

# **Zinc(II) complexes of amino acids for potential use in dermatology: synthesis, crystal structures and antibacterial activity**

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## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

Table S1. The asymmetry parameters for selected rings of (2), (3), (4) and (5).

| Compound | Ring   | Asymmetry parameters   | Conformation |
|----------|--|--|--------------|
| (2)      | Zn1/O1/C1/C2/N1  | $\Delta C_s(N1)=4.9(2)^\circ$<br>$\Delta C_2(N1-C2)=8.4(2)^\circ$                                    | E/T          |
|          | Zn1/O3/C3/C4/N2  | $\Delta C_s(Zn1)=5.6(2)^\circ$<br>$\Delta C_2(Zn1-N2)=4.8(2)^\circ$                                  | E/T          |
|          | Zn2/O5/C5/C6/N3  | $\Delta C_s(N3)=10.4(2)^\circ$<br>$\Delta C_2(N3-C6)=3.5(2)^\circ$                                   | E/T          |
| (3)      | Zn2/O7/C7/C8/N4  | $\Delta C_s(Zn2)=1.9(2)^\circ$<br>$\Delta C_2(Zn2-N4)=8.6(2)^\circ$                                  | E/T          |
|          | Zn1/N1/N2/C2/C3/C4   | $\Delta C_s(C2)=13.0(4)^\circ$<br>$\Delta C_2(Zn1-N2)=15.2(5)^\circ$                                 | E/H          |
| (4)      | Zn1/O1/C1/C2/N1  | $\Delta C_s(Zn1)=2.6(2)^\circ$<br>$\Delta C_s(O1)=3.0(2)^\circ$<br>$\Delta C_2(Zn1-O1)=1.9(2)^\circ$ | E/T          |
|          | Zn1/O4 <sup>i</sup> /C6 <sup>i</sup> /C7 <sup>i</sup> /N2 <sup>i</sup> | $\Delta C_s(C6)=4.4(2)^\circ$<br>$\Delta C_2(O4-C6)=5.4(2)^\circ$                                    | E/T          |
|          | N1/C2/C3/C4/C5   | $\Delta C_s(C4)=3.2(2)^\circ$  | E            |
| (5)      | N2/C7/C8/C9/C10  | $\Delta C_s(C9)=7.1(2)^\circ$  | E            |
|          | Zn1/O1/C1/C2/N1  | $\Delta C_s(C2)=7.6(5)^\circ$<br>$\Delta C_2(O4-C6)=7.8(5)^\circ$                                    | E/T          |
|          | Zn1/O3/C6/C7/N2  | $\Delta C_s(C7)=3.3(5)^\circ$  | E            |

Symmetry code for (4) (i)  $-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, 1-z$ .

Table S2. The least-squares planes and deviations from them (calculated by SHELXL using MPLA instruction) for (2), (4) and (5).

**(2) - basal plane of square-pyramids of Zn1 and Zn2**

Least-squares planes ( $x, y, z$  in crystal coordinates) and deviations from them  
(\* indicates atom used to define plane)

9.4925 (0.0070)  $x + 4.3116$  (0.0052)  $y - 6.6767$  (0.0033)  $z = 3.3603$  (0.0033)

\* -0.2339 (0.0008) **O1**  
 \* 0.2203 (0.0007) **N1**  
 \* -0.2251 (0.0007) **O3**  
 \* 0.2386 (0.0008) **N2**  
 -0.5530 (0.0007) **Zn1**

Rms deviation of fitted atoms = 0.2296

- 9.6641 (0.0068)  $x + 5.2393$  (0.0047)  $y + 5.9193$  (0.0034)  $z = 3.9534$  (0.0046)

Angle to previous plane (with approximate esd) = 54.771 (0.041)

\* -0.1572 (0.0007) **O5**  
 \* 0.1531 (0.0007) **N3**  
 \* -0.1549 (0.0007) **O7**  
 \* 0.1590 (0.0007) **N4**  
 -0.5151 (0.0007) **Zn2**

Rms deviation of fitted atoms = 0.1561

**(4) - equatorial plane of trigonal bipyramid of Zn1**

Least-squares planes ( $x, y, z$  in crystal coordinates) and deviations from them  
(\* indicates atom used to define plane)

- 1.4143 (0.0045)  $x + 4.1727$  (0.0017)  $y + 6.9447$  (0.0035)  $z = 5.0128$  (0.0010)

\* 0.0000 (0.0000) **N1**  
 \* 0.0000 (0.0000) **O3**  
 \* 0.0000 (0.0000) **N2-\$2**  
 -0.0231 (0.0007) **Zn1**

Rms deviation of fitted atoms = 0.0000

**(5) - equatorial plane of octahedron of Zn1**

Least-squares planes ( $x, y, z$  in crystal coordinates) and deviations from them  
(\* indicates atom used to define plane)

5.0688 (0.0080)  $x + 2.5020$  (0.0057)  $y + 7.5234$  (0.0169)  $z = 5.8953$  (0.0064)

\* 0.0682 (0.0017) **O1**  
 \* -0.0670 (0.0017) **N1**  
 \* 0.0661 (0.0017) **O3**  
 \* -0.0673 (0.0018) **N2**  
 0.2032 (0.0019) **Zn1**

Rms deviation of fitted atoms = 0.0672

Table S3. Hydrogen-bonding geometries ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ) of Zn(II) complexes with glycine (2), L-histidine (3), L-proline (4), L-methionine (5).

| Comp. | H-bond                       | D–H     | H…A     | D…A      | D–H…A  |
|-------|------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|--------|
| (2)   | N1–H1A…O10W <sup>ii</sup>    | 0.86(3) | 2.05(3) | 2.900(2) | 169(2) |
|       | N1–H1B…O3 <sup>ii</sup>      | 0.89(2) | 2.35(2) | 3.060(2) | 136(2) |
|       | N1–H1B…O7 <sup>ii</sup>      | 0.89(2) | 2.45(2) | 3.157(2) | 136(2) |
|       | N2–H2A…O5 <sup>i</sup>       | 0.79(3) | 2.55(3) | 3.258(2) | 149(2) |
|       | N2–H2B…O4 <sup>ii</sup>      | 0.97(3) | 2.10(3) | 3.007(2) | 155(2) |
|       | N3–H3A…O9W <sup>v</sup>      | 0.91(2) | 2.03(2) | 2.937(2) | 171(2) |
|       | N3–H3B…O3 <sup>vi</sup>      | 0.92(2) | 2.23(2) | 3.054(2) | 148(2) |
|       | N4–H4A…O1 <sup>iv</sup>      | 0.83(3) | 2.23(3) | 2.992(2) | 152(2) |
|       | N4–H4B…O2 <sup>iii</sup>     | 0.93(3) | 2.12(3) | 2.975(2) | 151(2) |
|       | O9W–H9A…O4 <sup>v</sup>      | 0.85(3) | 1.89(3) | 2.723(2) | 170(3) |
|       | O9W–H9B…O6 <sup>vii</sup>    | 0.80(3) | 2.05(3) | 2.845(2) | 173(3) |
|       | O10W–H10A…O8 <sup>viii</sup> | 0.83(3) | 2.00(3) | 2.827(2) | 173(3) |
|       | O10W–H10B…O2 <sup>iii</sup>  | 0.81(3) | 1.93(3) | 2.732(2) | 169(3) |
| (3)   | N1–H1A…O4 <sup>ii</sup>      | 0.90(7) | 2.21(7) | 3.034(6) | 153(6) |
|       | N1–H1B…O2 <sup>i</sup>       | 0.86(7) | 2.16(7) | 2.920(6) | 146(6) |
|       | N3–H3…O1 <sup>iii</sup>      | 0.87(3) | 1.96(3) | 2.786(5) | 159(6) |
|       | O3–H31W…O4                   | 0.84(1) | 1.95(2) | 2.781(6) | 167(7) |
|       | O3–H32W…O2 <sup>iv</sup>     | 0.84(1) | 1.95(1) | 2.780(6) | 173(7) |
|       | O4–H41W…O1 <sup>v</sup>      | 0.84(1) | 1.90(2) | 2.727(5) | 170(8) |
|       | O4–H42W…O3 <sup>vi</sup>     | 0.84(1) | 1.96(2) | 2.780(6) | 164(7) |
| (4)   | N1–H1A…O1 <sup>iii</sup>     | 0.88(2) | 2.23(2) | 3.020(2) | 150(2) |
|       | N2–H2A…O2 <sup>iv</sup>      | 0.84(1) | 2.11(2) | 2.906(2) | 159(2) |
| (5)   | N1–H1A…O4 <sup>ii</sup>      | 0.91(6) | 2.71(6) | 3.425(5) | 136(5) |
|       | N1–H1B…O1 <sup>v</sup>       | 0.88(9) | 2.19(9) | 2.944(5) | 143(7) |
|       | N1–H1B…O1 <sup>iii</sup>     | 0.88(9) | 2.37(8) | 3.007(5) | 129(7) |
|       | N2–H2A…O3 <sup>vi</sup>      | 0.87(6) | 2.34(6) | 3.145(5) | 155(5) |
|       | N2–H2A…O3 <sup>i</sup>       | 0.87(6) | 2.33(5) | 2.923(5) | 125(5) |
|       | N2–H2B…O2 <sup>iv</sup>      | 0.85(8) | 2.61(8) | 3.207(5) | 128(6) |

Symmetry codes: 2: (i)  $x, \frac{1}{2}-y, -\frac{1}{2}+z$ ; (ii)  $x, 3/2-y, -\frac{1}{2}+z$ ; (iii)  $x, y, 1+z$ ; (iv)  $x, \frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$ ; (v)  $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ; (vi)  $x, 3/2-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$ ; (vii)  $x, y, -1+z$ ; (viii)  $-x, 1-y, 1-z$ .

Symmetry codes: 3: (i)  $1-y, 1-x, \frac{1}{2}-z$ ; (ii)  $\frac{1}{2}+x, 3/2-y, \frac{1}{4}-z$ ; (iii)  $3/2-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{3}{4}-z$ ; (iv)  $\frac{1}{2}-y, -\frac{1}{2}+x, -\frac{1}{4}+z$ ; (v)  $1-y, 2-x, \frac{1}{2}-z$ ; (vi)  $-\frac{1}{2}+x, 3/2-y, \frac{1}{4}-z$ .

Symmetry codes: 4: (iii)  $x, 1+y, z$ ; (iv)  $x, y, 1+z$ .

Symmetry codes: 5: (i)  $1-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, 1-z$ ; (ii)  $1-x, -\frac{1}{2}+y, 1-z$ ; (iii)  $-x, -\frac{1}{2}+y, 1-z$ ; (iv)  $-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, 1-z$ ; (v)  $x, -1+y, z$ ; (vi)  $x, 1+y, z$ .

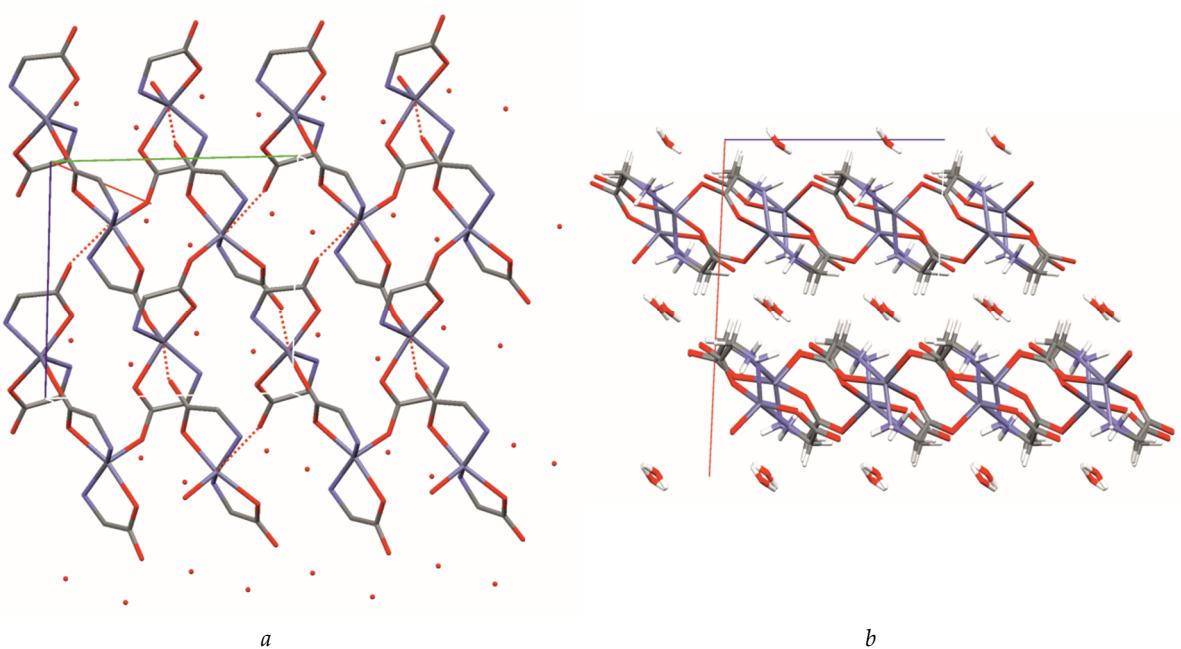


Figure S1. A part of the crystal structure showing a single coordination sheet of (2) (*a*). The crystal packing of (2), view along *b* axis (*b*).

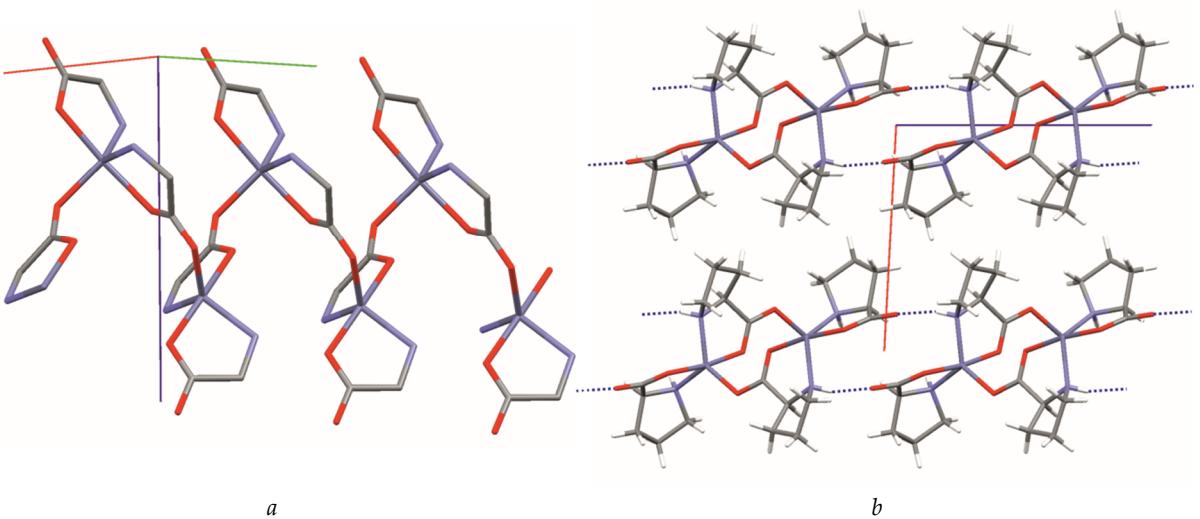
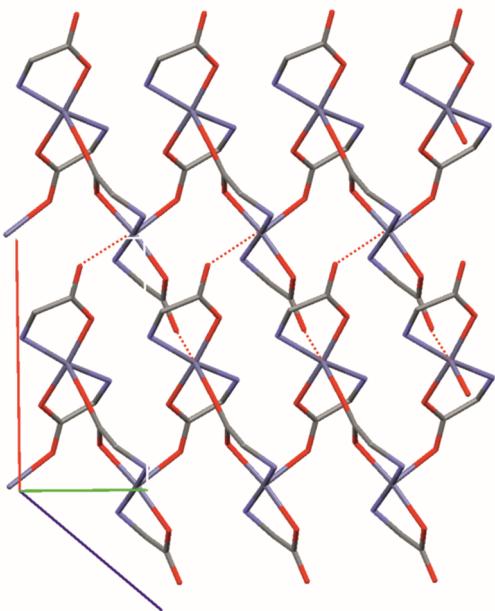
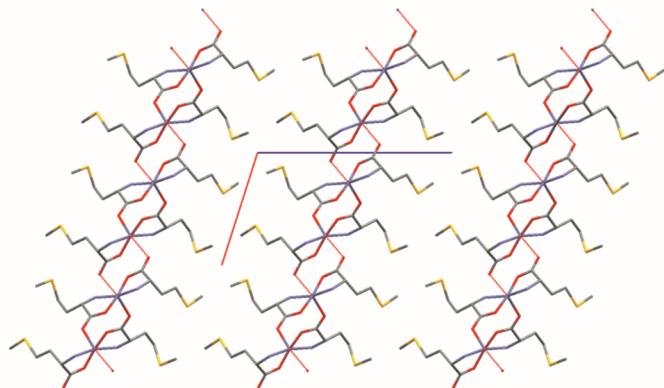


Figure S2. A part of the crystal structure showing a single coordination chain of (4). For clarity reason the ring-fragment of L-proline moiety is omitted (*a*). The crystal packing of (2), view along *b* axis (*b*).



*a*



*b*

Figure S3. A part of the crystal structure showing a single coordination sheet of (5) For a comparison reason to structure (2) the side-chain of L-methionine moieties is omitted (*a*). The crystal packing of (2), view along *c* axis (*b*).

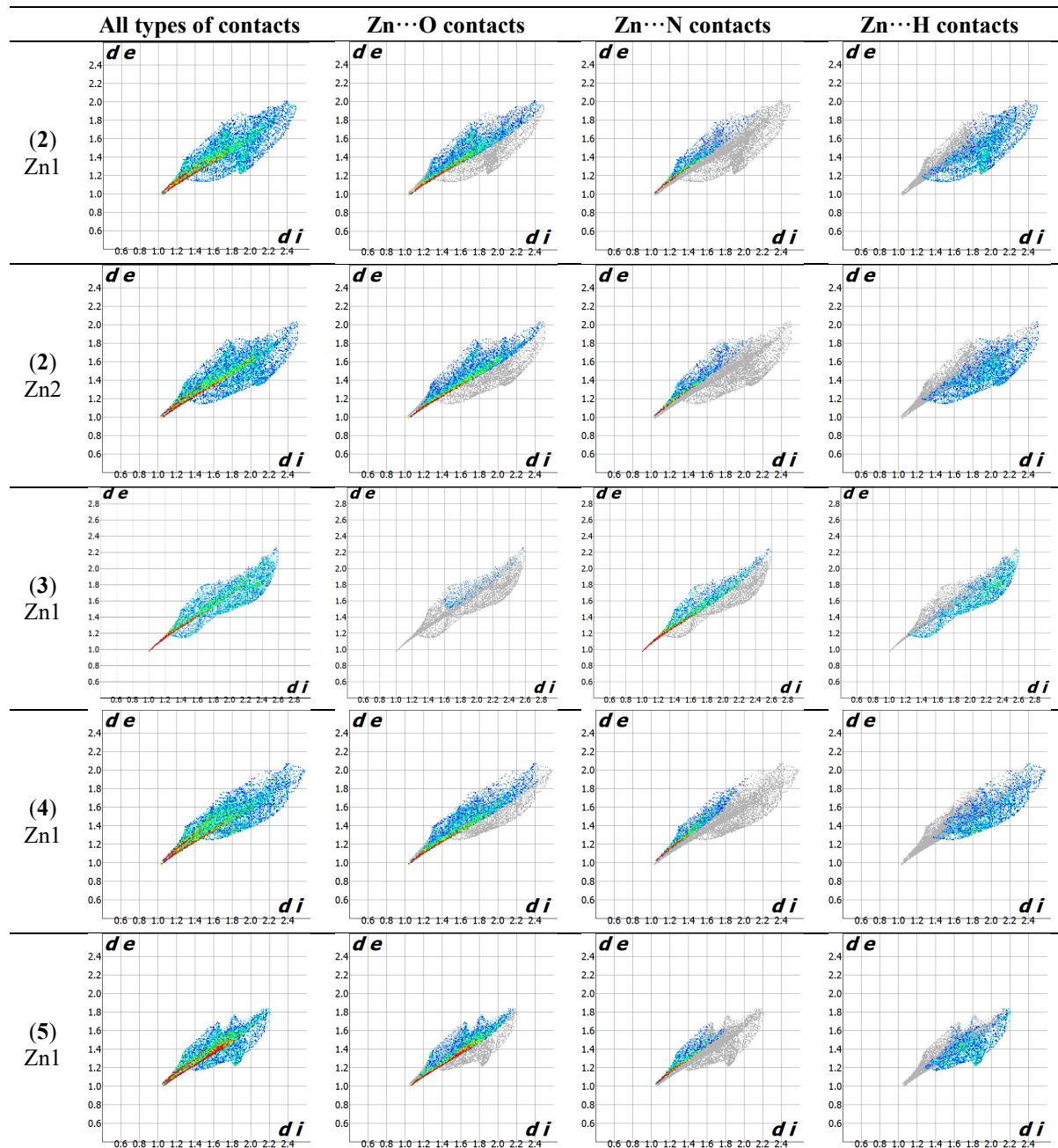


Figure S4. Fingerprint plot for the Hirshfeld surface of the metallic centre of (2), (3), (4) and (5) and corresponding plots reduced to a given contact type: Zn···O, Zn···N and Zn···H.

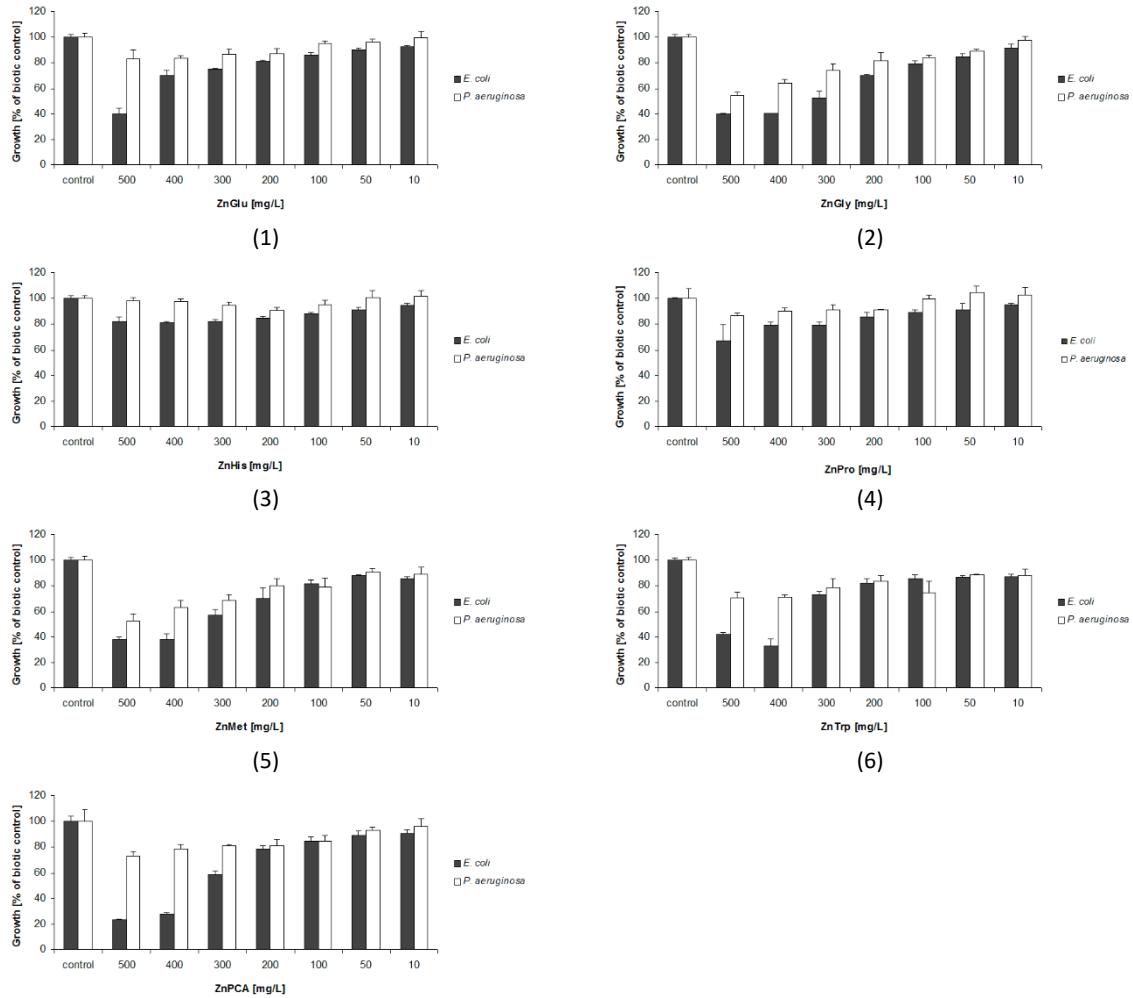
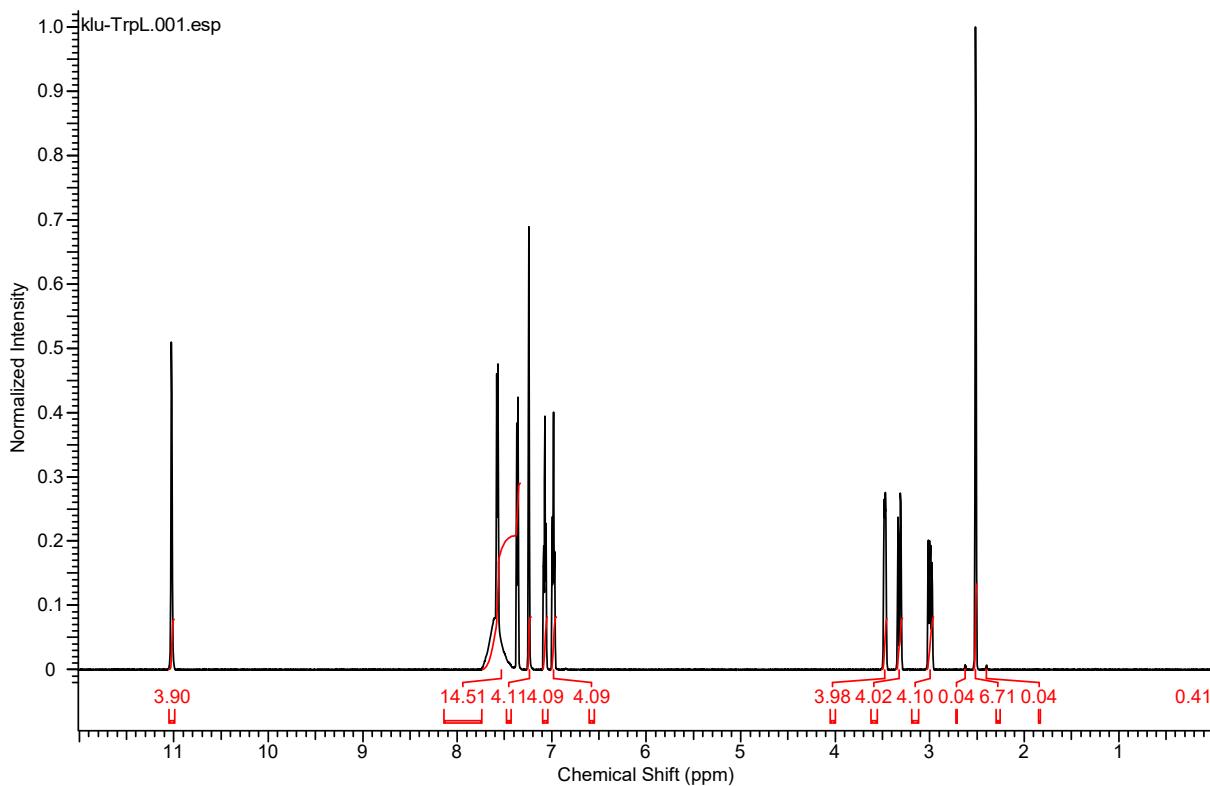
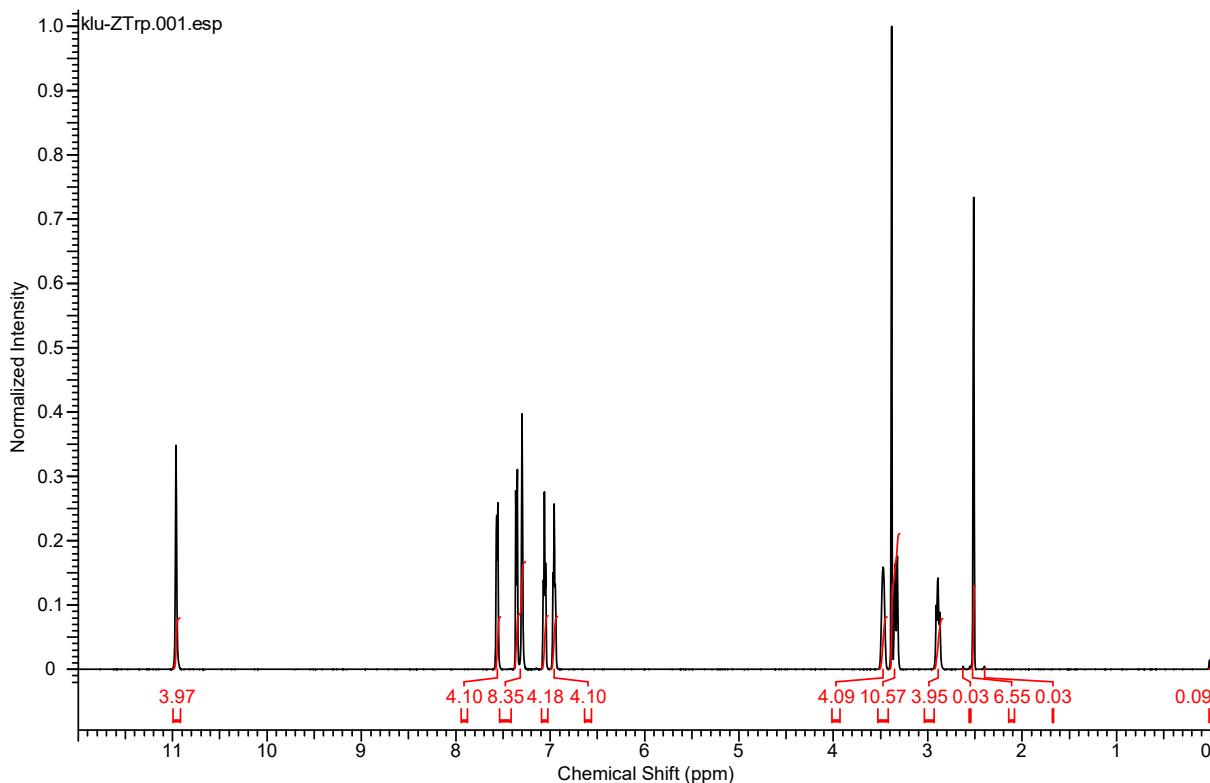


Figure S5. The antibacterial properties of zinc(II)- aminoacidate complexes (1-6) and ZnPCA reference compound towards Gram-negative bacteria.



(a)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO) spectrum of L- tryptophan



(b)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO) spectrum of zinc (II) complex of L- tryptophan (**6**)

**Figure S6.** Exemplary  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of L- tryptophan (*a*) and its zinc(II) complex (**6**) (*b*).

**Appendix S1.** Description of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of free amino acids: L-Glu, Gly, L-His, L-Pro, L-Met, L-Trp,

**L-Glutamic acid (for comparative purpose)**

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ):  $\delta$  2.01-2.10 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2(\beta)$ ) ( $\Delta = -0.06$ ), 2.42-2.49 (m, 4H, 2 x  $\text{CH}_2(\gamma)$ ) ( $\Delta = -0.12$ ), 3.70-3.72 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}(\alpha)$ ) ( $\Delta = -0.04$ ).

**Glycine (for comparative purpose)**

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ):  $\delta$  3.53 (s, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ). ( $\Delta = -0.30$ ).

**L-Histidine (for comparative purpose)**

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ):  $\delta$  2.95-2.98 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2(6')$ ) ( $\Delta = 0$ ), 3.06-3.10 (dd, H,  $\text{CH}_2(6'')$ ) ( $\Delta = +0.03$ ), 3.83-3.85 (dd, 1H,  $\text{CH}(7)$ ) ( $\Delta = +0.04$ ), 6.90 (s, 1H,  $\text{H}(5)$ ) ( $\Delta = +0.03$ ), 7.60 (s, 1H,  $\text{H}(2)$ ) ( $\Delta = +0.05$ ).

**L-Proline (for comparative purpose)**

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ):  $\delta$  1.84-1.96 (m, 3H, 2H of  $\text{CH}_2(4)$ ) ( $\Delta = -0.03$ ) and 1H of  $\text{CH}_2(3')$ ), 2.19-2.25 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2(3'')$ ) ( $\Delta = 0$ ), 3.18-3.23 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}(5'')$ ), 3.27-3.32 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}(5')$ ) ( $\Delta = -0.14$ ), 3.98-4.01 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}(2)$ ) ( $\Delta = -0.12$ ).

**L-Methionine (for comparative purpose)**

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $(\text{D}_2\text{O})$ ):  $\delta$  2.01 (m, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ) ( $\Delta = -0.01$ ), 2.05-2.13 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ) ( $\Delta = -0.19$  and  $\Delta = -0.01$ ), 2.50-2.55 (t, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-S}$ ) ( $\Delta = 0$ ), 3.73-3.75 (dd, 1H,  $\text{CH}(\alpha)$ ) ( $\Delta = -0.20$ ).

**L-Tryptophan (for comparative purpose)**

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  2.98-3.02 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2(\beta')$ ) ( $\Delta = -0.11$ ), 3.31-3.35 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2(\beta'')$ ) ( $\Delta = 0.01$ ), 3.47-3.38 (m, 1H,  $\text{CH}(\alpha)$ ) ( $\Delta = 0$ ), 6.97-7.00 (m, 1H,  $H(3)$ (indol)) ( $\Delta = -0.03$ ), 7.06-7.09 (m, 1H,  $H(4)$ (indol)) ( $\Delta = -0.02$ ), 7.24 (s, 1H,  $H(7)$ (indol)) ( $\Delta = 0.06$ ), 7.35-7.37 (d, 1H,  $H(5)$ (indol)) ( $\Delta = 0$ ), 7.52-7.58 (d, 1H,  $H(2)$ (indol)) ( $\Delta = -0.02$ ), 11.02 (s, 1H,  $\text{NH}(1)$ (indol)) ( $\Delta = -0.06$ ).

where  $\Delta$  is a difference in values of chemical shifts of corresponding signals of free ligands and their Zn(II) complexes.