

Supplementary Material

**Cytological profile of antibacterial FtsZ inhibitors
and synthetic peptide MciZ**

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Supplementary Table S1. Chemical structures, MIC, MDIC and MDP values of FtsZ inhibitors.

Compound	Structure	MIC ^g (μM)		MDIC ^g (μM)	MDP ^g (min)
		<i>B. subtilis</i>	MRSA		
UCM62 (22) ^a		5	5	5	46
UCM78 (30) ^a		10	5	4	46
UCM79 (29) ^a		2.5	5	4	46
UCM81 (28) ^a		5	7	3.5	59
UCM82 (33) ^a		50	50	25	47
UCM93 (26) ^a		15	50	7.5	46
UCM95 (36) ^a		25	50	12.5	206
PC190723 ^b		2.8	2.8	(5.6)	46
PC170942 ^c		40	160	20	83
Hemi-chrysohaentind		-	2	(18)	65
peptide MciZe	MKVHRMPKGVVL VGKAWERAKLKEY GRTFQYVKDWISKP	-	-	1	47
Zantrin Z3 ^f		2.5	10	-	-

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g. MIC: minimal inhibitory concentration (references cited). MDIC: minimal division inhibitory concentration in *B. subtilis* (in brackets: division inhibitory concentration employed; see Methods). MDP: *B. subtilis* initial mass doubling period at MDIC. Control MDP value in the absence of inhibitors was 45 min.

Supplementary Table S2. Effect of PC190723 and its fragments on the assembly and GTPase activity of FtsZ polymers.

Measurements are average \pm standard error. The critical concentration (Cr) values are the intercepts of the pellet FtsZ concentrations plots in Figure 3. The GTPase activities are the slopes of the GTP hydrolysis plots above Cr.

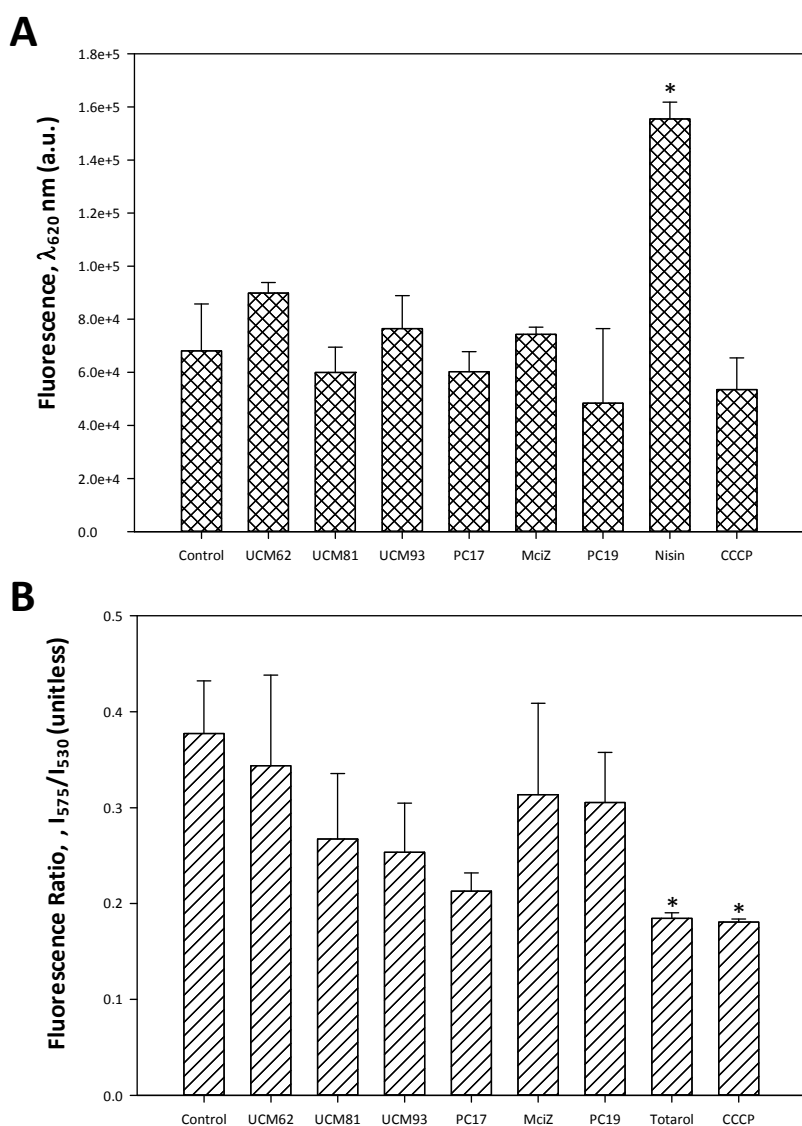
	Bs-FtsZ		Ec-FtsZ	
	Cr (μ M)	GTPase (min^{-1}) (above Cr)	Cr (μ M)	GTPase (min^{-1}) (above Cr)
Control	4.08 \pm 0.06	2.17 \pm 0.37	1.95 \pm 0.06	3.87 \pm 0.53
PC190723 (15 μM)	0.65 \pm 0.13	0.22 \pm 0.13	1.10 \pm 0.18	5.30 \pm 0.47
DFMBA (4 mM)	0.96 \pm 0.02	0.40 \pm 0.06	nd	nd
CTPM (1 mM)	3.85 \pm 0.12	1.43 \pm 0.16	nd	nd

Supplementary Table S3. Number of Z-ring per micron in control cell and cell treated with FtsZ inhibitors

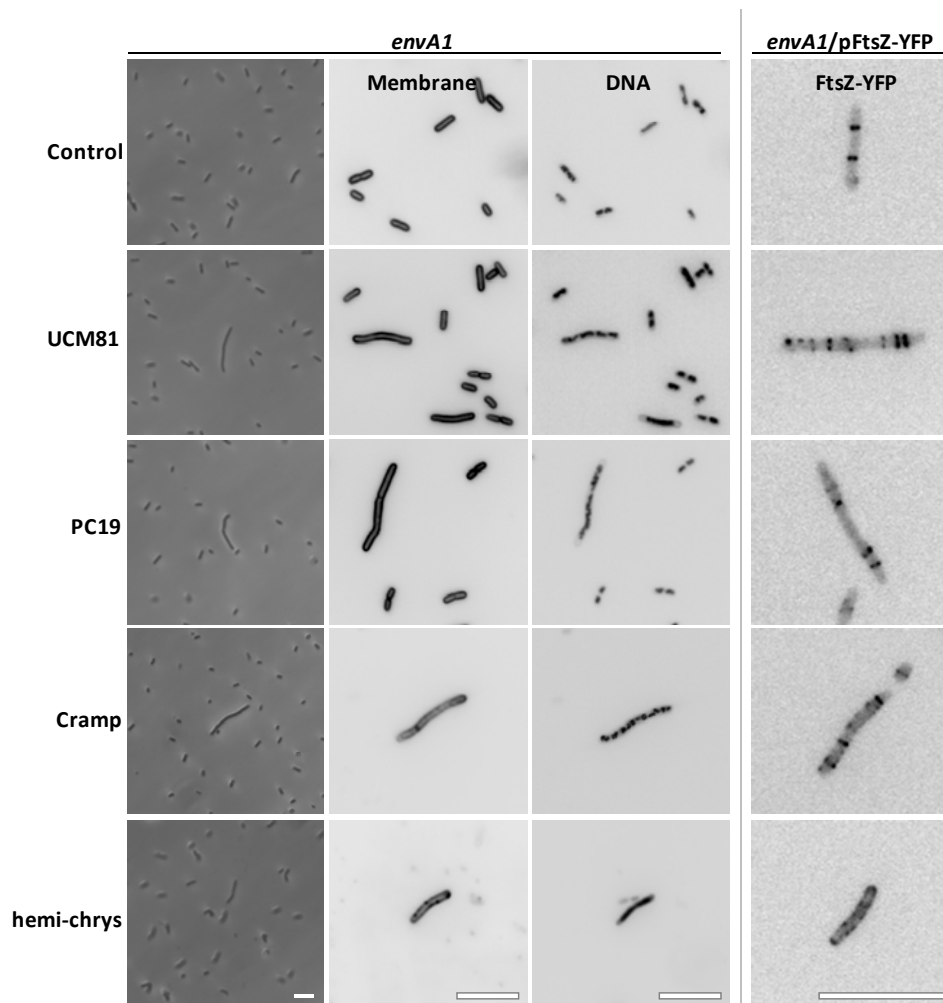
	Total Z-rings/Cell length (Z-ring/μm) (Average \pm SE)
Control	0.140 \pm 0.006
UCM81	0.142 \pm 0.010
UCM93	0.140 \pm 0.023
UCM95	0.134 \pm 0.014
Hemi-chrys	0.252 \pm 0.016
PC170942	0.235 \pm 0.013
MciZ	0.075 \pm 0.014
PC190723	0.000 \pm 0.000

Supplementary Table S4. Bacterial cell morphology measurements used in the PCA

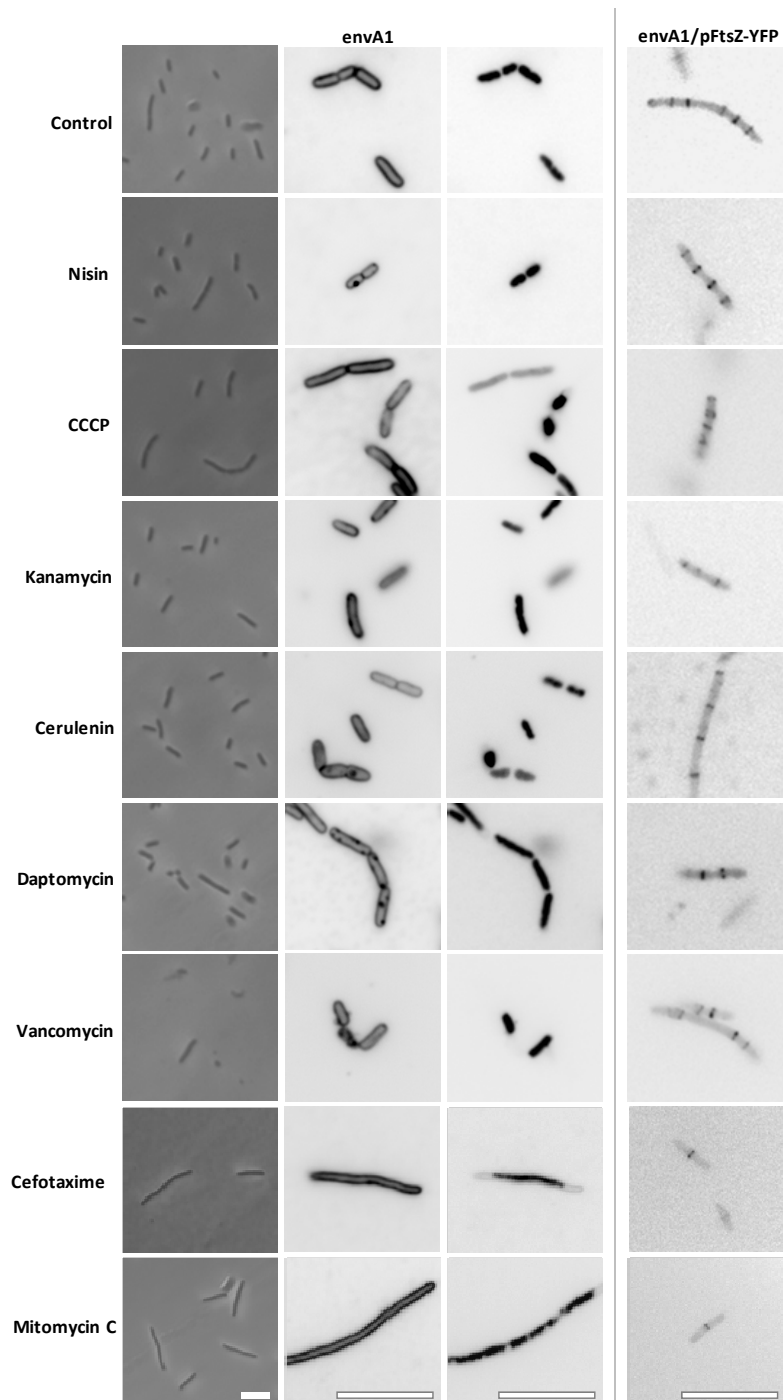
	Cell length (μm)	Zrings/ μm	Zfoci/ μm	Mb foci/ μm	Nucleoid length (μm)	Z-ring distribution (%)			
						0-2.5 (μm)	2.5-5 (μm)	5-7.5 (μm)	7.5-10 (μm)
Control	7.29 \pm 1.12	0.14 \pm 0.01	0.01 \pm 0.01	0.11 \pm 0.03	2.09 \pm 0.04	0 \pm 0.0	97 \pm 0.5	2 \pm 0.5	0 \pm 0.0
UCM81	54.94 \pm 4.35	0.14 \pm 0.01	0.16 \pm 0.02	0.53 \pm 0.02	1.12 \pm 0.09	47 \pm 0.5	27 \pm 0.5	17 \pm 0.5	5 \pm 0.1
UCM93	34.53 \pm 2.42	0.14 \pm 0.02	0.19 \pm 0.04	0.05 \pm 0.02	1.32 \pm 0.12	35 \pm 0.3	29 \pm 0.4	32 \pm 0.4	2 \pm 0.9
UCM95	30.17 \pm 1.69	0.13 \pm 0.01	0.21 \pm 0.04	0.04 \pm 0.01	2.09 \pm 0.13	12 \pm 0.1	48 \pm 0.5	36 \pm 0.4	3 \pm 0.3
Hemi-chrys	22.14 \pm 1.53	0.25 \pm 0.02	0.15 \pm 0.01	0.38 \pm 0.04	1.65 \pm 0.10	36 \pm 0.7	40 \pm 0.8	18 \pm 0.4	4 \pm 0.1
PC170923	36.28 \pm 3.31	0.23 \pm 0.01	0.25 \pm 0.04	0.16 \pm 0.02	2.59 \pm 0.06	31 \pm 0.1	49 \pm 0.2	18 \pm 0.2	1 \pm 0.6
PC190742	49.84 \pm 6.61	0.00 \pm 0.00	1.42 \pm 0.06	0.36 \pm 0.05	2.69 \pm 0.18	-	-	-	-
MciZ	41.04 \pm 2.25	0.07 \pm 0.01	0.06 \pm 0.02	0.15 \pm 0.01	2.61 \pm 0.16	0 \pm 0.0	17 \pm 0.9	20 \pm 0.5	38 \pm 0.5
Nisin	9.18 \pm 0.60	0.18 \pm 0.01	0.03 \pm 0.01	0.14 \pm 0.03	2.17 \pm 0.04	2 \pm 0.6	89 \pm 0.5	7 \pm 0.9	0 \pm 0.0
CCCP	8.03 \pm 1.04	0.00 \pm 0.00	0.00 \pm 0	0.31 \pm 0.03	1.21 \pm 0.06	-	-	-	-
Kanamycin	12.79 \pm 0.93	0.04 \pm 0.02	0.05 \pm 0.02	0.44 \pm 0.03	2.30 \pm 0.19	-	-	-	-
Cerulenin	11.68 \pm 1.20	0.23 \pm 0.03	0.19 \pm 0.04	0.09 \pm 0.02	1.51 \pm 0.10	24 \pm 0.1	65 \pm 0.5	10 \pm 0.3	0 \pm 0.0
Daptomycin	14.03 \pm 1.07	0.12 \pm 0.02	0.08 \pm 0.01	0.46 \pm 0.06	2.05 \pm 0.08	2 \pm 0.9	73 \pm 0.5	20 \pm 0.6	2 \pm 0.9
Vancomycin	6.23 \pm 0.33	0.04 \pm 0.02	0.03 \pm 0.02	0.34 \pm 0.06	1.05 \pm 0.07	-	-	-	-
Cefotaxime	17.92 \pm 2.11	0.19 \pm 0.01	0.09 \pm 0.02	0.54 \pm 0.06	1.54 \pm 0.08	27 \pm 0.3	73 \pm 0.7	0 \pm 0.0	0 \pm 0.0
Mitomycin C	29.96 \pm 2.37	0.17 \pm 0.02	0.13 \pm 0.03	0.60 \pm 0.07	6.38 \pm 0.67	9 \pm 0.1	72 \pm 0.7	18 \pm 0.2	0 \pm 0.0



Supplementary Figure S1. Effect of FtsZ inhibitors on membrane permeability and membrane potential. (A) Fluorescence (620 nm) of *B. subtilis* 168 cells exposed to compounds and stained with PI were measured to assess membrane permeability. Significant differences ($p < 0.01$) were found only with the positive control compound nisin. (B) Fluorescence ratio of red (575 nm) to green (530 nm) fluorescence of *B. subtilis* 168 cells exposed to compounds and DiOC₂ were calculated to determine a possible membrane potential modification. Significant differences ($p < 0.01$) were found with tatarol and CCCP (positive control).



Supplementary Figure S2. Effects of FtsZ inhibitors on cell division, membrane, nucleoid and FtsZ subcellular localization in *E. coli* cells. Cells of *envA1 E. coli* strain were grown for 3 h in the presence of compounds, stained with FM4-64 and DAPI and visualized through their corresponding channels with a fluorescence microscope. For Z-rings analysis *envA1/pFtsZ-YFP* were used. After FtsZ-YFP induction cells were exposed to compounds for 1 hour prior to their analysis under the microscope. Images of the right column correspond to a general view of the sample but images of columns "Membrane", "DNA" and "FtsZ-YFP" show susceptible cells. Scale bar: 10 μ m.



Supplementary Figure S3. Effect of antibiotics on membrane, nucleoid and FtsZ of *envA1* cells. Cells were incubated with compounds for 3 h and stained with FM4-64 to visualize the membrane and with DAPI to visualize nucleoids. For Z-rings analysis *envA1/pFtsZ-YFP* were used. After FtsZ-YFP induction cells were exposed to compounds for 1 hour and analyzed under the microscope. Scale bar: 10 μ m.