



Supplementary materials: Quaternary Ammonium Leucine-Based Surfactants: The Effect of a Benzyl Group on Physicochemical Properties and Antimicrobial Activity

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Table S1. Chemical structures and ^1H -NMR interpretation for benzyl quaternary ammonium leucine-based surfactants.

C10 LEU BENZ

^1H NMR (DMSO) δ 7.68–7.50 (m, 5H, ArH); 4.83–4.60 (dd, 2H, CH_2); 4.39–4.20 (m, 3H, CH and CH_2); 3.03–3.01 (m, 8H, CH_3 and CH_2); 2.15–1.95 (m, 2H, CH_2); 1.66–1.60 (m, 2H, CH_2); 1.50–1.44 (m, 1H, CH); 1.36–1.20 (m, 12H, CH_2); 1.02–0.94 (m, 6H, CH_3); 0.85 (t, 3H, CH_3).

C12 LEU BENZ

^1H NMR (DMSO) δ 7.68–7.50 (m, 5H, ArH); 4.83–4.56 (dd, 2H, CH_2); 4.39–4.20 (m, 3H, CH and CH_2); 3.18 (s, 6H, CH_3); 3.06–3.01 (m, 2H, CH_2); 1.90–1.81 (m, 2H, CH_2); 1.66–1.60 (m, 2H, CH_2); 1.48–1.44 (m, 1H, CH); 1.28–1.20 (m, 16H, CH_2); 1.02–0.94 (m, 6H, CH_3); 0.85 (t, 3H, CH_3).

C14 LEU BENZ

^1H NMR (DMSO) δ 7.68–7.50 (m, 5H, ArH); 4.83–4.56 (dd, 2H, CH_2); 4.38–4.29 (m, 3H, CH and CH_2); 3.18 (s, 6H, CH_3); 3.06–2.97 (m, 2H, CH_2); 1.89–1.81 (m, 2H, CH_2); 1.70–1.59 (m, 2H, CH_2); 1.48–1.40 (m, 1H, CH); 1.38–1.12 (m, 20H, CH_2); 1.04–0.83 (m, 9H, CH_3).

Table S2. Selectivity index (EC50/MIC) for the synthesized leucine-based quaternary ammonium surfactants in comparison to BAC. EC50 values are from MTS assay.

Selectivity index EC ₅₀ /MIC					
Caco-2					
	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. faecalis</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	<i>C. albicans</i>
BAC	11.5	11.5	2.9	0.4	2.9
C10 LEU BENZ	42.1	28.1	1.3	0.6	1.3
C12 LEU BENZ	1.5	1.5	0.3	0.07	0.5
C14 LEU BENZ	5	3.7	0.5	0.06	0.9
Calu-3					
BAC	7.7	7.7	1.9	0.2	1.9
C10 LEU BENZ	30.8	15.2	0.9	0.5	0.9
C12 LEU BENZ	1.0	1.0	0.2	0.05	0.4
C14 LEU BENZ	5.4	4.0	0.5	0.06	1.0