Natural biocide cocktails: Combinatorial antibiotic effects of prodigiosin and biosurfactants

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S1 Fig. Disk diffusion assay showing combined effect of prodigiosin together with a control extract from P. putida with empty expression vector on C. glutamicum. The experiment was conducted to verify specificity of combinatorial effects of prodigiosin and serrawettin W1 which was in this study applied as extract from heterologous production in P. putida, and to exclude potential influences of further cellular components in extracts. Combination matrix was composed in a disk diffusion assay on a lawn of C. glutamicum using 0, 10, 25, and 50 µg/disk prodigiosin. Instead of extracted serrawettin W1, a suitable control was required. Therefore, the bacterial production procedure was conducted using the empty expression vector (EVC), i.e., pVLT33 (de Lorenzo et al. (1993), Gene 123(1):17-24) instead of pVLT-swrW for serrawettin W1 production. Since bacterial production yielded higher extract masses in actual serrawettin W1 production than in empty vector control runs, the difference may be considered as antibiotic-related mass and the other fraction as non-antibiotic cellular components. In case of serrawettin W1, the assumed non-antibiotic fraction was 0.3%. The here applied control extract was thus adjusted to amounts representing the non-antibiotic fraction of 10, 25, and 50 µg serrawettin W1-containing extract. Actually applied amounts are given together with corresponding antibiotic amounts in Fig. 2 of this study in brackets. Reach of inhibition zones from filter disks are indicated [mm].