## Supplementary data

Unveiling the structural aspects of novel azo-dyes with promising anti-virulence activity against MRSA: A deep dive into the spectroscopy via integrated experimental and computational approaches

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Figure S1a: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 2-((4-amino-2-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid (D1)



Figure S1b: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 2-((4-amino-2-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid (D1)



Figure S1c: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 2-((4-amino-2-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid (D1)



Figure S2: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6-</sub>,D<sub>2</sub>O) spectrum of 2-((4-amino-2-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid (D1)



Figure S3: <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 2-((4-amino-2-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid (D1)



Figure S4: The High- resolution mass (HRMS) spectrum of D1



Figure S4a: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 3-((4-amino-2-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid D2



Figure S4b: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 3-((4-amino-2-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid D2



Figure S4c: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 3-((4-amino-2-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid D2



Figure S5: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6-}$ D<sub>2</sub>O) spectrum of 3-((4-amino-2-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid D2



Figure S6: <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 3-((4-amino-2-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid **D2** 



Figure S8: The High- resolution mass (HRMS) spectrum of D2



Figure S9a: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 4-((4-amino-2-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid (D3)



Figure S9b: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 4-((4-amino-2-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid (D3)



Figure S10: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>-D<sub>2</sub>O) spectrum of 4-((4-amino-2-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid (D3)



Figure S11: <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 4-((4-amino-2-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid (D3)



Figure S12: The High- resolution mass (HRMS) spectrum of D3



**Figure S13a:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 3-((4-amino-3-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid (**D4**)



**Figure S13b:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 3-((4-amino-3-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid (**D4**)



Figure S13c: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 3-((4-amino-3-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid (D4)



Figure S13d: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 3-((4-amino-3-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid (D4)



**Figure S13e:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 3-((4-amino-3-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid (**D4**)



Figure S14: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.D<sub>2</sub>O) spectrum of 3-((4-amino-3-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid (D4)



Figure S15: <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of 3-((4-amino-3-hydroxyphenyl)diazenyl)benzoic acid (D4)



Figure S16: The High- resolution mass (HRMS) spectrum of D4.



Figure S17. The reduced density gradient (RDG) scatter plot of dyes D2 and D4.



Figure S18. UV-Vis spectra of dye D4 after and before incubation in PBS solution for 24 hours.