

Fimsbactin and Acinetobactin Compete for the Periplasmic Siderophore Binding Protein BauB in Pathogenic

Acinetobacter baumannii

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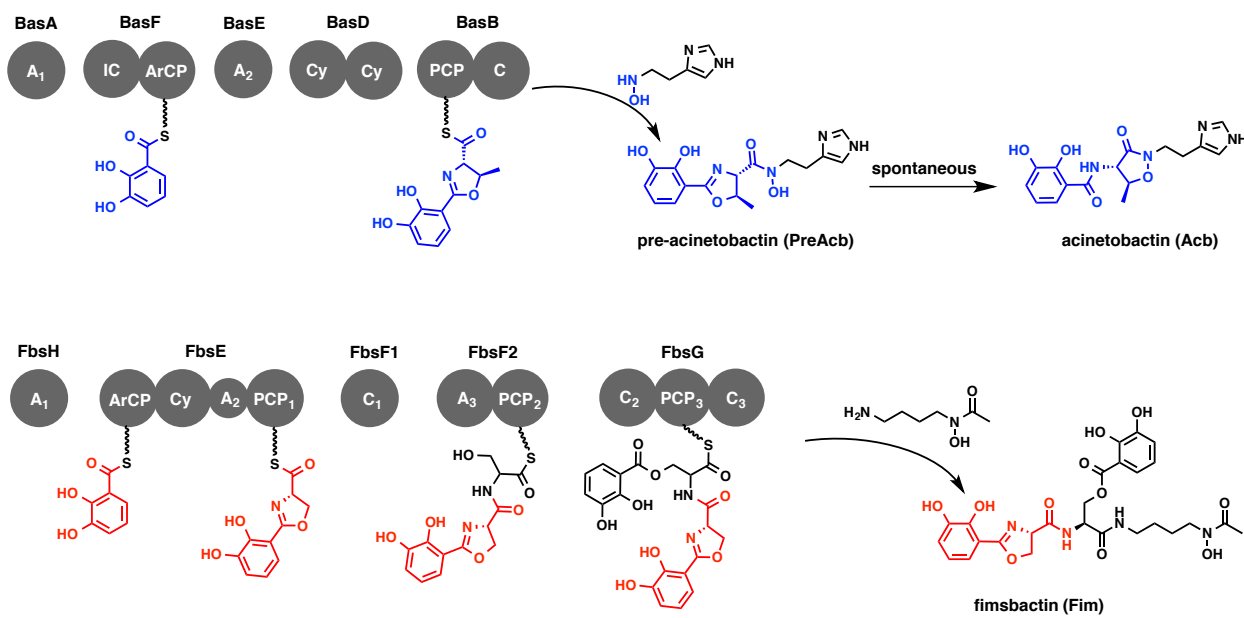
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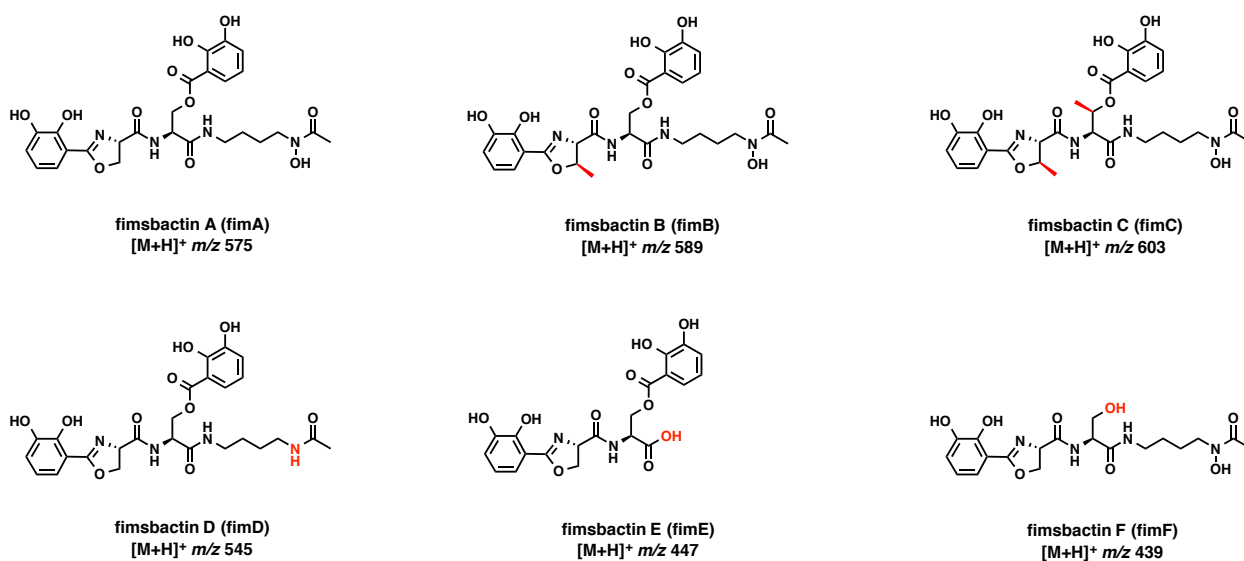
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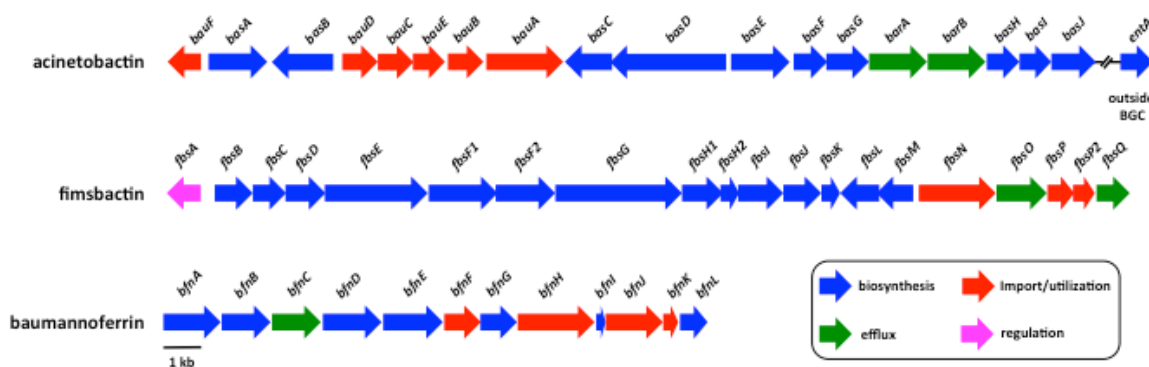
I. Supplementary Figures



Supplementary Figure 1. Predicted biosynthesis of acinetobactin and fimsbactin in *A. baumannii* ATCC 17978.^{1, 2} Non-ribosomal peptide synthetase (NRPS) assembly lines for acinetobactin (top) and fimsbactin A (bottom) share a common precursor, 2,3-DHB, and a common phenolate oxazoline motif. Pre-acinetobactin (PreAcb) is the kinetic product released from the NRPS assembly line. PreAcb undergoes spontaneous isomerization to the thermodynamic product acinetobactin (Acb).



Supplementary Figure 2. Structures and m/z values for $[M+H]^+$ molecular ions of fimsbactin A–F.¹ Structural differences are highlighted in red.



Supplementary Figure 3. Biosynthetic gene clusters for acinetobactin², fimsbactin¹, and baumannoferrin³ from *A. baumannii* ATCC 17978 along with annotated genes.

Fimsbactin Biosynthetic Gene Clusters

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Query sequence



BGC0000352: Fimsbactin biosynthetic gene cluster (100% of genes show similarity)



AB042 (GenBank: GCA_001941765.1)

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D36 (GenBank: GCA_001399655.1)

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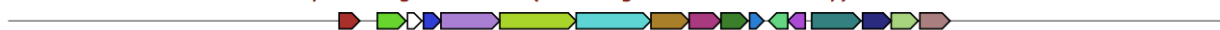


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Acinetobactin Biosynthetic Gene Clusters

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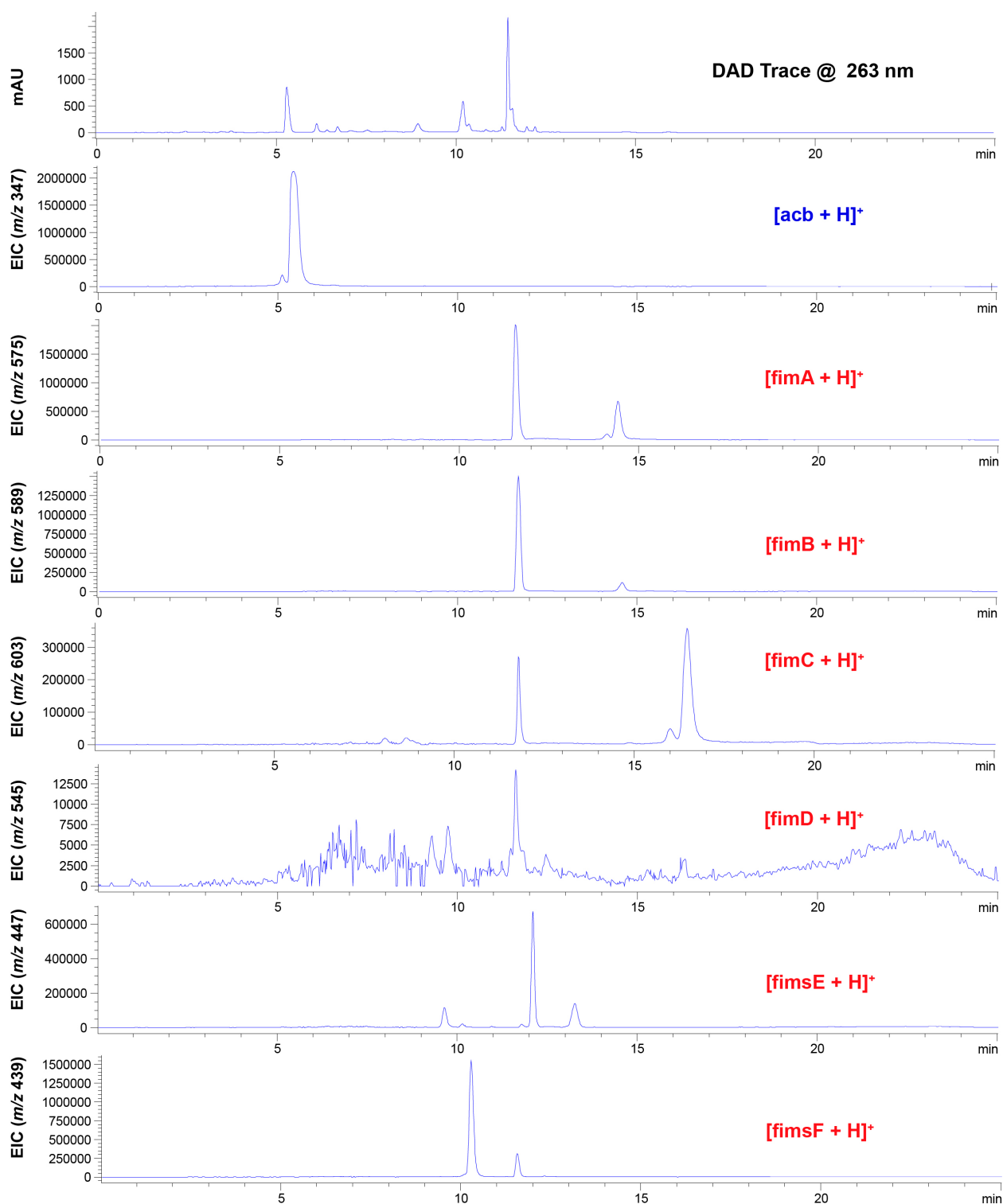
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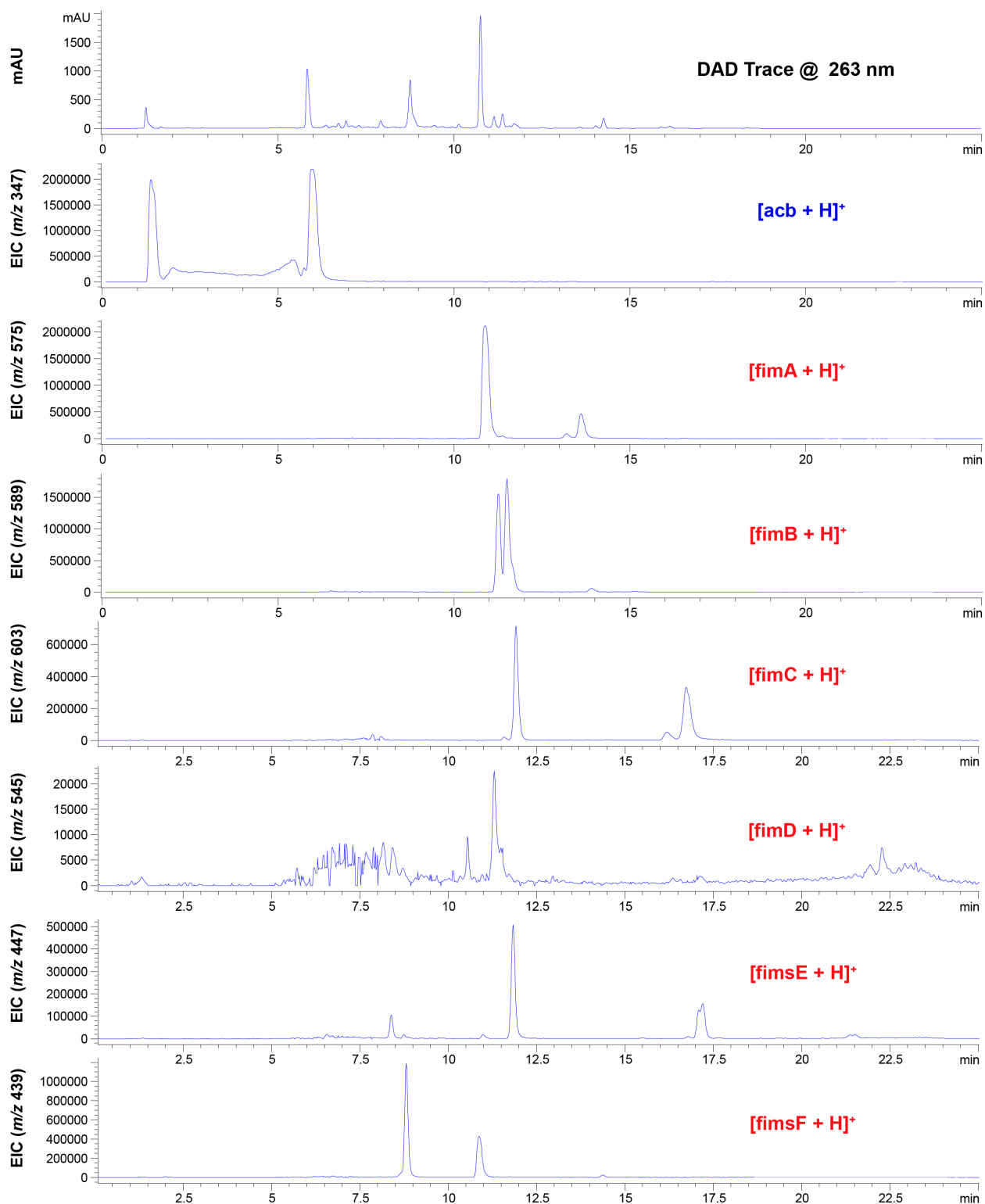


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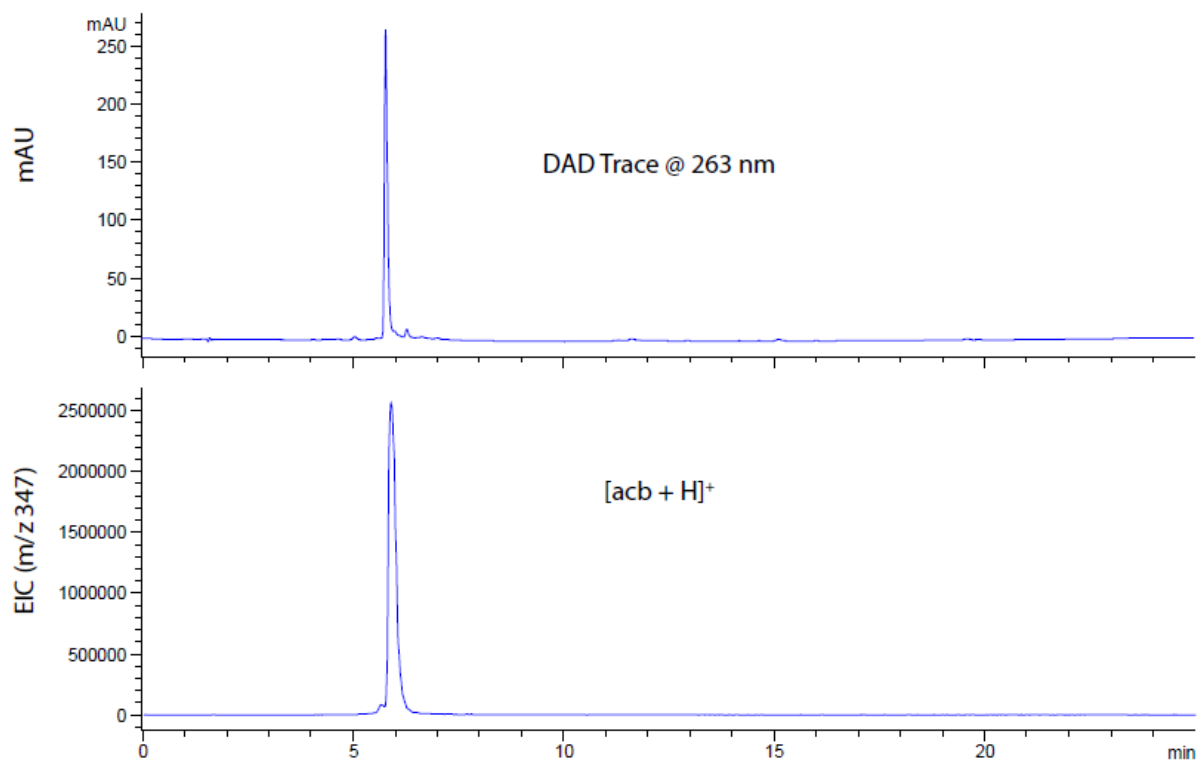




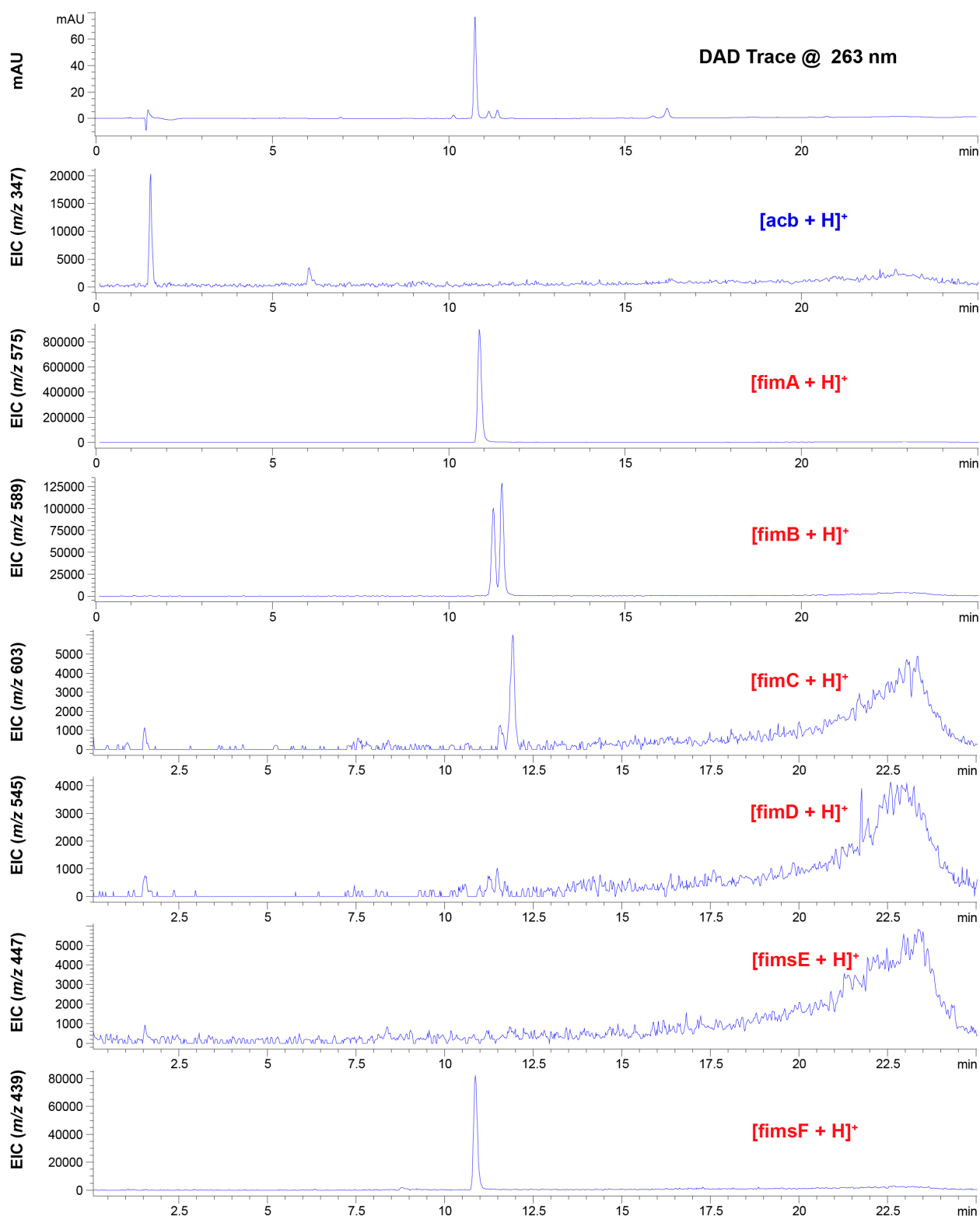
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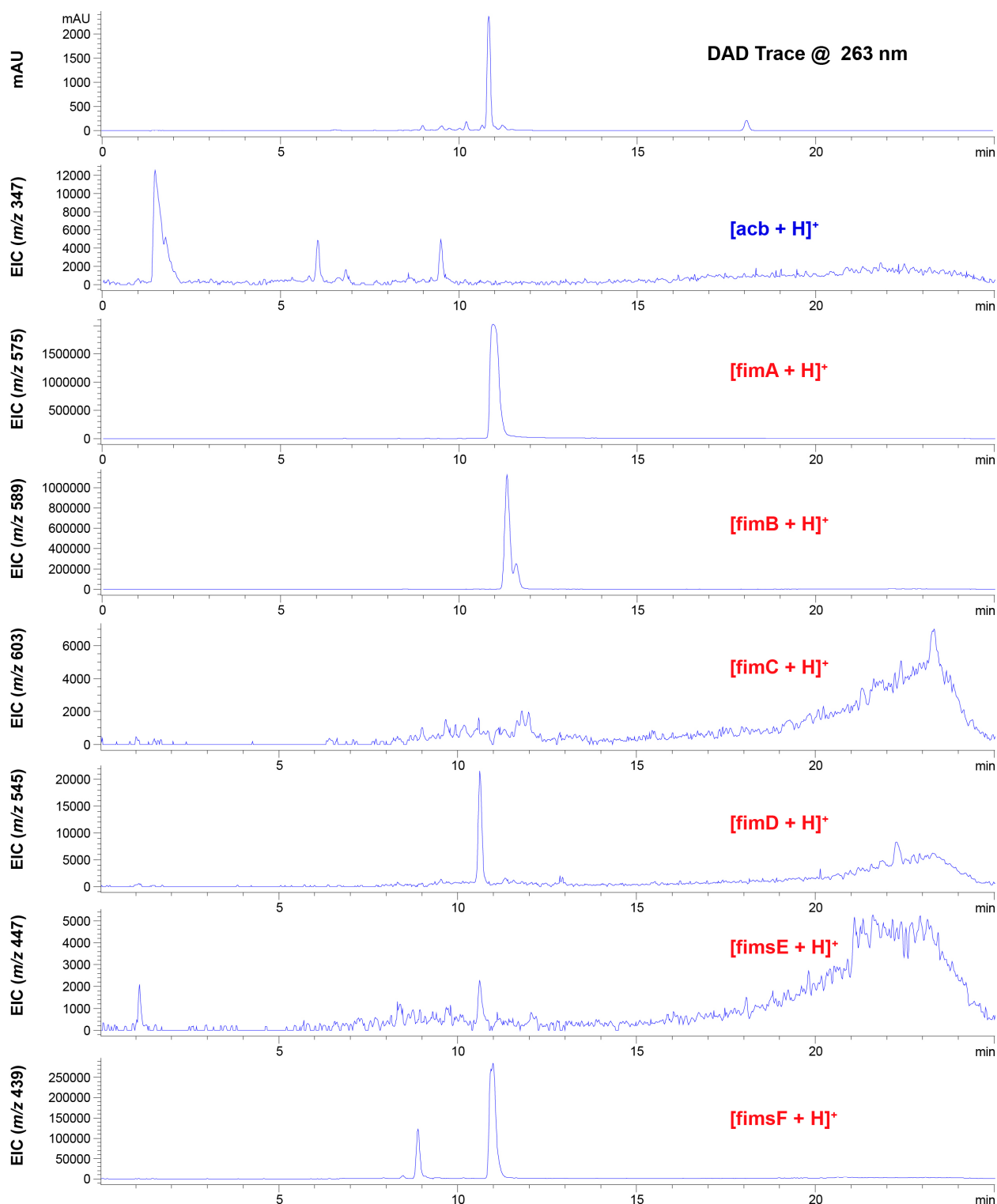
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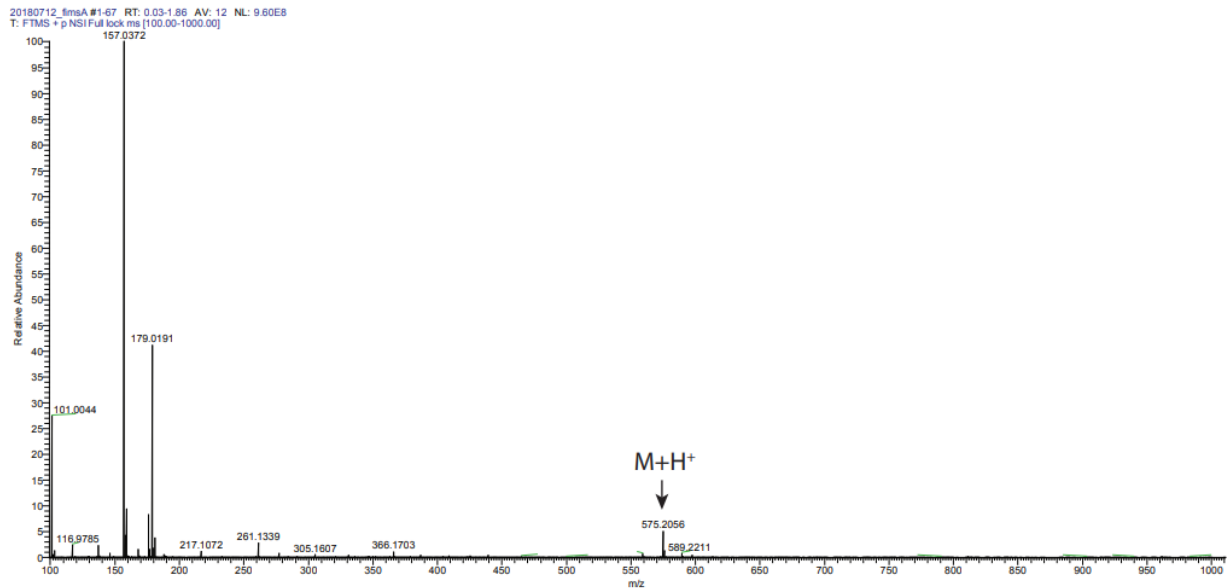
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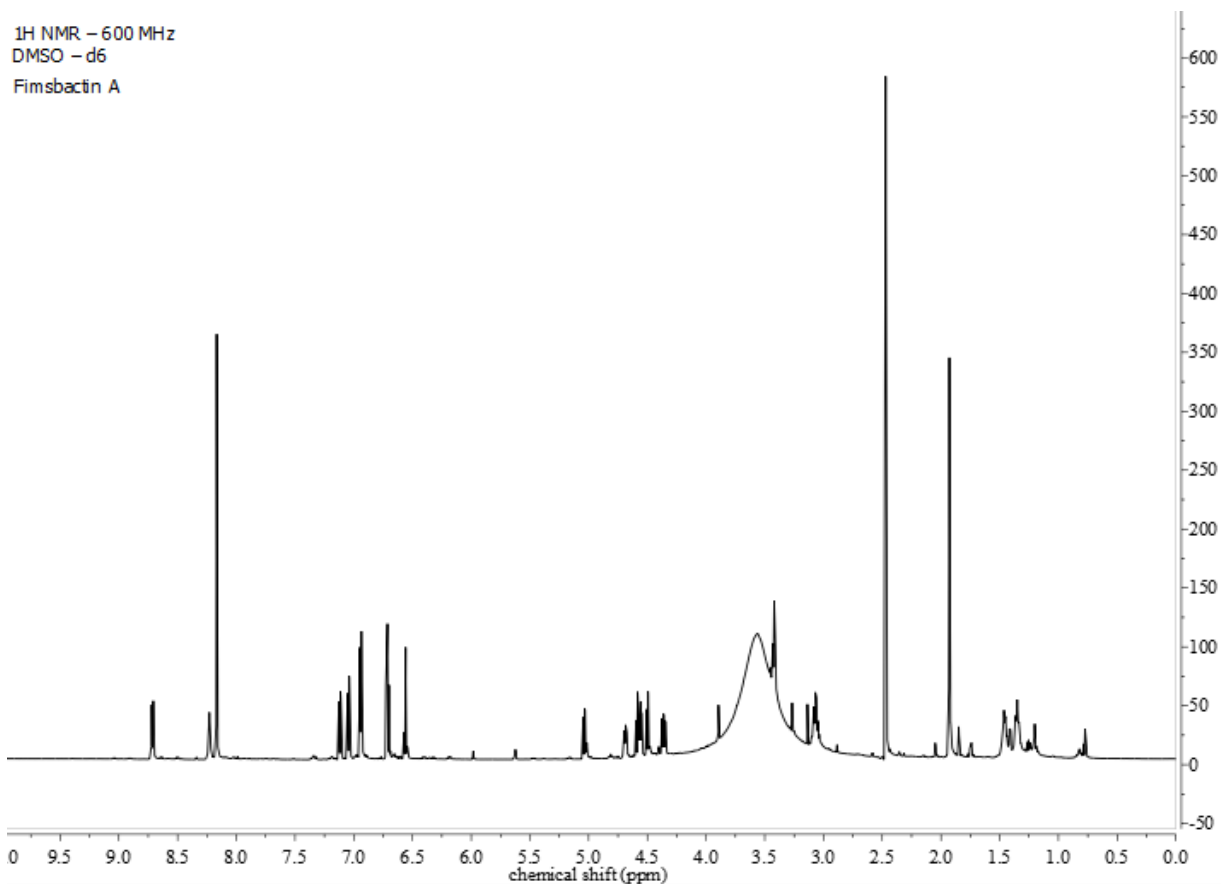
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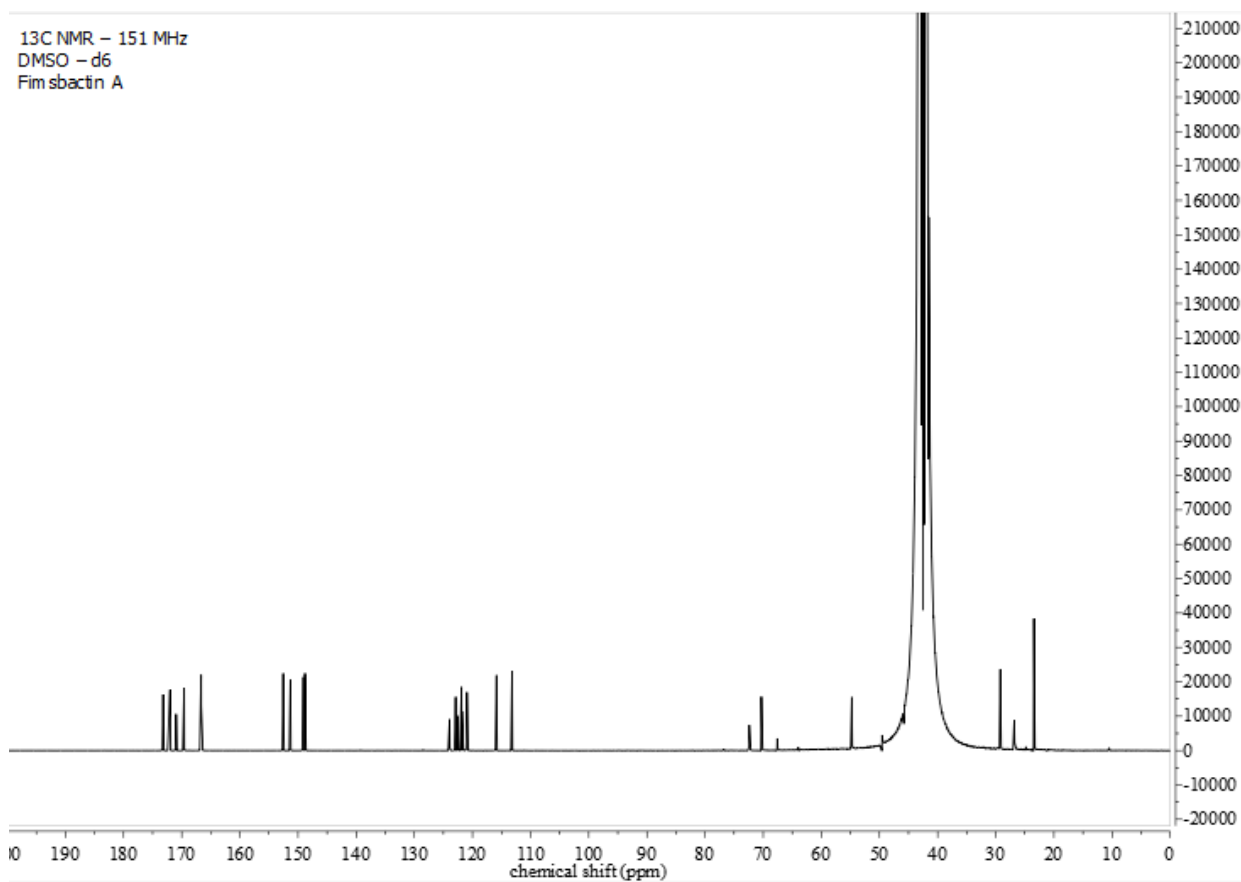
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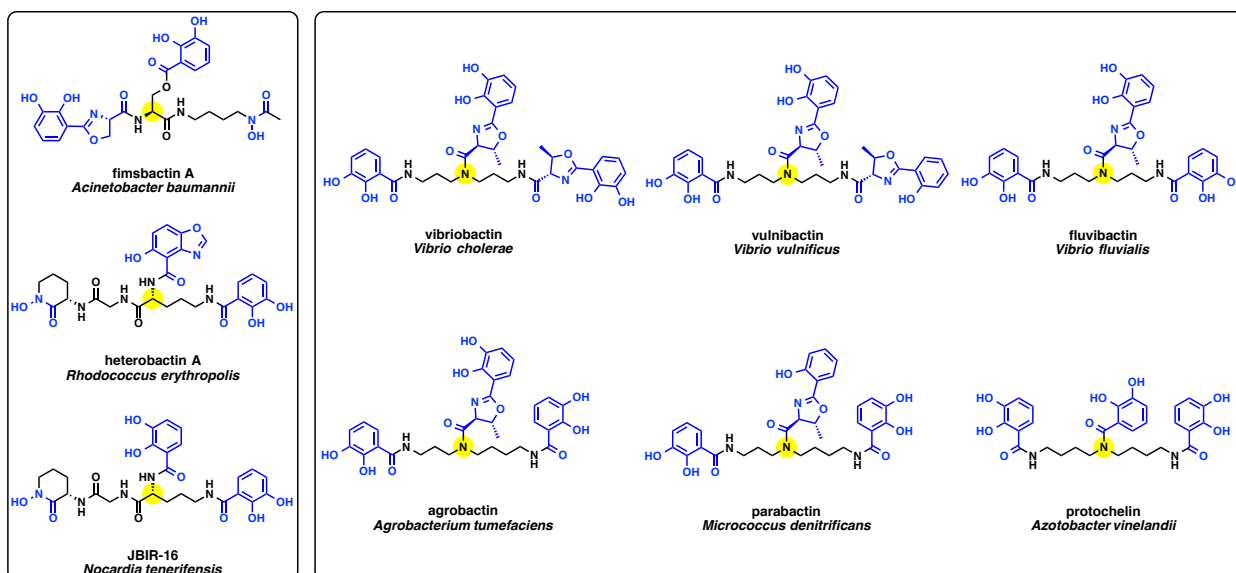
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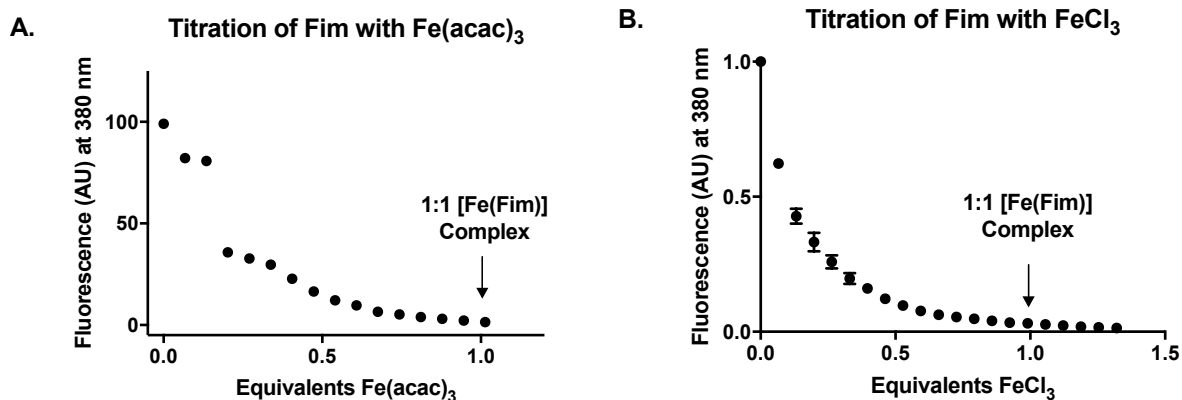
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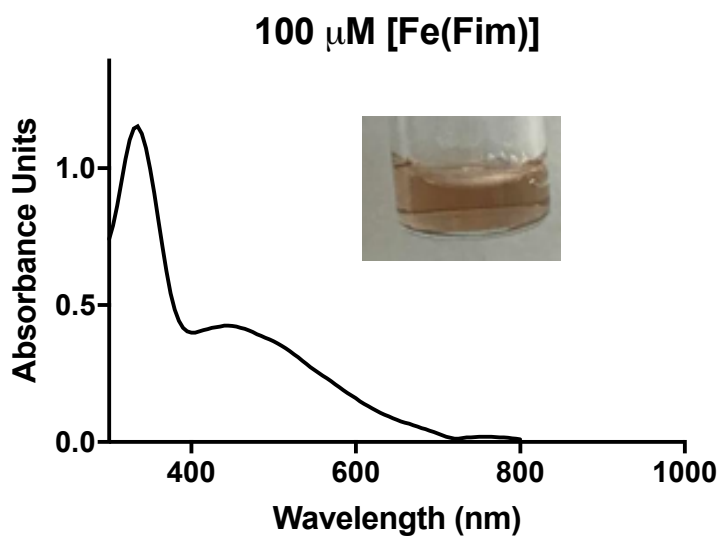
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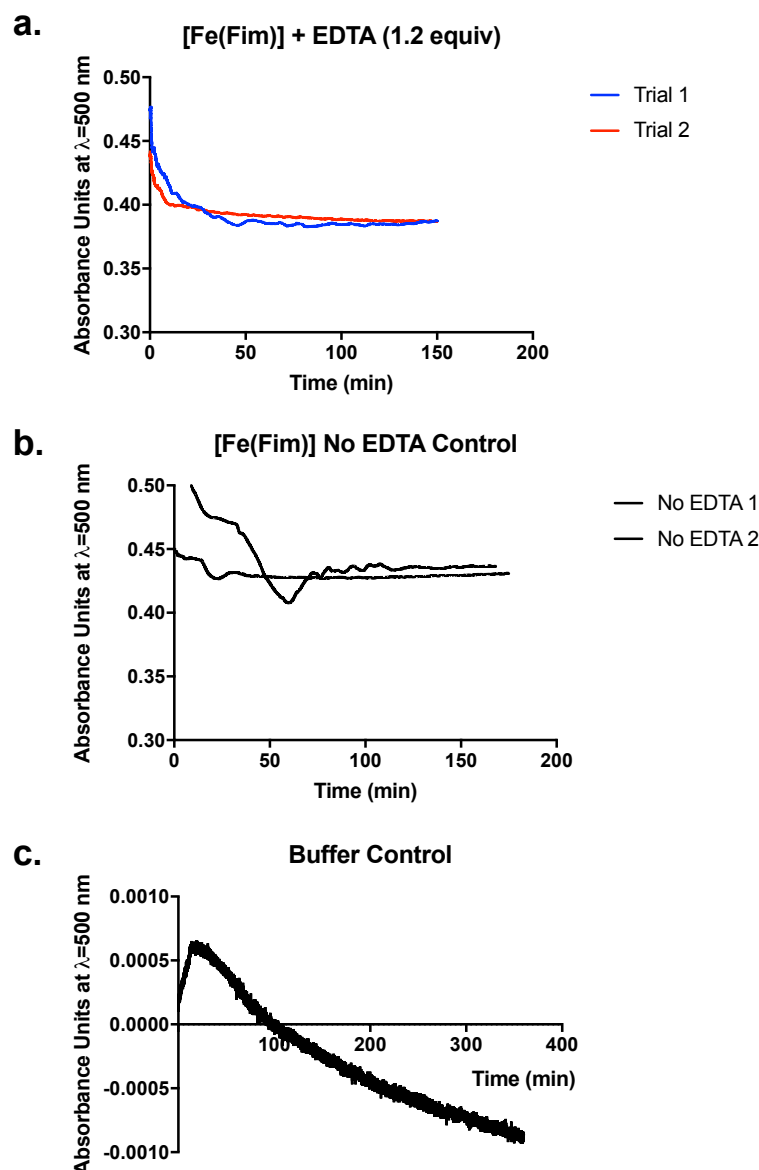
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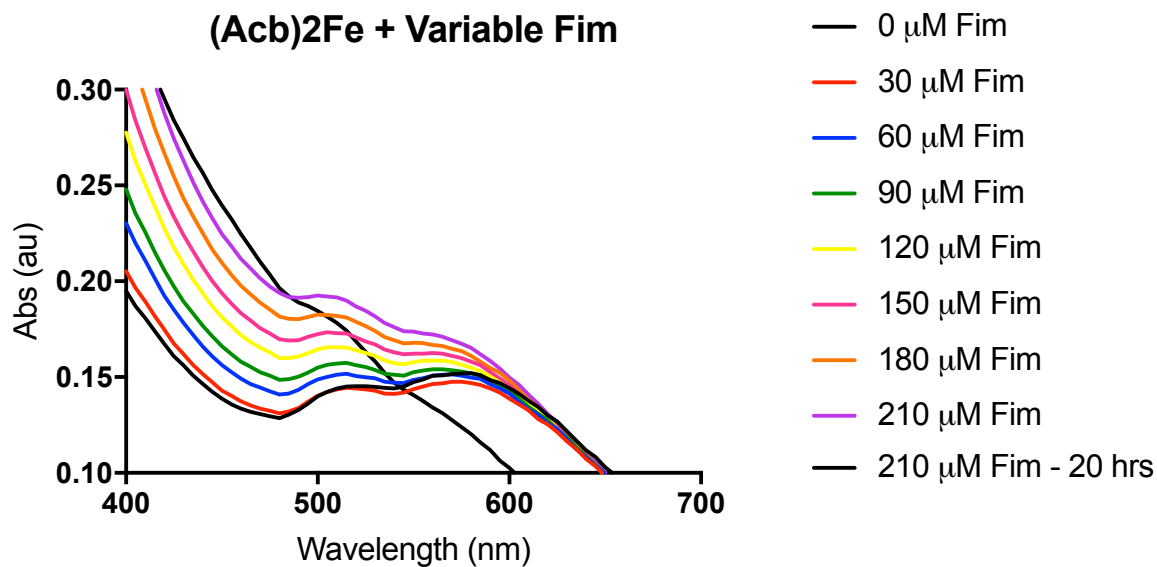
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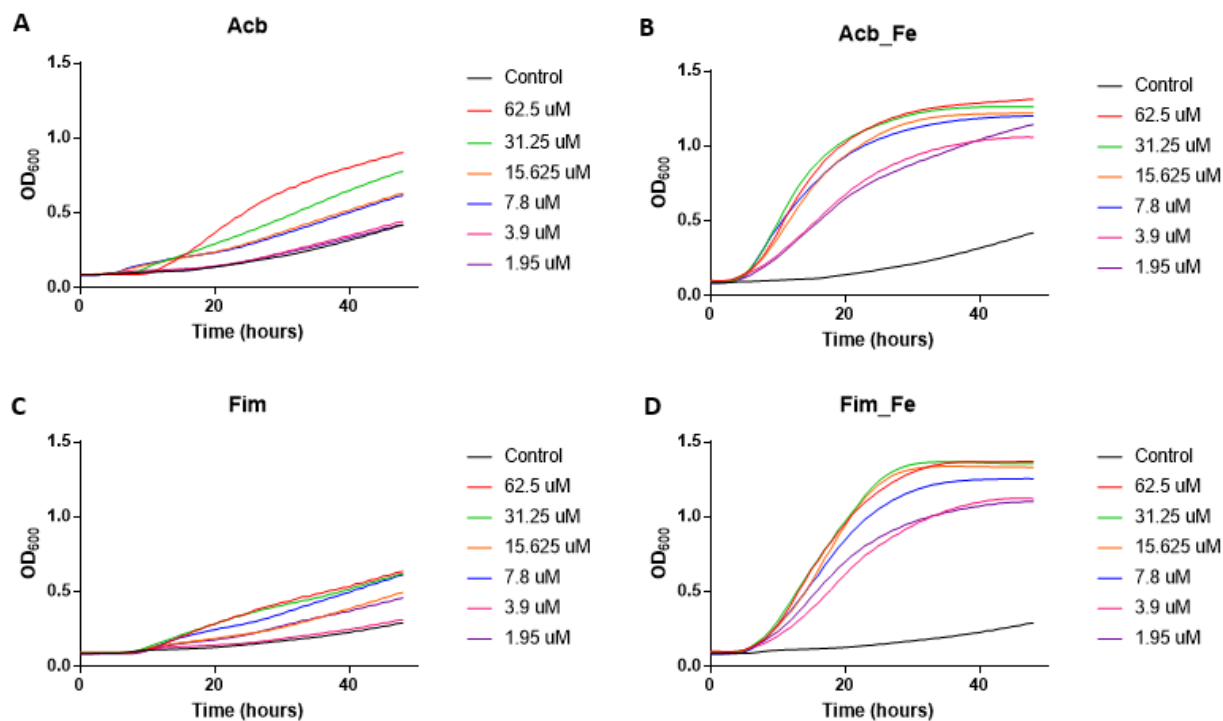
Supplementary Figure 15. Optical absorbance spectrum of the *holo*-[Fe(Fim)] complex at 100 μM in phosphate buffer (50 mM potassium phosphate pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT, 5% glycerol). The molar extinction coefficient (ϵ) of *holo*-[Fe(Fim)] was determined to be 4255 $\text{M}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ at 445 nm. The inset shows the visible color of the [Fe(Fim)] solution at 100 μM .



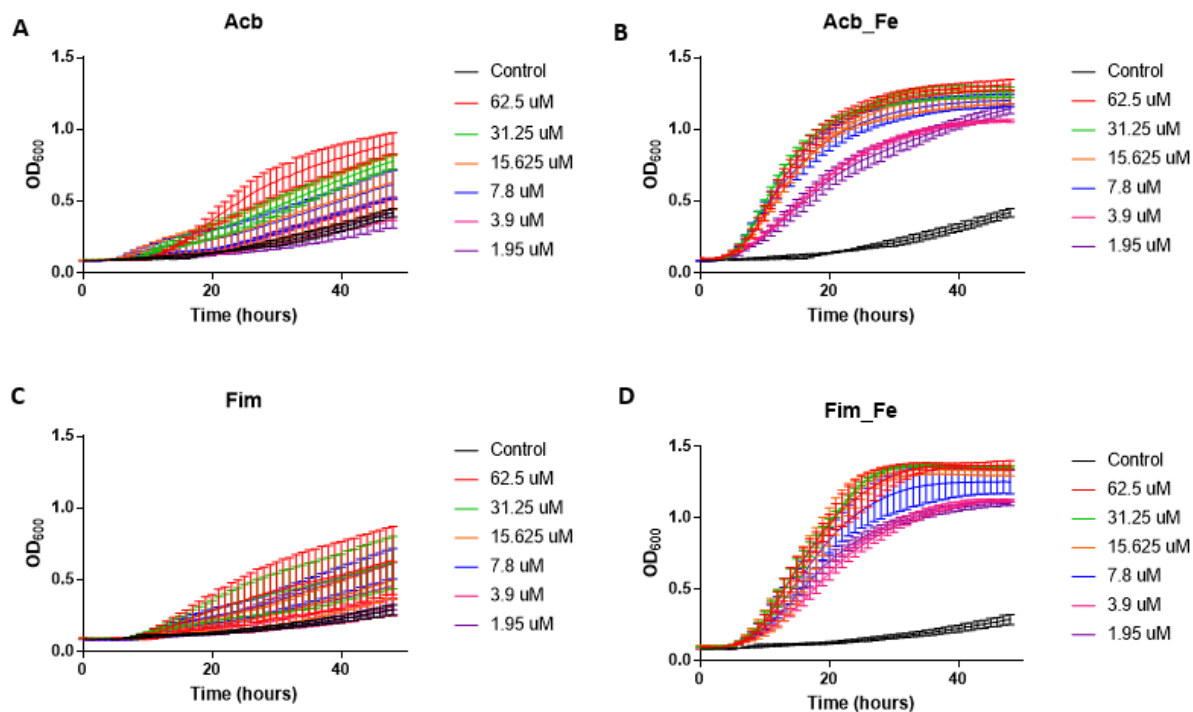
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Supplementary Figure 17. Titration of 100 μM $[\text{Fe}(\text{Acb})_2]$ with Fim reveals slow exchange of iron leading to complete formation of $[\text{Fe}(\text{Fim})]$. Optical absorbance spectra were collected for each concentration after 20 min in phosphate buffer (50 mM potassium phosphate pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT, 5% glycerol). The final optical absorbance spectrum with 210 μM *apo*-Fim added was measured after 20 hours.

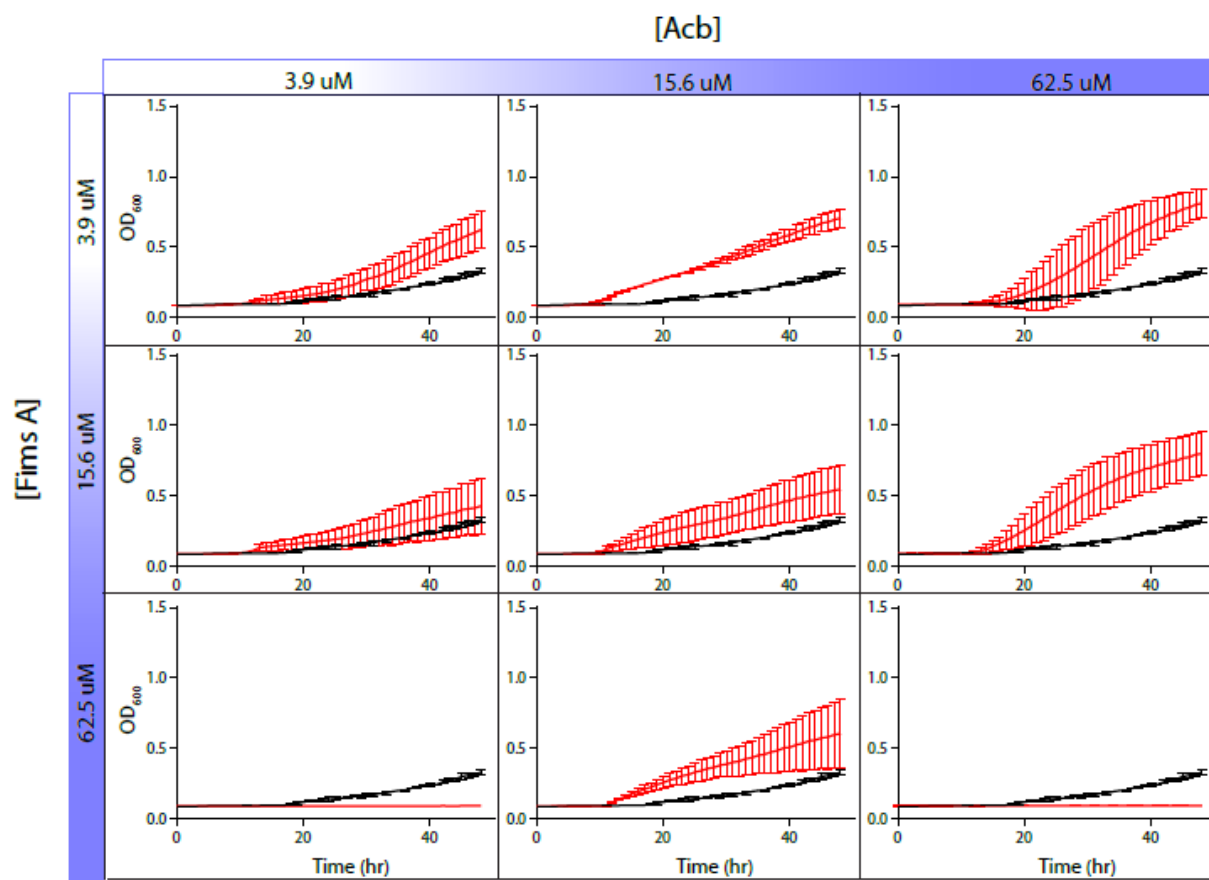


Supplementary Figure 18. Dose dependent growth promotion of *A. baumannii* ATCC 17978 by (A) *apo*-acinetobactin (Acb), (B) *holo*-acinetobactin (Acb_Fe), (C) *apo*-fimsbactin (Fim), and (D) *holo*-fimsbactin (Fim_Fe). Line graphs depict the growth of *A. baumannii* ATCC 17978 in M9 minimal medium supplemented with 175 μM 2,2'-dipyridyl (DIP) determined by measuring the optical density at 600 nm (OD₆₀₀) as a function of time in the presence of variable siderophore concentrations. All experiments were performed in triplicate. Error bars are shown in **Supplementary Figure 19**. Data from these plots were used to create the line and bar graphs shown in **Figure 3** in the main text.

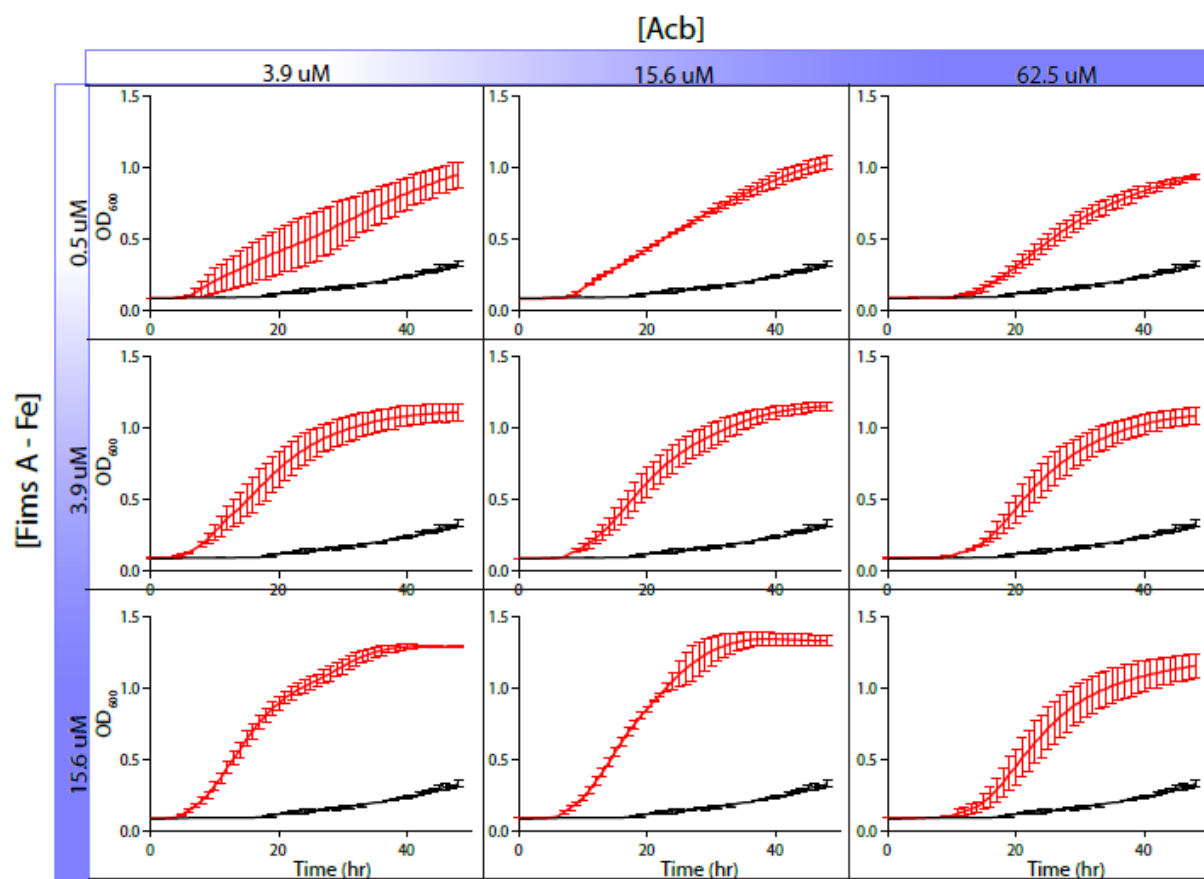


Supplementary Figure 19. Dose dependent growth promotion of *A. baumannii* ATCC 17978 by (A) *apo*-acinetobactin (Acb), (B) *holo*-acinetobactin (Acb_Fe), (C) *apo*-fimsbactin (Fim), and (D) *holo*-fimsbactin (Fim_Fe). Line graphs depict the growth of *A. baumannii* ATCC 17978 in M9 minimal medium supplemented with 175 μ M 2,2'-dipyridyl (DIP) determined by measuring the optical density at 600 nm (OD_{600}) as a function of time in the presence of variable siderophore concentrations. Error bars represent standard deviations from the mean for three independent trials. Line graphs are shown without error bars for clarity in **Supplementary Figure 18**. Data from these plots were used to create the line and bar graphs shown in **Figure 3** in the main text.

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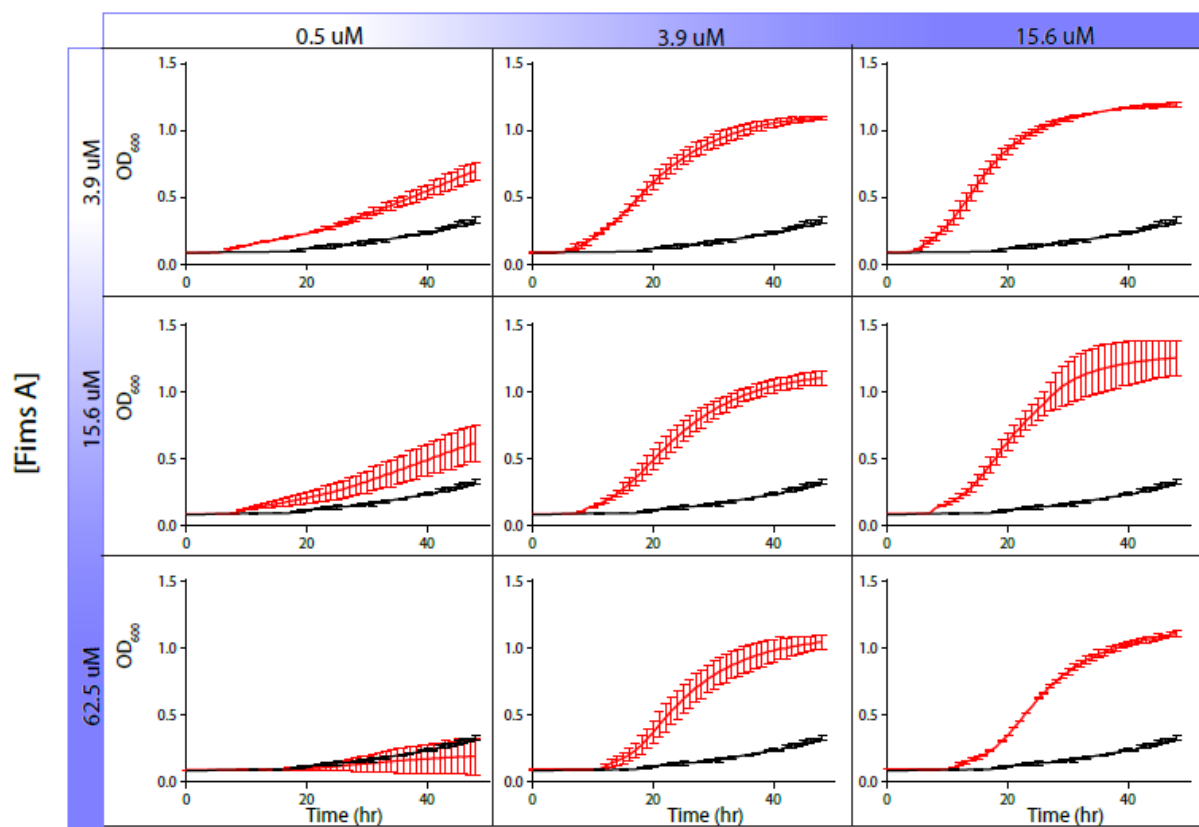


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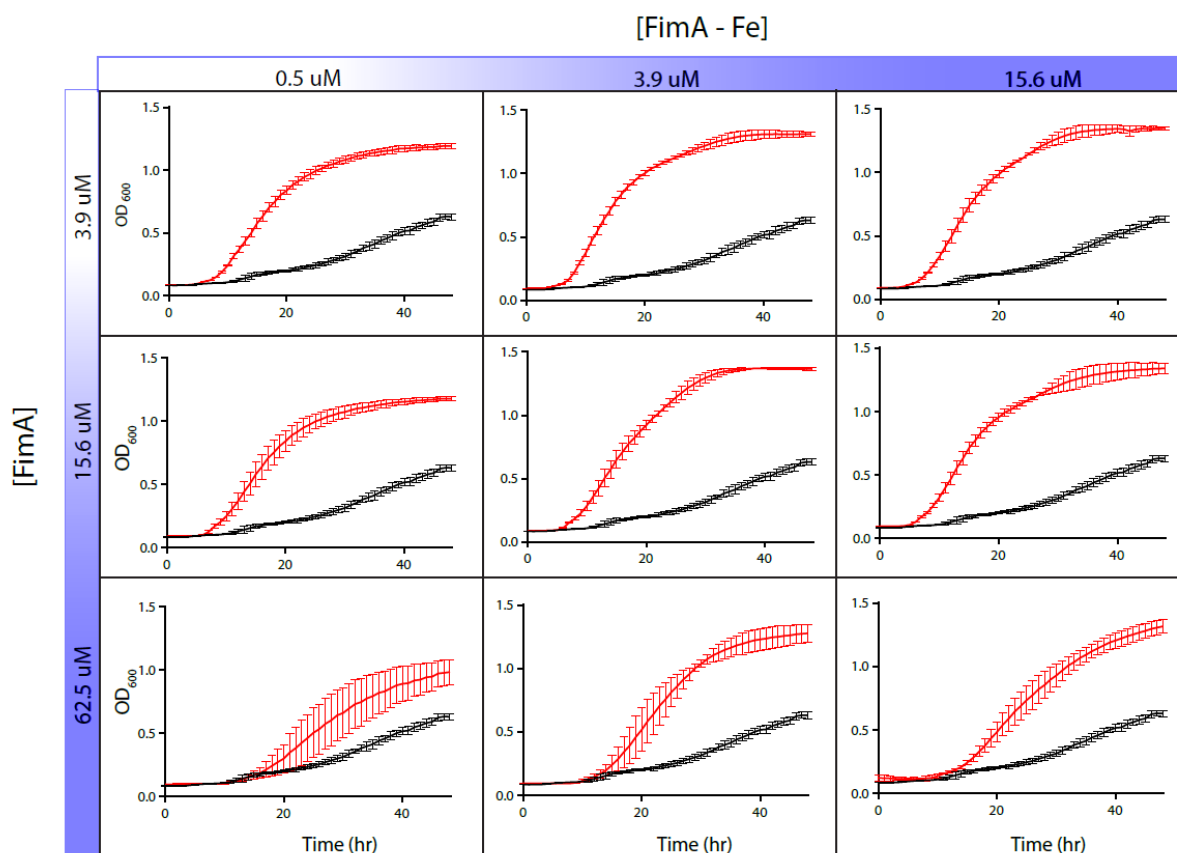


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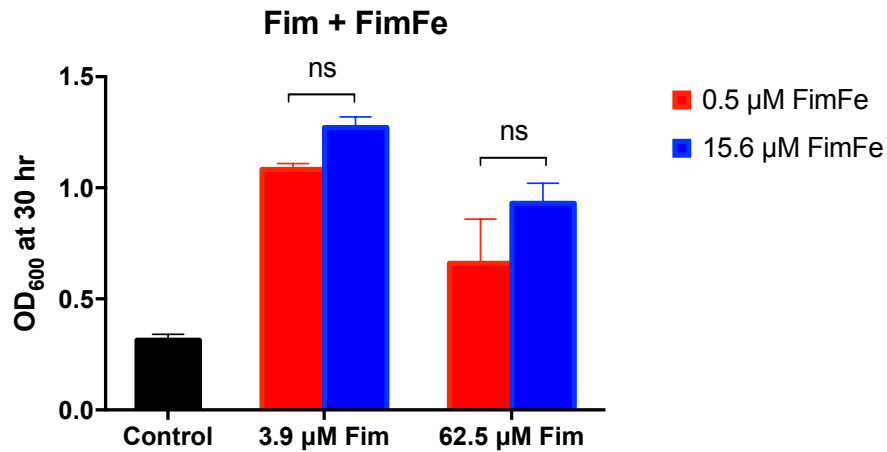
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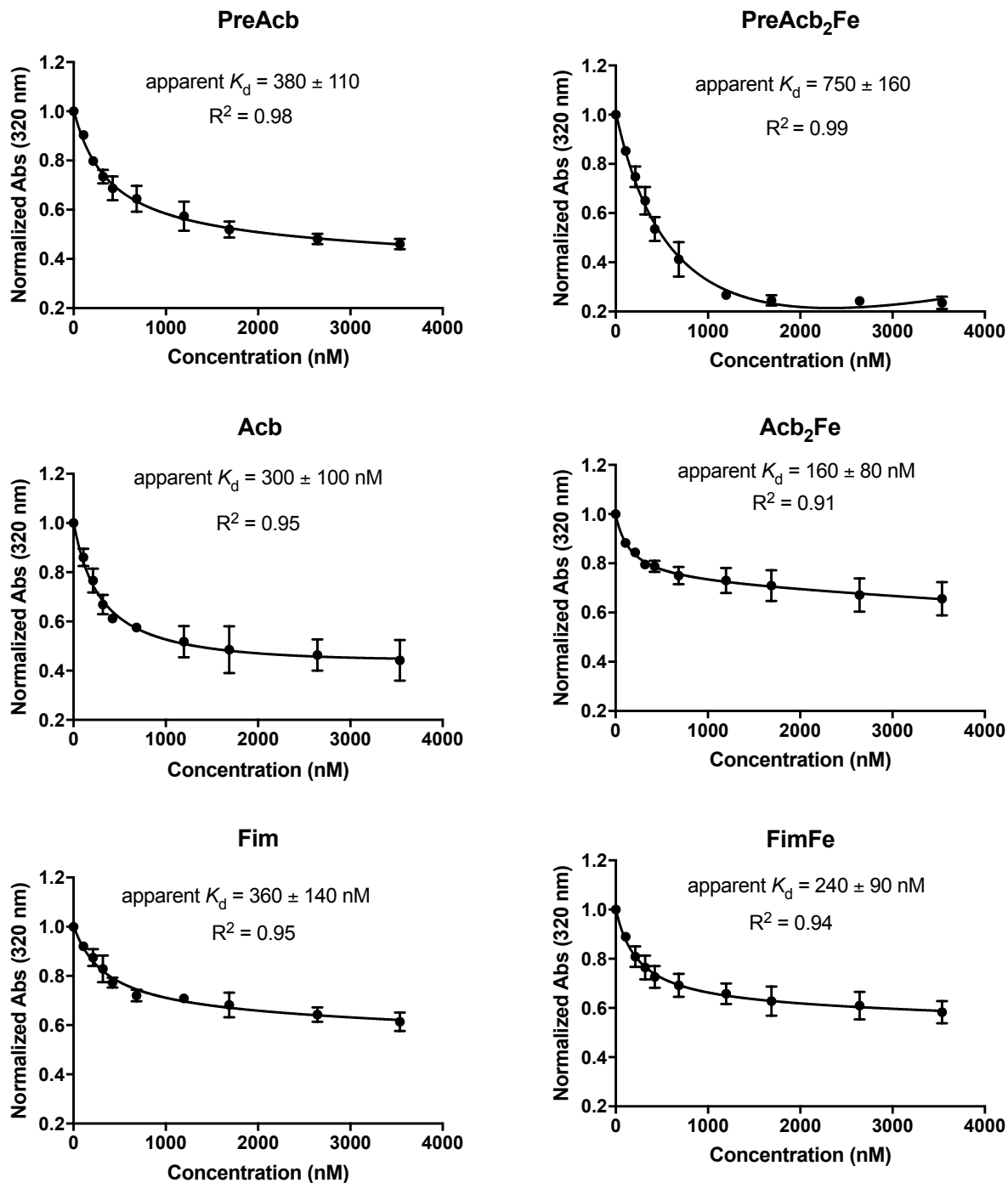
D. Fimsbactin A-Fe + Fimsbactin A



Supplementary Figure 20. Influence of *apo*- and *holo*-siderophore combinations on the growth of *A. baumannii* ATCC 17978. Line graphs depict the growth of *A. baumannii* ATCC 17978 in M9 minimal medium supplemented with 175 μ M 2,2'-dipyridyl (DIP) determined by measuring the optical density at 600 nm (OD₆₀₀) as a function of time in the presence of variable concentrations of siderophore mixtures. For all graphs, siderophore concentration gradients are provide on the x-axis and y-axis of the checkerboard. The black line graph represents bacterial growth without addition of siderophores. The red line graph represents bacterial growth in the presence of variable concentrations of (A) *apo*-Fim and *apo*-Acb, (B) *holo*-FimFe and *apo*-Acb, (C) *apo*-Fim and *holo*-Acb₂Fe, or (D) *apo*-Fim and *holo*-FimFe. Error bars represent standard deviations from the mean for two independent trials. Data from these plots were used to create bar graphs shown in **Figure 4** in the main text.



Supplementary Figure 21. Influence of *apo*-Fim *holo*-FimFe combinations on *A. baumannii* growth. Bar graphs depict the comparison of *A. baumannii* ATCC 17978 growth measured by optical density at 600 nm (OD_{600}) values after 30 hours at 37 °C in the presence of variable concentrations of (a) Fim and Acb, (b) Fim and Acb₂Fe, and (c) FimFe and Acb. Error bars represent standard deviations from the mean for two independent trials. ns = not significant



Supplementary Figure 22. Siderophore-dependent fluorescence quenching of *N*-His₆-BauB. Graphs depict intrinsic tryptophan fluorescence quenching (y-axis; $\lambda_{\text{excitation}} = 280$ nm; $\lambda_{\text{emission}} = 320$ nm) of 400 nM *N*-His₆-BauB in the presence of variable siderophore concentrations (x-axis). Apparent K_d values were calculated using a single-binding mode curve-fitting model in GraphPad Prism version 7.0b. Error bars represent standard deviations for two independent trials.

Acinetobactin BGCs

ATCC 19606 (GenBank: GCA_000162295.1)

Query sequence



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Acinetoferriin/Baumannoferriin BGCs

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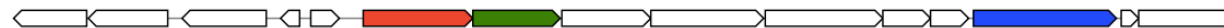


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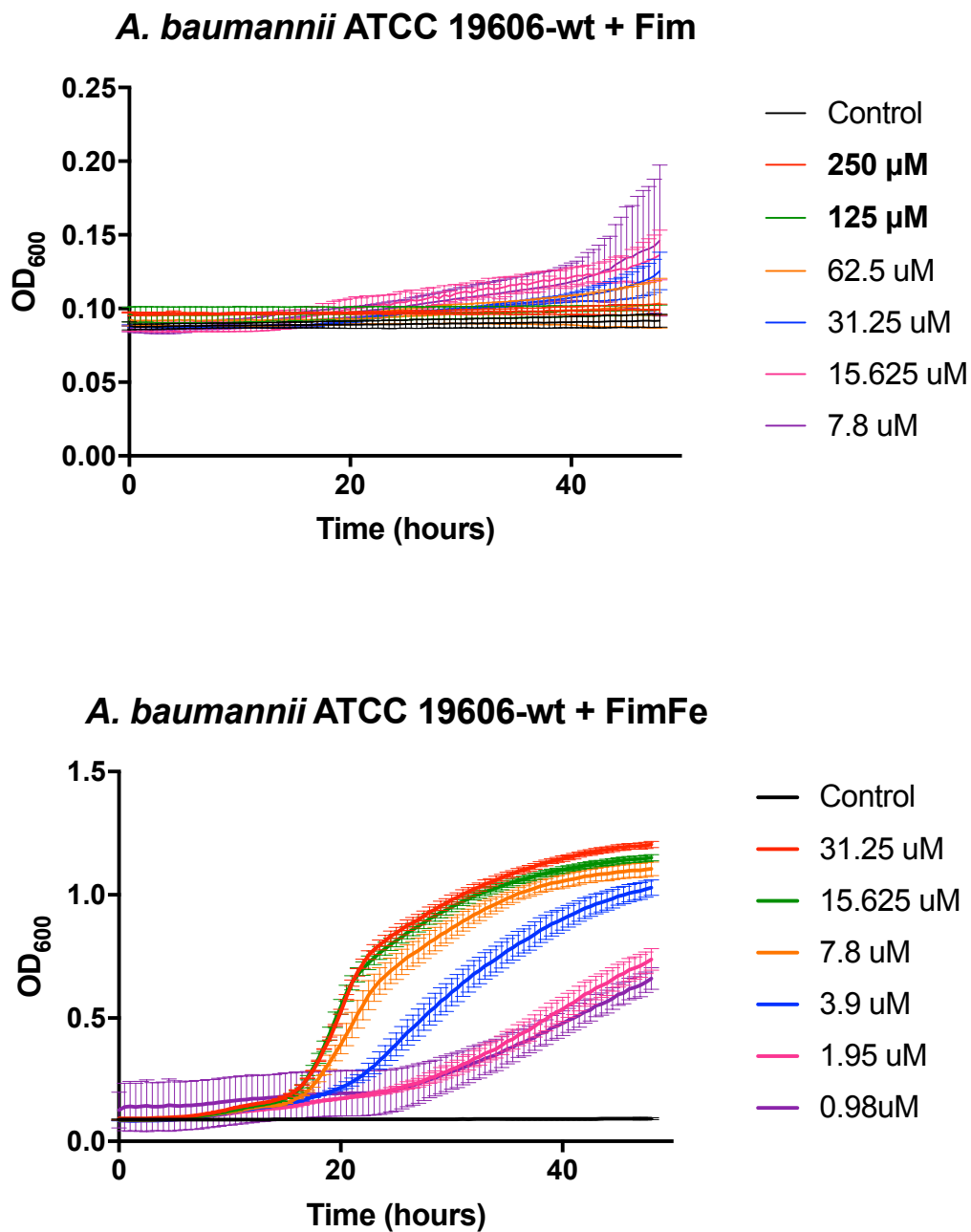
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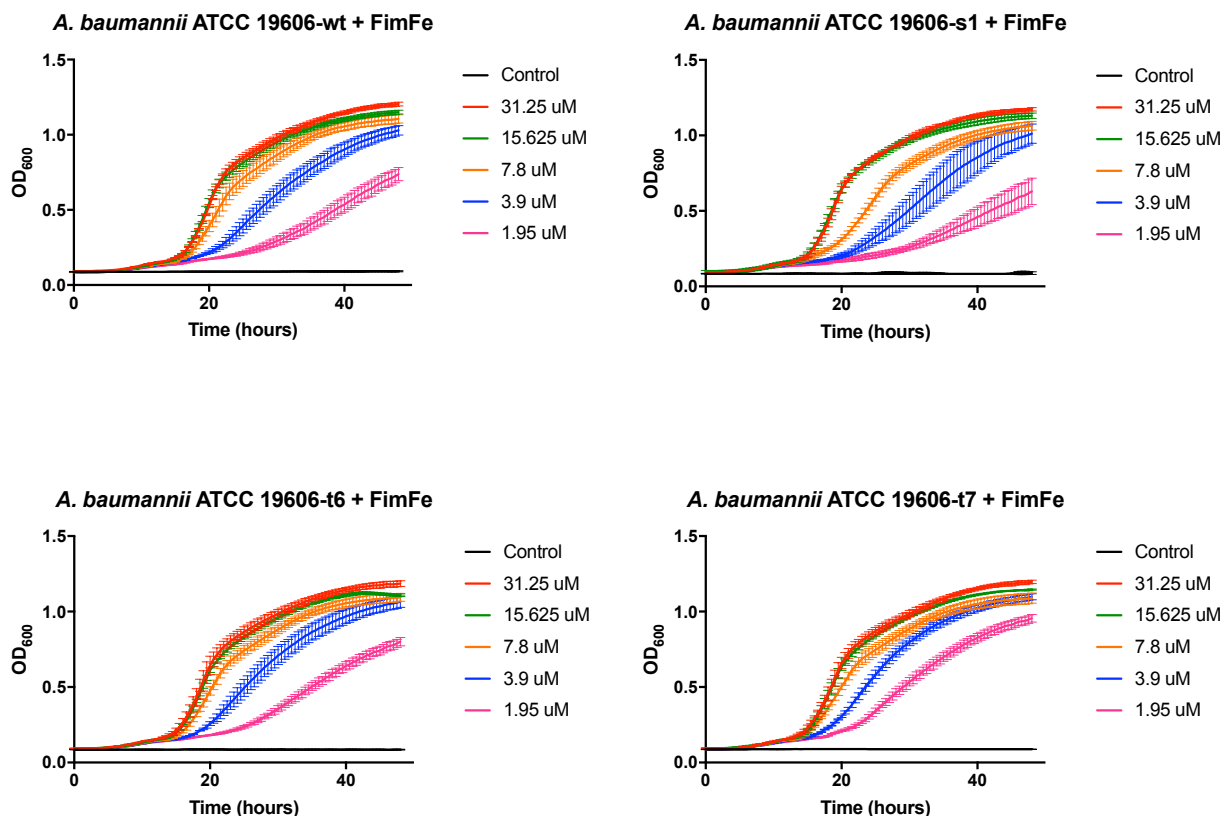
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Supplementary Figure 23. Antismash analysis of two deposited genomes of *A. baumannii* ATCC 19606 turned up acinetobactin and acinetoferriin/baumannoferriin as the only siderophore BGCs present in the genome. No fimsbactin BGCs were detected.



Supplementary Figure 24. Dose dependent influence of *apo*-Fim and *holo*-FimFe on *A. baumannii* ATCC 19606T growth. Line graphs depict the growth of wild-type *A. baumannii* ATCC 19606T in M9 minimal medium supplemented with 175 μM 2,2'-dipyridyl (DIP) determined by measuring the optical density at 600 nm (OD_{600}) at 37 °C as a function of time in the presence of variable siderophore concentrations. Error bars represent standard deviations from the mean for three independent trials.



Supplementary Figure 25. Dose dependent growth promotion of *A. baumannii* ATCC 19606T strains by *holo*-FimFe. Line graphs depict the growth of wild-type (wt), s1-mutant (insertional mutant in *basD*, deficient in PreAcb/Acb biosynthesis), t6-mutant (insertional mutation in *bauA*, deficient in PreAcb/Acb import to periplasm), and t7-mutant (insertional mutation in *bauD*, deficient in PreAcb/Acb import to cytoplasm) strains of *A. baumannii* ATCC 19606 in M9 minimal medium supplemented with 175 μ M 2,2'-dipyridyl (DIP) determined by measuring the optical density at 600 nm (OD_{600}) at 37 $^{\circ}$ C as a function of time in the presence of variable siderophore concentration. Error bars represent standard deviations from the mean for three independent trials.

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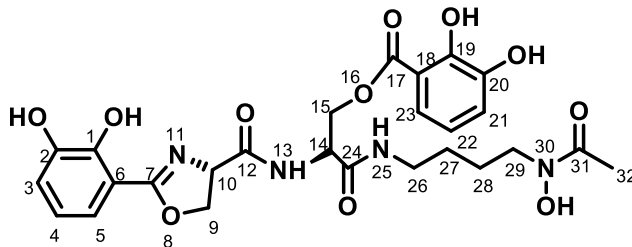
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Supplementary Figure 26. Nucleotide and amino acid sequence of *N*-His₆-BauB in pET28bTEV (TEV-cleavable *N*-term hexahistidine-tag).¹⁴ Start and stop codons are underlined. The TEV cleavage site is indicated by an arrow↓. The 969-bp *bauB* gene from *Acinetobacter baumannii* (Genbank Accession Number AAT52185) was used as the sequence template for subcloning.

II. Supplementary Tables

Supplemental Table 1. NMR characterization data for purified fimsbactin A from this work compared with previously reported data from the original isolation and characterization of fimsbactin A.¹



	¹³ C – Reported ¹	¹³ C – Observed	¹ H – Reported ¹	¹ H – Observed
1	148.2	148.2		
2	145.7	145.7		
3	119.3	119.5	6.968 (dd)	6.97 (dt)
4	118.6	118.7	6.74 (t)	6.74 (t)
5	117.7	117.9	7.08 (dd)	7.07 (dd)
6	110.1	110.1		
7	166.3	163.6		
9	69.1	69.3	4.52 (dd)	4.52 (dd)
			4.61 (dd)	4.60 (m)
10	66.9	67.2	5.06 (dd)	5.06 (dd)
11				
12	169.9	168.9		
13			8.72 (dd)	8.74 (d)
14	51.5	51.7	4.72 (m)	4.72 (m)
15	64.3	64.5	4.39 (m)	4.39 (dd)
			4.61 (m)	4.60 (m)
17	168.7	167.9		
18	112.8	112.8		
19	149.5	149.5		
20	146.0	146.0		
21	120.7	120.9	6.97 (dd)	6.97 (dt)
22	118.6	118.8	6.59 (t)	6.59 (t)
23	119.6	119.8	7.15 (dd)	7.15 (dd)
24	167.7	166.5		
25			8.23 (dt)	8.26 (t)
26	38.3	38.5	3.10 (m)	3.09 (m)
27	25.9	26.4	1.38 (m)	1.38 (m)
28	23.5	23.7	1.49 (m)	1.49 (m)
29	46.3	46.5	3.45 (t)	3.45 (t)
31	170.1	170.1		
32	20.1	20.3	1.96 (s)	1.96 (s)

Supplemental Table 2. Concentrations of test compounds used in combination for *A. baumannii* growth studies. For each combination of compounds 1 and 2, all possible concentrations were tested in duplicate as independent trials using a checkerboard arrangement in a 96-well plate.

Compound 1	Compound 2	[Compound 1] (μM)	[Compound 2] (μM)
Acb	Fim	3.9, 15.6, 62.5	3.9, 15.6, 62.5
[Fe(Acb) ₂]	Fim	0.5, 3.9, 15.6	3.9, 15.6, 62.5
Acb	[Fe(Fim)]	3.9, 15.6, 62.5	0.5, 3.9, 15.6
Fim	[Fe(Fim)]	3.9, 15.6, 62.5	0.5, 3.9, 15.6

III. Supplementary Equations

As described in the experimental methods section of the main text, an EDTA competition experiment was used to measure the apparent K_{Fe} for FimFe at pH 7.4. The following equations were used to calculate apparent K_{Fe} based on the change in optical absorbance observed at 500 nm for FimFe in the presence of 1.2 equivalents of EDTA. A K_{Fe} value of $10^{25.1}$ was used for EDTA at pH 7.4 in final calculations.¹⁵

$$(1) \quad K_L = \frac{[FeL]}{[Fe^{3+}][L]} \quad \text{for the following equilibrium; } [Fe^{3+}] + [L] \rightleftharpoons [FeL]$$

$$(2) \quad K_{FeEDTA} = \frac{[FeEDTA]}{[Fe^{3+}][EDTA]} \quad \text{for the following equilibrium; } [Fe^{3+}] + [EDTA] \rightleftharpoons [FeEDTA]$$

$$(3) \quad K_{Exchange} = \frac{K_L}{K_{FeEDTA}} \quad \text{for the following equilibrium; } [FeEDTA] + [L] \rightleftharpoons [FeL] + [EDTA]$$

$$(4) \quad K_{Exchange} = \frac{[FeL][EDTA]}{[FeEDTA][L]}$$

$$(5) \quad \Delta = \frac{Abs_{FeL} - Abs_{FeL+EDTA}}{\epsilon_L}$$

$$(6) \quad K_L = K_{FeEDTA} \times \frac{[FeL][EDTA]}{[FeEDTA][L]}$$

$$(7) \quad [FeL] = \frac{Abs_{FeL}}{\epsilon_L}$$

$$(8) \quad [EDTA] = [EDTA]_T - \Delta \quad \text{where} \quad [EDTA]_T = \text{total EDTA added}$$

$$(9) \quad [FeEDTA] = \Delta$$

$$(10) \quad [L] = \Delta$$

$$(11) \quad K_{Fe} = \text{apparent } K_L$$

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