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## Synthesis and antimicrobial activity of carboxylate phosphobetaines derivatives with alkyl chains of various lengths

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### Abstract

The purpose of the present study was to investigate the antibacterial activity of fifteen novel nanosized alkyl esters of carboxylate phosphobetaine:  $\beta$ -(carboxyalkyl)ethyltriphenylphosphonium bromides 4-8,  $\beta$ -(carboxyalkyl)- $\beta$ -methylethyltriphenylphosphonium bromides 9-13, and  $\beta$ -(carboxyalkyl)- $\alpha$ -methylethyltriphenylphosphonium bromides 14-18. The in vitro microbiological activity of the synthesized phosphonium bromides against gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria and the yeast *Candida albicans* was determined in comparison to standard agents. Microbiological results indicate that the synthesized phosphonium salts 4-18 possess a broad spectrum of activity against the tested microorganisms. Every newly synthesized compound was characterized by elemental analyses, IR,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, and  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectral studies. © 2013 Irina V. Galkina et al.

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