

## Supplementary Information

### Synergistic antioxidant and antibacterial effect of Zn-ascorbate metal-organic framework loaded with Marjoram essential oil

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**Table S1.** Composition of marjoram essential oil (MEO) as purchased (analyzed by GC-MS).

No.	Compound	$t_R$ (min)	% Peak area
1	Thujene	8.11	1.27
2	$\alpha$ -Pinene	8.31	0.88
3	Camphene	8.79	0.04
4	<b>Sabinene</b>	<b>9.67</b>	<b>3.20</b>
5	2- $\beta$ -Pinene	9.75	0.43
6	$\beta$ -Myrcene	10.32	0.89
7	<b><math>\alpha</math>-Terpinene</b>	<b>11.19</b>	<b>4.38</b>
8	<b><i>o</i>-Cymene</b>	<b>11.52</b>	<b>15.00</b>
9	<b>D-Limonene</b>	<b>11.63</b>	<b>3.18</b>
10	Eucalyptol	11.70	0.21
11	<b><math>\gamma</math>-Terpinene</b>	<b>12.74</b>	<b>7.82</b>
12	<i>m</i> -Cresol	13.58	0.12
13	$\alpha$ -Terpinolene	13.78	2.42
14	<i>cis</i> -Sabinene hydrate	14.13	2.28
15	Linalool	14.24	1.37
16	<i>cis-p</i> -Menth-2-en-1-ol	14.97	0.83
17	1-Terpineol	15.64	0.75
18	<b>Terpinene-4-ol</b>	<b>17.14</b>	<b>32.72</b>
19	<i>p</i> -Cymen-8-ol	17.32	0.91
20	<b><math>\alpha</math>-Terpineol</b>	<b>17.51</b>	<b>4.49</b>
21	Isopulegol	17.65	0.48
22	<i>trans-p</i> -Menth-1-en-3-ol	18.07	0.62
23	Linalyl anthranilate	19.76	2.64
24	1,8-Cineole	21.08	0.32
25	Carvacrol	21.36	0.44
26	4,4-Dimehtylpent-2-enal	21.92	0.58
27	<i>cis</i> -Carveol	23.52	0.15
28	Caryophyllene	25.12	2.54
29	(+)-Aromadendrene	25.72	0.11
30	1,4-Dihydroxy- <i>p</i> -menth-2-ene	26.95	0.47
31	Ledene	27.46	0.34
32	(+)-Spathulenol	30.03	0.67

33	(-)-Caryophyllene oxide	30.21	0.91
	<b>Total identified</b>		<b>93.46</b>

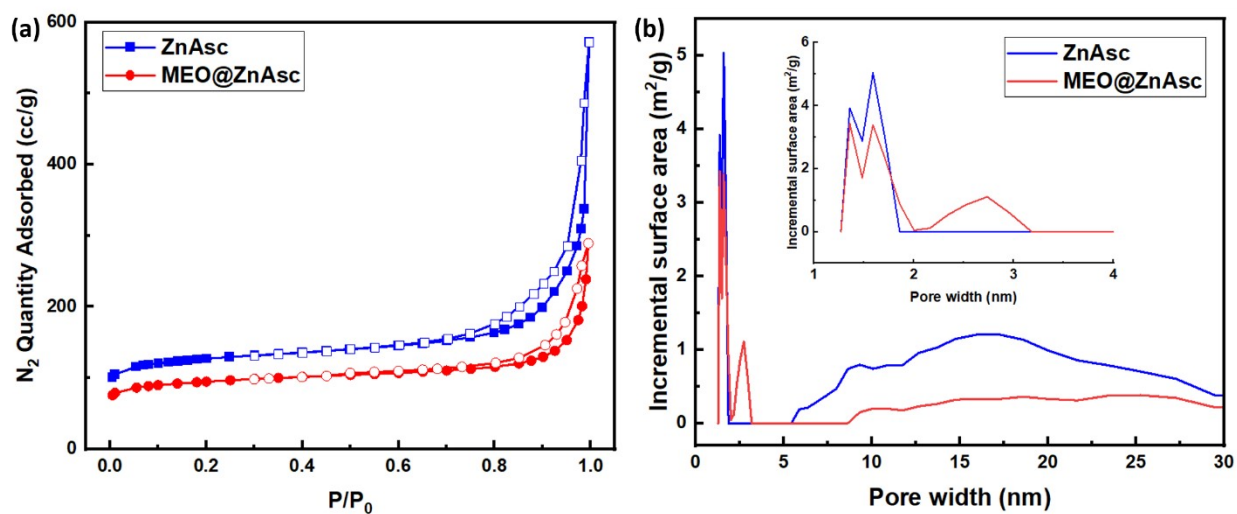
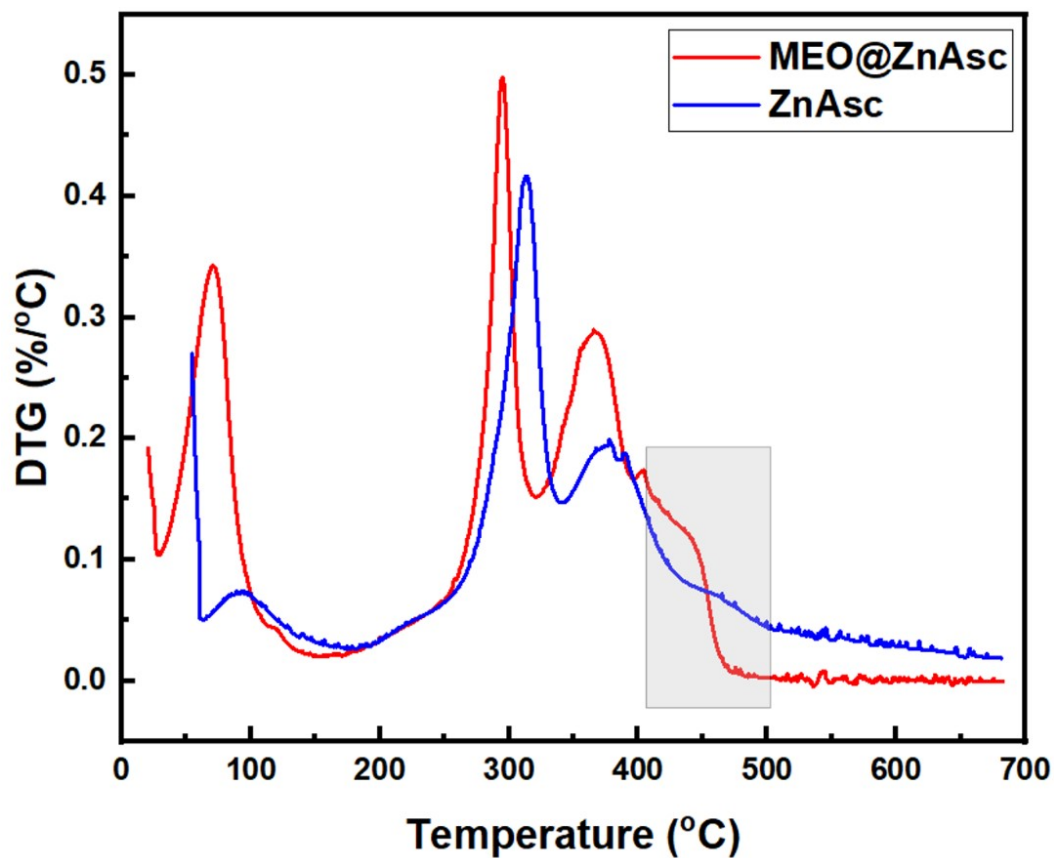


Figure S1. (a)  $N_2$  sorption isotherms and (b) pore size distributions of ZnAsc and MEO@ZnAsc.



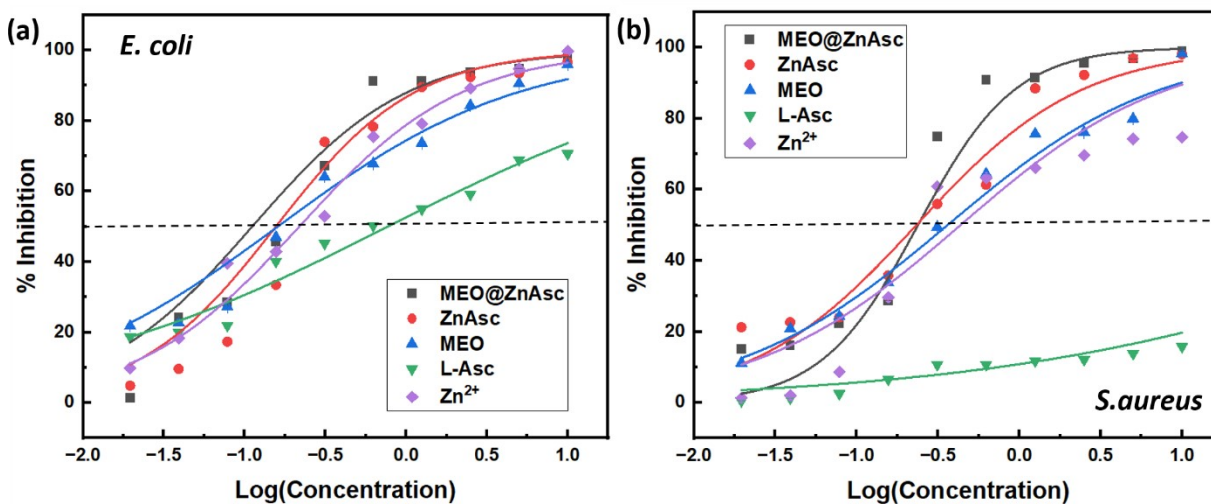
**Figure S2.** First derivative of the TGA profiles of ZnAsc and MEO@ZnAsc.

**Table S2.** Crystallite/particulate size determination by different methods (nm).

Method	ZnAsc	MEO@ZnAsc
SEM	20.9	23.3
TEM	18.6	18.1
XRD	16.5	15.6

**Table S3.** Antibacterial activities of Zn-based MOFs.

MOF	Inhibition zone diameter (mm)		Zn wt%	Ref.
	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>		
Zn-MOF	-	37.32	-	1
GR-MOF-8	15.96	20.20	29	2
Ac MOF-5	10	16	34	3
Ac Zn-MOF	14	16	26.4	3
Ac TMU-3	12	14	16.2	3
IEF-24	5.4	-	14.1	4
Zn-MOF	12.22	10.10	-	5
Zn-MOF	8.6	17	24.6	6
[Zn( $\mu$ -4-hzba) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> ·4(H <sub>2</sub> O)	-	14.6	13.9	7
ZnAsc	<b>10.33</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>This work</b>



**Figure S3.** Dose response curves of the different samples against *E. coli* (a) and *S. aureus* (b) using broth microdilution method (dots represent experimental data and lines represent sigmoidal data fitting from which IC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated).

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