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## Supplementary Information

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## Redox behaviour and biological properties of a novel ferrocene bearing porphyrin

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Organism	MIC (µg/mL)	sub MIC (µg/mL)	CRT* (h)
S. aureus	31.2	15.6	12
		7.8	4
		3.9	3
B. subtilis	125	62.5	15
		31.2	12
		15.6	6
		7.8	4
K. pneumonie	125	125	15
		62.5	5
E. faecalis	250	125	15
		62.5	5
		31.2	3

**Table S1** Bacteriostatic effect of sub MIC concentrations of porphyrin 4.

\*CRT – culture recovery time needed for culture to enter phase of exponential growth.

Organism	MIC (µg/mL)
C. albicans ATCC 10231	31.2

250

250

62.5

C. albicans CA-06

A. fumigatus 157/10

*M. gypseum* 95/10

**Table S2** Antifungal activity of porphyrin 4 given as MIC of different pathogenic clinicalfungal isolates.

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$\mu$ g/mL for each compound tested. IC <sub>50</sub> and H <sub>50</sub> are given in $\mu$ g/mL.				

compound	IC <sub>50</sub>	H <sub>50</sub>
4	20	100
1	10	300
2	500	>500
ferrocene 3	100	>500



• 15.6 μg/mL; ■1.25 μg/mL;



**Fig. S2** Effects of photoactivation on growth of *C. albicans* cultures treated with low doses of TPP **2** (50  $\mu$ g/mL), ferrocene **3** (50  $\mu$ g/mL), and porphyrin **4** (7.8  $\mu$ g/mL, round marks, and 15.6  $\mu$ g/mL, triangular marks). Growth is given as a percent of control culture growth (100 %). Closed marks represent cultures grown in the dark, while open marks represent cultures grown upon illumination.



**Fig. S3** Effects of photoactivation on growth of *S. aureus* culture treated with low doses of TPP **2** (50  $\mu$ g/mL), ferrocene **3** (50  $\mu$ g/mL), and porphyrin **4** (7.8  $\mu$ g/mL, round marks, and 15.6  $\mu$ g/mL, triangular marks). Growth is given as a percent of control culture growth (100 %). Closed marks represent cultures grown in the dark, while open marks represent cultures grown upon illumination.



**Fig. S4** Effects of photoactivation on growth of *B.subtilis* culture treated with low doses of TPP **2** (50  $\mu$ g/mL), ferrocene **3** (50  $\mu$ g/mL), and porphyrin **4** (31.2  $\mu$ g/mL, round marks, and 62.5  $\mu$ g/mL, triangular marks). Growth is given as a percent of control culture growth (100 %). Closed marks represent cultures grown in the dark, while open marks represent cultures grown upon illumination.



Fig. S5 Effects of photoactivation on growth of *K. pneumoniae* culture treated with low doses of TPP 2 (50  $\mu$ g/mL), ferrocene 3 (50  $\mu$ g/mL), and porphyrin 4 (62.5  $\mu$ g/mL, round marks, and 125  $\mu$ g/mL, triangular marks). Growth is given as a percent of control culture growth (100 %). Closed marks represent cultures grown in the dark, while open marks represent cultures grown upon illumination.



**Fig. S6** Effects of photoactivation on growth of *E. faecalis* culture treated with low doses of TPP **2** (50  $\mu$ g/mL), ferrocene **3** (50  $\mu$ g/mL), and porphyrin **4** (62.5  $\mu$ g/mL, round marks, and 125  $\mu$ g/mL, triangular marks). Growth is given as a percent of control culture growth (100 %). Closed marks represent cultures grown in the dark, while open marks represent cultures grown upon illumination.



Fig. S7 Effects of photoactivation on growth of *L. monocytogenes* culture treated with low doses of ferrocene 3 (50  $\mu$ g/mL), TPP 2 (50  $\mu$ g/mL), and porphyrin 4 (125  $\mu$ g/mL, round marks, and 250  $\mu$ g/mL, triangular marks). Growth is given as a percent of control culture growth (100 %). Closed marks represent cultures grown in the dark, while open marks represent cultures grown upon illumination.



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