#### Bacterial strain and growth conditions

The *P. aeruginosa* strain PA01 wild type (B.Iglewski) <sup>1</sup> was used in this study. Colonies were grown on a Luria-Bertani (LB) agar plate at 37 °C overnight. The colonies were used to inoculate 10 mL fresh LB media and grown overnight at 37 °C. The overnight cultures were used to inoculate fresh LB media to an initial OD<sub>600</sub> of 0.05 and cultures were grown with good aeration (300 rpm in an orbital shaker) at 37 °C. Cultures were then used as a source of bacteria for a phenotypic assay (pyocyanin production). A Jenway 6705 spectrometer 1cm path-length cuvettes were used for all spectrophotometric assays. Compounds for testing were stored as 10 mM stock solutions in DMSO at - 20 °C. Compounds in DMSO were added at the desired concentration to the culture at the start of growth. The final DMSO volume remained below 2% and an equivalent volume of DMSO with no compound was added to control cultures.

#### **Pyocyanin assay**

Pyocyanin in the culture supernatant was quantified as previously described.<sup>2</sup> After growth the OD<sub>600</sub> was recorded, and the samples were clarified by centrifugation (3,150 xg, 10 min, 20 °C) to remove cell debris. The supernatant (5 mL) was then extracted with chloroform (3 mL) by vortexing. The phases were separated by centrifugation (3,150 xg, 10 min, 20 °C) and the chloroform phase was transferred to a fresh tube and extracted with HCl aq (0.2 N, 1 mL). The phases were separated by centrifugation (3,150 xg, 10 min, 20 °C) and the absorption of the aqueous phase was measured at 520 nm and corrected for the culture OD<sub>600</sub>.

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