

**Table S2.** Details of protocol for LC-MS analysis of lincomycin, methylthiolicosamide and 4-propyl-L-proline in cultivation broth.

<b>A. Sample preparation by solid phase extraction</b>			
<b>Conditions/steps/parameters</b>	<b>Lincomycin</b>	<b>Methylthiolicosamide</b>	<b>4-propyl-L-proline</b>
Sorbent	HLB 3cc (60 mg)	MCX 3cc (60 mg)	
Conditioning	3 mL methanol	3 mL methanol	
Equilibration	3 mL water	3 mL 2% formic acid	No extraction
Sample volume and pH	3 mL; pH 9.0	3 mL; pH 2.5	
agent used for pH adjustment	ammonium hydroxide	formic acid	
Washing	3 mL water	3 mL 2% formic acid	
Elution	1.5 mL methanol	1.5 mL 50% methanol with 2% ammonium hydroxide	
Reconstitution	600 $\mu$ L 50% methanol	300 $\mu$ L; 50% methanol	
Pre-concentration	5 $\times$	10 $\times$	
<b>B. UHPLC conditions</b>			
Mobile phase A (aqueous)	1 mM ammonium formate, pH 9.0	0.1% formic acid	0.1% formic acid
Mobile phase B (organic)	acetonitrile	methanol	methanol
Linear gradient (min/%B)	0/5, 1.5/5, 12.5/58, 12.5/100, 14.5/100, 14.5/5	0/5, 1.0/5, 2.5/99, 4.5/99, 4.5/5	0/5, 5.0/5, 10.0/20, 10.0/99, 11.5/99, 11.5/5
Total analysis time	16 min	6 min	13 min
<b>C. Internal standard, calibration, LOD and LOQ</b>			
Internal standard	N-demethylincomycin, 100 ng mL <sup>-1</sup>	No quantification	4-butyl-L-proline, 100 ng mL <sup>-1</sup>
Calibration (linear range)	50 - 1000 ng mL <sup>-1</sup> , 5 points		5 - 250 ng mL <sup>-1</sup> , 6 points
Correlation coefficient	0.9979		0.9994
LOD*	2 ng mL <sup>-1</sup>		1 ng mL <sup>-1</sup>
LOQ*	10 ng mL <sup>-1</sup>		5 ng mL <sup>-1</sup>

\*LOD – limit of detection, LOQ – limit of quantification; pre-concentration included (the LOD and LOQ concentrations refer to concentrations in the supernatant of culture broth). LOD determined as a signal three times as high as the noise; LOQ determined as the lowest point of the calibration curve, confirmed by a triplicate of QC samples where the analyte concentration was determined with accuracy and precision in the range 80–120%.