 60 min A/D 40-60). The fractions are collected,

checked by LC-MS ((flux 1.2 mLmin<sup>-1</sup>; A=  $H_2O 0.1\%$ TFA, D=90%ACN 10%  $H_2O$ , 0.1% TFA; program: A/D 100:0 to 0:100 in 10.00 min, total absorbance) and lyophilised.

Mn**C5**MeIm. Yield 45% (22.8 mg). MW 704.49 gmol<sup>-1</sup>. HR-MS (+, m/z, [M-TfO]<sup>+</sup>)  $[C_{27}H_{21}FMnN_4O_5]^+$  calculated: 555.0876; found: 555.0859. Analytical RP-HPLC:  $t_R = 4.90$  min. ESI-MS (+, m/z, [M-TfO-3CO]<sup>+</sup>): 470.9  $[C_{24}H_{21}FMnN_4O_2]^+$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)  $\delta$  8.87 (1H, s), 8.39-8.19 (4H, br), 7.89 (1H, m), 7.76-7.59 (2H, br), 7.45-7.35 (5H, br), 7.15-7.06 (1H, m), 6.39 (1H, br), 3.93 (3H, s), 3.68 (3H, br). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) 171.8, 166.5, 165.5, 164.4, 163.8, 163.0, 162.5, 161.9, 148.2, 142.0, 140.7, 134.1, 131.7, 131.6, 130.2, 129.9, 124.5, 123.8, 117.3, 117.1, 52.7, 34.8. IR (ATR): 2033 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1931 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO.

Mn**A3**Clo. Yield 28% (18.0 mg). MW 893.18 gmol<sup>-1</sup>. HR-MS (+, m/z, [M-TfO]<sup>+</sup>):  $[C_{38}H_{29}CIMnN_4O_5S]^+$  calculated: 743.0928; found: 743.0909. Analytical RP-HPLC:  $t_R = 5.54$  min. ESI-MS (+, m/z, [M-TfO-3CO]<sup>+</sup>): 658.8  $[C_{35}H_{29}CIMnN_4O_2S]^+$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.50 (1H, s), 8.14 (1H, s), 7.50 (1H, m), 7.44 (1H, m) 7.33-7.31 (2H, m), 7.05 (1H, m), 6.68-6.65 (4H, m), 6.69-6.52 (7H, m), 6.28 (1H, s), 6.18-6.18(7H, m), 2.42 (3H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  170.6, 153.8, 140.6, 139.8, 139.5, 139.1, 138.7, 137.7, 131.5, 130.3, 130.0, 129.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.8, 127.4, 126.5, 123.2, 121.9, 75.9, 42.0. IR (ATR): 2037 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1932 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO.

Mn**C8**MeBeim. Yield 30% (16.2 mg). MW 750.58 gmol<sup>-1</sup>. HR-MS (+, m/z, [M-TfO]<sup>+</sup>): [C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>26</sub>MnN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calculated: 601.1284; found: 601.1266. Analytical RP-HPLC:  $t_R = 5.51$  min. ESI-MS (+, m/z, [M-TfO-3CO]<sup>+</sup>): 517.0 [C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>26</sub>MnN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 9.02 (1H, br), 8.33 (2H, br), 8.08 (1H, br), 7.88-7.85 (1H, d), 7.76-7.65 (3H, m), 7.55 (2H, t), 7.43 (2H, t), 7.35-7.29 (3H, br), 7.12 (2H, br), 3.87 (4.5H, m), 3.41 (1.5H, br), 2.39 (3H, s).. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 171.4, 167.1, 166.2, 165.9, 162.1, 161.1, 159.3, 155.4, 149.6, 146.3, 141.8, 140.8, 140.5, 139.0, 138.8, 131.7, 131.5, 130.7, 130.6, 130.5, 130.1, 125.2, 124.6, 122.1, 121.9, 112.6, 52.6, 32.5, 20.7. IR (ATR): 2029 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1918 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO.

Mn**C9**MeBeim. Yield 28% (16.4 mg). MW 815.45 gmol<sup>-1</sup>. HR-MS (+, m/z, [M-TfO]<sup>+</sup>):  $[C_{31}H_{23}BrMnN_4O_5]^+$  calculated: 665.0232; found: 665.0206. Analytical RP-HPLC:  $t_R =$ 

5.68 min. ESI-MS (+, m/z, [M-TfO-3CO]<sup>+</sup>): 581.0 [C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BrMnN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD3CN)  $\delta$  9.04 (1H, s), 8.36-8.24 (3H, br), 8.08 (1H, d), 7.88 (1H, d), 7.76-7.53 (7H, m), 7.46-7.35 (2H, m), 7.13 (2H, br), 3.95-3.87 (4.5H, m), 3.41 (1.5H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)  $\delta$  172.7, 171.4, 166.0, 151.6, 150.9, 146.3, 142.4, 141.7, 140.9, 134.1, 133.3, 133.2, 132.0, 131.6, 131.5, 130.5, 130.4, 130.1, 128.7, 125.3, 124.6, 124.2, 124.0, 112.6, 52.6, 32.5. IR (ATR): 2031 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1923 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO.

Mn**E2**MeBeim. No prepHPLC needed. Compound pure after precipitation and washing. Yield 99% (48.9 mg). MW 686.47 gmol<sup>-1</sup>. HR-MS (+, m/z, [M-TfO]<sup>+</sup>)  $[C_{28}H_{19}F_3MnN_4O_4]^+$  calculated: 587.0739; found: 587.0718. Analytical RP-HPLC:  $t_R = 5.74$  min. ESI-MS (+, m/z, [M-TfO-3CO]<sup>+</sup>): 503.1  $[C_{25}H_{19}F_3MnN_4O_1]^+$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 9.42 (1H, s), 8.85 (1H, s), 8.47-8.44 (1H, d), 8.31-8.28 (1H, d), 7.84-7.79 (4H, m), 7.63-7.60 (1H, m), 7.48-7.45 (1H, m), 7.39 (1H, m), 7.32 (1H, d), 7.29 (1H, s), 6.73 (1H, s), 3.73 (3H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 171.5, 154.7, 152.7, 150.7, 149.1, 146.9, 146.1, 142.8, 135.5, 133.7, 132.5, 131.6, 127.6, 127.6, 125.1, 124.4, 123.5, 118.6, 113.8, 113.1, 112.3, 32.3. IR (ATR): 2033 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1934 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO.

Mn**G9**MeBeim. Yield 26% (14.5 mg). MW 778.21 gmol<sup>-1</sup>. Anal. calcd for  $C_{23}H_{15}Br_2FMnN_4O_3\cdot C_4HF_5O_4$  (%): C, 37.88; H, 1.88; N, 6.54. Found: C, 38.61; H, 1.88; N, 6.39. HR-MS (+, m/z, [M-TfO]<sup>+</sup>): [ $C_{23}H_{15}Br_2FMnN_4O_3$ ]<sup>+</sup> calculated: 626.8875; found: 626.8860. Analytical RP-HPLC:  $t_R$  = 5.42 min. ESI-MS (+, m/z, [M-TfO-3CO]<sup>+</sup>): 544.1 [ $C_{20}H_{15}Br_2FMnN_4$ ]<sup>+</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD\_3CN) δ 8.92 (1H, s), 8.15 (1H, br), 7.90 (1H, br), 7.77-7.75 (2H, d), 7.70-7.65 (2H, t), 7.52-7.47 (2H, t), 7.43-7.41 (1H, d), 7.38-7.32 (2H, m), 3.81 (3H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CD\_3CN) δ 166.8, 150.7, 147.0, 142.5, 138.0, 137.9, 135.4, 133.5, 133.2, 132.9, 125.2, 124.7, 124.6, 124.5, 124.0, 123.7, 112.5, 32.4. IR (ATR): 2034 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1923 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO. XRD: CCDC No 2280008.

Mn**C1**DMAP. Yield 29% (15.4 mg). MW 740.59 gmol<sup>-1</sup>. HR-MS (+, m/z, [M-TfO]<sup>+</sup>)  $[C_{32}H_{30}MnN_4O_7]^+$  calculated: 637.1495; found: 637.1478. Analytical RP-HPLC: t<sub>R</sub> = 5.35 min. ESI-MS (+, m/z, [M-TfO-3CO]<sup>+</sup>): 553.1 [ $C_{29}H_{30}MnN_4O_4$ ]<sup>+</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 8.85 (1H,br), 8.24-7.76 (9H, m and br), 7.34 (2H. br), 7.10 (2H, br), 6.50 (2H, br), 3.89 (6H, br), 2.96 (3H, br), 1.94 (6H, br). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 169.7, 166.5, 158.2, 155.8, 151.6, 150.9, 150.3, 145.1, 144.8, 141.8, 140.7, 131.9,

131.7, 131.1, 130.3, 129.3, 112.3, 109.0, 106.7, 56.3, 52.7, 39.0. IR (ATR): 2027 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1916 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO. XRD: CCDC No 2280009.

Mn**D8**DMAP. No prepHPLC needed. Yield 64% (31.8 mg). MW 689.59 gmol<sup>-1</sup>. HR-MS (+, m/z, [M-TfO]<sup>+</sup>) [C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>31</sub>MnN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calculated: 540.1807; found: 540.1790. Analytical RP-HPLC:  $t_R = 6.30$  min. ESI-MS (+, m/z, [M-TfO-3CO]<sup>+</sup>): 456.1 [C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>31</sub>MnN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 8.70 (1H, s), 8.06 (1H, m), 7.66-7.59 (2H, m), 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.33 (2H, m), 6.46 (2H, m), 3.50 (2H, br), 3.21-3.05 (4H, br), 2.95 (6H, s), 2.49 (3H, s), 1.88 (2H, br), 1.75 (2H, br). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 170.6, 169.8, 155.0, 153.0, 151.4, 149.2, 141.7, 140.6, 131.0, 125.0, 122.7, 121.7, 108.7, 39.1, 39.0, 24.6, 24.0, 20.7. IR (ATR): 2024 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1924 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO. XRD: CCDC No 2280010.

Mn**D9**DMAP. Yield 29% (15.8 mg). MW 754.46 gmol<sup>-1</sup>. HR-MS (+, m/z, [M-TfO]<sup>+</sup>)  $[C_{27}H_{28}BrMnN_5O_3]^+$  calculated: 604.0756; found: 604.0740. Analytical RP-HPLC: t<sub>R</sub> = 6.38 min. ESI-MS (+, m/z, [M-TfO-3CO]<sup>+</sup>): 522.0  $[C_{24}H_{28}BrMnN_5]^+$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 8.71 (1H, s), 8.08 (1H, t), 7.82 (2H, d), 7.69-7.62 (2H, m), 7.49 (2H, d), 7.32 (2H, d), 6.45 (2H, d), 3.64-3.22 (5H, br), 2.95 (6H, s), 1.87-1.65 (5H, br). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 171.9, 169.9, 155.3, 154.8, 151.4, 150.5, 141.8, 137.9, 133.7, 125.5, 124.8, 123.2, 122.2, 108.8, 39.0, 24.6, 24.0. IR (ATR): 2028 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1919 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO.

Mn**E6**Quin. Yield 34% (18.3 mg). MW 747.53 gmol<sup>-1</sup>. HR-MS (+, m/z): [M-TfO]<sup>+/</sup> [C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>21</sub>MnN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calculated: 598.0811; found: 598.0800; [M-TfO-3CO+MeOH]<sup>+/</sup> [C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>25</sub>MnN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> calculated: 546.1226; found: 598.0848. Analytical RP-HPLC:  $t_R = 5.35 \text{ min. ESI-MS}$  (+, m/z, [M-TfO-3CO]<sup>+</sup>): 514.1 [C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>21</sub>MnN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 9.56 (1H, s), 8.76 (1H, s), 8.61 (1H, s), 8.32 (1H, d), 8.00 (1H, d), 7.92 -7.84 (4H, m), 7.78-7.75 (2H, m), 7.67-7.61(2H, m), 7.41 (1H, d), 7.32 (1H, d), 7.25 (1H, s), 6.69 (1H, s), 6.34 (1H), 2.44 (3H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 171.4, 157.5, 154.9, 153.4, 153.2, 152.8, 150.7, 149.1, 147.0, 145.0, 136.6, 134.0, 133.9, 132.8, 131.2, 129.8, 129.7, 128.7, 127.6, 127.0, 123.8, 121.4, 119.6, 116.2, 114.0, 113.5, 111.1, 18.4. IR (ATR): 2037 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1941 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO.

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#### Crystallographic data collection and crystal structure determination

Single crystal X-ray diffraction analyses were carried out with a Bruker D8Venture diffractometer equipped with a kappa goniometer and an Oxford cryosystem. Microfocused MoK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  = 0.71073) was used and Lorentz polarization and absorption correction were applied by the SADABS<sup>[3]</sup> procedure. The phase problem was solved by direct methods and the structures were refined by full-matrix least-squares on all F2 using SHELXL<sup>[4,5]</sup>, as implemented in the OLEX2 suite of programs. Analytical expressions of neutral atom scattering factors were taken from the International Tables for X-Ray Crystallography<sup>[6]</sup>. The structure drawings were obtained using ORTEPIII<sup>[7]</sup> and Mercury<sup>[8]</sup>. CCDC 2280008-2280010 contain the supplementary crystallographic data. These data can be obtained free of charge via http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html. X-Ray structure determination analysis were performed on crystals grown by recrystallization from the solvent (EtOH for MnD8DMAP, MeOH for MnC1DMAP, THF in diffusion with heptane for MnG9MeBelm).

#### UV-vis spectroscopy

UV-vis spectra were collected using 1 cm quartz cuvette at room temperature. Stock solution of the complexes were 5 mM in DMSO and were diluted in DMSO or PBS to 50  $\mu$ M finial concentration. Stability was checked by following the maximum of absorption during 18 hours of incubation with a plate reader (Tecan instrument Infinite M1000).

The release of carbon monoxide (CO) from metal carbonyl complexes was assessed spectrophotometrically by measuring the conversion of hemoglobin (Hb) to carboxyhemoglobin (Hb-CO) adapting a previously published procedure.<sup>[9]</sup> Briefly, fresh solutions of hemoglobin with a final concentration of 80  $\mu$ M were prepared by dissolving the protein in HEPES pH 7.4. Prior to each reading, a freshly prepared solution of sodium dithionite (0.1%) was added to convert hemoblogin to deoxyhemoglobin. After preparing the myoglobin solutions, a stock solution of **MnG9MeBeIm** was added to achieve a final concentration of 20  $\mu$ M. The absorbance was then measured from 500 nm to 650 nm at 30-minute intervals over a duration of 8 hours.

#### Identification of active compounds and MIC and MBC determination.

The samples were tested for their antimicrobial activity against *Escherichia coli* W3110, *Staphylococcus aureus* COL (MRSA), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1, *Acinetobacter baumannii* ATCC19606, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* NCTC418, and methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* COL, clinical isolate *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, clinical isolate methicillin susceptible *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis* 168 CA (wild type), *Enterococcus spp* S342, *Enterococcus casselliflavus* S9. *Enterococcus* clinical isolate strains isolated in the laboratory of Food Inspection Unit of Parma University from pig food chain. Resistance to vancomycin was verified by VanA detection by PCR. A colony of bacteria was grown in Luria-Bertani (LB) medium overnight at 37 °C. Stock solutions of 2 mM of the samples were prepared in DMSO and diluted to a starting concentration of 100  $\mu$ M in Mueller Hinton (MH) medium. For the identification of the active compound only one concentration (100  $\mu$ M) was used, for the MIC determination the samples were two folds diluted. The bacteria concentration was measured by measuring the optical density at 600 nm and diluted to OD<sub>600</sub> of 0.022 in MH medium. 5  $\mu$ L of the diluted bacterial solution was used to

inoculate 150  $\mu$ L of the sample solutions, resulting in a final inoculation of about 5 × 10<sup>5</sup> CFU/mL. The plates were then incubated at 37 °C for 18 hours. For each assay, a control of broth only and a growth control of broth with bacterial inoculum without antibiotics were included in two columns of the plate. Polymyxin B and Vancomycin were used as control antibiotic for *E. coli* and MRSA respectively. The growth was measured by analysing the absorbance of the bacterial suspension at 600 nm using a plate reader (Tecan instrument Infinite M1000). The MBC values were determined by resuspending 10  $\mu$ L of the suspension from the MIC plate in fresh LB agar. After 18 hours, the agar plates were checked and the MBC was determined as the concentration that could prevent the re-growth of any bacteria.

A competitive assay with hemoglobin was conducted by preparing different MH media (with 160, 80, 40, 20, 10, 5, 2.5  $\mu$ M). This was achieved by adding a stock solution of hemoglobin in PBS, which was sterilized through filtration. The FICI values were determined as follows: FICI=FIC<sub>A</sub>+FIC<sub>B</sub>=C<sub>A</sub>/MIC<sub>A</sub>+C<sub>B</sub>/MIC<sub>B</sub>, where MIC<sub>A</sub> and MIC<sub>B</sub> are the MIC values of compounds A and B alone, and C<sub>A</sub> and C<sub>B</sub> are the effective concentration of A and B when administrated. A FICI index of 0.5 or less indicates synergistic effect; between 0.5 and 4 the effect is additive. FICI index greater than 4 denotes antagonism.<sup>[10,11]</sup>

#### Haemolysis assay.

The compounds were tested on human red blood cells (hRBCs) using a haemolysis assay as previously reported.<sup>[12]</sup> Blood was obtained from Interregionale Blutspende SRK AG in Bern, Switzerland. 1.5 mL of whole blood was centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 15 minutes at 4 °C, and the plasma was discarded. The hRBC pellet was washed three times with PBS (pH 7.4) and then resuspended to a final volume of 10 mL in PBS. For the identification of the not haemolytic compound only one concentration (20  $\mu$ M) was used, for the determination of HC<sub>50</sub> of the lead compounds, the samples were two folds diluted starting from 200  $\mu$ M. Samples stock solution was 20 mM in DMSO. Each plate included a blank medium control (PBS) and a haemolytic activity control (0.1% Triton TM X-100). hRBC suspension was incubated with the samples in PBS in a V-shaped 96-well plate for 4 hours at 20 °C. After the incubation, 100  $\mu$ L of supernatant was carefully pipetted to a flat bottom, clear 96-wells plate. Haemolysis was measured by analysing the absorbance of free haemoglobin in the supernatants

at 540 nm using a plate reader (Tecan instrument Infinite M1000). The percentage of haemolysis at each concentration was determined and the  $HC_{50}$  was calculated. The growth was measured by analysing the absorbance of free hemoglobin in the supernatants at 540 nm using a plate reader (Tecan instrument Infinite M1000).

#### Cytotoxicity.

The HuDe human epithelial cells were purchased from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC, Manassas, VA, USA). The cells were cultivated in RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum, 100 UmL<sup>-1</sup> of penicillin and streptomycin, and maintained at a temperature of 37 °C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. All experiments were carried out using cells that were in the log phase. Initially, 100 000 mL<sup>-1</sup> of cells were seeded into 96-well plates and incubated for 18-24 hours before being exposed to compounds at concentrations ranging from 0.1  $\mu$ M to 100  $\mu$ M. Following a 24 hour incubation period at 37 °C, the cells were stained with Trypan Blue and counted using a haemocytometer. The control for the experiments was DMSO. Each sample was tested in at least three independent experiments. The concentration of a compound required to reduce cell growth by 50% compared to untreated control cells was determined as the half maximal inhibitory concentration (IC<sub>50</sub>).

#### Bacterial Growth Curve.

An overnight culture of *Bacillus subtilis* was grown in 20 mL of Luria-Bertani (LB) medium in an Erlenmeyer flask until reaching an optical density of 0.3 under agitation. The bacterial suspension was subsequently distributed into a 24-well plate. The complex **MnG9MeBelm** was added at concentrations of 12.5, 6, 3, and 1.5  $\mu$ M. Absorbance was monitored at 620 nm using a plate reader for one hour.

#### Fluorescence light microscopy

Protocols were adapted from previous reported papers.<sup>[13]</sup> Fluorescence light microscopy was performed using a Nikon Ti-2 Eclipse,Nikon Europe BV, Amsterdam, Netherlands with a CFI Plan Fluor 40× oil immersion objective (CFI Plan Fluor 40×/1.30 W.D. 0.24, Nikon Europe BV). Brightfield and fluorescence images were recorded by an Andor Zyla 4.2 Plus USB3 camera in Widefield and using LED light excitation. Images were analyzed using ImageJ (Fiji). *Bacillus subtilis* PrpsD (MW54)

expressing cytosolic GFP from the strong ribosomal PrpsD promoter was grown in LB at 37 °C under steady agitation in the presence of 100  $\mu$ g/mL Spectinomycin. *Bacillus subtilis* MinD (KS69) was grown in LB at 37 °C under steady agitation in the presence of 50  $\mu$ g/mL Spectinomycin. Overnight cultures of *B. subtilis* were regrown in LB (for MinD, 0.1% Xylose as an inducer is needed for the second culture). **MnG9MeBeIm** and controls were added at an OD<sub>600</sub> of 0.3 and images were taken after 20 min of antibiotic treatment. Cells were immobilized on pre warmed 1.2% agarose-covered slides in HEPES buffer (50 mM pH 7.4)<sup>[14]</sup>. Membranes were stained with 0.5  $\mu$ g/mL Nile red for 5 min. Nucleoids were stained with 1  $\mu$ g/mL DAPI for 5 min. Carbon monoxide release was measured using BioTracker Carbon Monoxide Probe 1 Live Cell Dye (Sigma, SCT051) with the addition of PdCl<sub>2</sub> at 5  $\mu$ M for 20 minutes.

#### Propidium iodide assay

Permeability for the large fluorescent molecule propidium iodide as a reporter for the presence of large membrane pores or severe membrane disruption was quantified using a Tecan Infinite M1000 plate reader, following the previously described protocol<sup>[16,17]</sup>. Cells were grown until an  $OD_{600}$  of 0.3 and antibiotics were added simultaneously with 13.3 µg/mL propidium iodide (1 mg/mL stock in DMSO). After 15 min, cells were centrifugated and the pallet washed twice with HEPES buffer (pH 7.4) and fluorescence was measured using 535 nm excitation and 617 nm emission wavelengths. SDS 0.05% served as positive control. Each experiment was performed in triplicate.

#### $DIS_3(5)$ assay

Membrane potential measurements were conducted using the potentiometric fluorescent probe 3,3'-dipropylthiadicarbocyanine iodide (DiSC3(5)) on a Tecan Infinite M1000 plate reader, following the previously described protocol<sup>[16,17]</sup>. Briefly, 1  $\mu$ M DiSC3(5) was added to exponentially growing *B. subtilis* 168 cultures at 37 °C, and the baseline was recorded for 5 minutes using an excitation wavelength of 651 nm and an emission wavelength of 675 nm. MnG9MeBeIm (3  $\mu$ M), gramicidin (1  $\mu$ g/mL, positive control) were then added, and samples were measured for an additional 20 minutes at 37 °C. Each experiment was performed in triplicate.

Resazurin assay

Respiratory chain activity was measured following the reduction of resazurin to resofurin by fluorescence, following the previously described protocol<sup>[16,17]</sup>. *B. subtilis 168* was cultivated in LB medium at 37 °C until reaching an optical density ( $OD_{600}$ ) of 0.3. Following that, the cells were treated with different concentrations of MnG9MeBeIm (1.5, 3, 6, 12 µM), 100 µM CCCP, or 15 mM sodium azide. After 15 minutes, samples were collected and adjusted to an  $OD_{600}$  of 0.15 through dilution with medium. Subsequently, the samples were incubated for 5 minutes with 100 µg/mL of resazurin under steady agitation at 37 °C. Fluorescence measurements were taken using an excitation wavelength of 545 nm, and the emitted light was recorded at 630 nm. The reported percentages represent the relative values compared to the untreated control. Each experiment was performed with two biological replicates and three technical replicates.



# Part 3: Characterization Spectra (HRMS, LCMS, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, IR)

A. MnC5Melm



Figure S19. HRMS spectra of MnC5MeIm













Figure S23. IR spectra of MnC5MeIm (ATR): 2033 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1931 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO



B. MnA3Clo



Figure S24. HRMS spectra of MnA3Clo



**Figure S26.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of MnA3Clo (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.50 (1H, s), 8.14 (1H, s), 7.50 (1H, m), 7.44 (1H, m) 7.33-7.31 (2H, m), 7.05 (1H, m), 6.68-6.65 (4H, m), 6.69-6.52 (7H, m), 6.28 (1H, s), 6.18-6.18(7H, m), 2.42 (3H, s).



175 170 165 160 155 150 145 140 135 130 125 120 115 110 105 100 95 90 85 80 75 70 65 60 55 50 45 40 f1 (ppm)

**Figure S27.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of MnA3Clo (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 170.6, 153.8, 140.6, 139.8, 139.5, 139.1, 138.7, 137.7, 131.5, 130.3, 130.0, 129.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.8, 127.4, 126.5, 123.2, 121.9, 75.9, 42.0.



Peak Find - Mn\_A3\_CLO\_1

Figure S28. IR spectra of MnA3Clo (ATR): 2037 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1932 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO





Figure S29. HRMS spectra of MnC8MeBeIm



**Figure S31.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of MnC8MeBelm (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.50 (1H, s), 8.14 (1H, s), 7.50 (1H, m), 7.44 (1H, m) 7.33-7.31 (2H, m), 7.05 (1H, m), 6.68-6.65 (4H, m), 6.69-6.52 (7H, m), 6.28 (1H, s), 6.18-6.18(7H, m), 2.42 (3H, s).



**Figure S32.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of MnC8MeBelm (400 MHz, CD3CN) δ 171.4, 167.1, 166.2, 165.9, 162.1, 161.1, 159.3, 155.4, 149.6, 146.3, 141.8, 140.8, 140.5, 139.0, 138.8, 131.7, 131.5, 130.7, 130.6, 130.5, 130.1, 125.2, 124.6, 122.1, 121.9, 112.6, 52.6, 32.5, 20.7.



Peak Find - Mn\_C8\_MeBeim\_1

Figure S33. IR (spectra of MnC8MeBelm ATR): 2029 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1918 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO





Figure S34. HRMS spectra of MnC9MeBeIm



**Figure S36.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of MnC9MeBelm (300 MHz, CD3CN) δ 9.04 (1H, s), 8.36-8.24 (3H, br), 8.08 (1H, d), 7.88 (1H, d), 7.76-7.53 (7H, m), 7.46-7.35 (2H, m), 7.13 (2H, br), 3.95-3.87 (4.5H, m), 3.41 (1.5H, s).



Figure S38. IR spectra of MnC9MeBelm (ATR): 2031 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1923 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO





Figure S39. HRMS spectra of MnE2MeBeIm



Figure S40. LCMS spectra of MnE2MeBeIm GA\_237147.10.fid



**Figure S41.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of MnE2MeBelm (300 MHz, CD3CN)  $\delta$  9.42 (1H, s), 8.85 (1H, s), 8.47-8.44 (1H, d), 8.31-8.28 (1H, d), 7.84-7.79 (4H, m), 7.63-7.60 (1H, m), 7.48-7.45 (1H, m), 7.39 (1H, m), 7.32 (1H, d), 7.29 (1H, s), 6.73 (1H, s), 3.73 (3H, s).





Peak Find - Mn\_E2\_MeBeim\_1



Figure S43. IR spectra of MnE2MeBelm (ATR): 2033 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1934 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO



F. MnG9MeBeim



Figure S44. HRMS spectra of MnG9MeBelm











Peak Find - Mn\_G9\_MeBeim\_1

Figure S48. IR spectra of MnG9MeBelm (ATR): 2034 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1923 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO





Figure S49. HRMS spectra of MnC1DMAP



Proton\_ns32 CD3CN / opt frei 15



**Figure S51.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of MnC1DMAP (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)) δ 8.85 (1H,br), 8.24-7.76 (9H, m and br), 7.34 (2H. br), 7.10 (2H, br), 6.50 (2H, br), 3.89 (6H, br), 2.96 (3H, br), 1.94 (6H, br).





**Figure S52.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of MnC1DMAP (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN)) δ 169.7, 166.5, 158.3, 158.2, 156.5, 155.8, 150.9, 150.3, 147.6, 144.8, 141.8, 140.7, 131.9, 131.7, 131.1, 130.3, 129.3, 112.3, 109.0, 106.7, 79.6, 69.1, 56.3, 56.3, 52.7, 39.0.



Figure S53. IR spectra of MnC1DMAP (ATR): 2027 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1916 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO



H. Mn**D8**DMAP



Figure S54. HRMS spectra of MnD8DMAP



**Figure S56.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of MnD8DMAP (300 MHz, CD3CN) δ 8.70 (1H, s), 8.06 (1H, m), 7.66-7.59 (2H, m), 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.33 (2H, m), 6.46 (2H, m), 3.50 (2H, br), 3.21-3.05 (4H, br), 2.95 (6H, s), 2.49 (3H, s), 1.88 (2H, br), 1.75 (2H, br).



Figure S58. IR spectra of MnD8DMAP (ATR): 2024 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1924 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO



I. Mn**D9**DMAP



Figure S59. HRMS spectra of MnD9DMAP



**Figure S61.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of MnD9DMAP (300 MHz, CD3CN) δ 8.71 (1H, s), 8.08 (1H, t), 7.82 (2H, d), 7.69-7.62 (2H, m), 7.49 (2H, d), 7.32 (2H, d), 6.45 (2H, d), 3.64-3.22 (5H, br), 2.95 (6H, s), 1.87-1.65 (5H, br).



Figure S63. IR spectra of MnD9DMAP (ATR): 2028 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1919 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO





Figure S64. HRMS spectra of MnE6Quin



**Figure S66.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of MnE6Quin (400 MHz, CD3CN) 9.56 (1H, s), 8.76 (1H, s), 8.61 (1H, s), 8.32 (1H, d), 8.00 (1H, d), 7.92 -7.84 (4H, m), 7.78-7.75 (2H, m), 7.67-7.61(2H, m), 7.41 (1H, d), 7.32 (1H, d), 7.25 (1H, s), 6.69 (1H, s), 6.34 (1H), 2.44 (3H, s).



Figure S68. IR spectra of MnE6Quin (ATR): 2037 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1941 cm<sup>-1</sup> v CO





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# **Thermal Elemental Analysis**

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Summarize Results Date : Method Name : Method Filename :

23.11.2023 08:32:34 CHN\_fluorinated\_Compounds CHN\_F 2023\_11\_22.mth

Sample name	Anal. Date	Inj. Time	(mg)	% Nitrogen	% Carbon	% Hydrogen
MnG9MeBelm_1	22.11.2023	09:42	1.036	6.42	38.64	1.94
MnG9MeBelm_2	22.11.2023	09:51	1.082	6.42	38.47	1.87
MnG9MeBelm_3	22.11.2023	09:59	0.710	6.33	38.71	1.84
3 Sample(s) in Group No : 2						
Component Name	Average	Std. Dev.	% Rel. S. D		theor.	dev.
Nitrogen	6.39	0.052	0.813	9	7.55	-1.16
Carbon	38.61	0.123	0.320		40.46	-1.85
Hydrogen	1.88	0.051	2.725	35 8	2.04	-0.16

Figure S69. Thermal Elemental Analysis results for MnG9MnMeBeIm.

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