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Controlling Amyloid Beta (A β) Peptide Aggregation and Toxicity by Protease Stable

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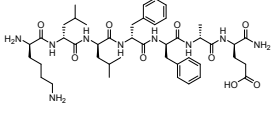
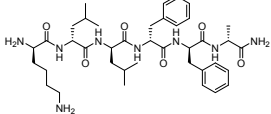
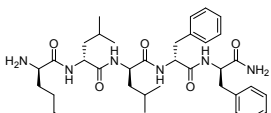
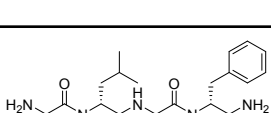
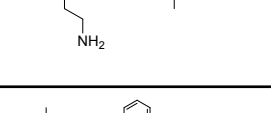
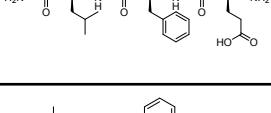
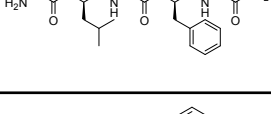
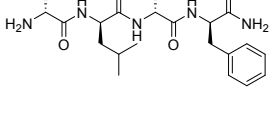
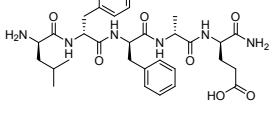
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Table S1. Characterization and HPLC data of synthesized peptides.

No.	Peptide sequence	Molecular formula	MASS		HPLC	
			Calculated	Obtained (M+H)	t_R (min)	Purity (%)
1		C ₄₄ H ₆₇ N ₉ O ₉	865.5062	865.6390	5.196	100
2		C ₃₉ H ₆₀ N ₈ O ₆	736.4636	737.7675	5.275	100
3		C ₃₆ H ₅₅ N ₇ O ₅	665.4265	666.7092	5.298	100
4		C ₂₇ H ₄₆ N ₆ O ₄	518.3581	519.3088	5.303	100
5		C ₃₈ H ₅₅ N ₇ O ₈	737.4112	738.5652	5.301	100
6		C ₃₃ H ₄₈ N ₆ O ₅	608.3686	609.4024	5.280	100
7		C ₃₀ H ₄₃ N ₅ O ₄	537.3315	538.5833	5.232	100
8		C ₃₂ H ₄₄ N ₆ O ₇	624.3271	625.3097	5.247	99.12
9		C ₂₇ H ₃₇ N ₅ O ₄	495.2846	496.2403	5.156	100

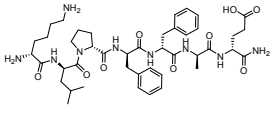
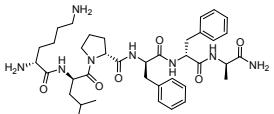
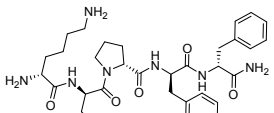
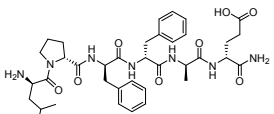
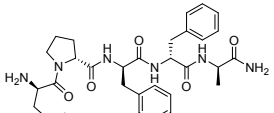
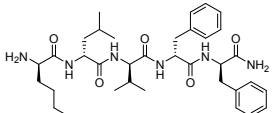
10		C ₄₃ H ₆₃ N ₉ O ₉	849.4749	850.7135	5.201	100
11		C ₃₈ H ₅₆ N ₈ O ₆	720.4323	720.6613	5.190	98.93
12		C ₃₅ H ₅₁ N ₇ O ₅	649.3952	650.2834	5.251	100
13		C ₃₇ H ₅₁ N ₇ O ₈	721.3799	721.1677	5.203	100
14		C ₃₂ H ₄₄ N ₆ O ₅	592.3373	593.5271	5.178	99.58
15		C ₃₅ H ₅₃ N ₇ O ₅	651.4108	652.3820	5.222	98.98
16	<i>Aβ</i> ₄₂	NH ₂ - ¹ DAEFRHDSGYEVHHQKLVFFAEDVGSNKGAIIGLMVGG VVIA ⁴² -COOH				

Table S 2. Cell viability of NT peptides in PC-12 derived neurons.

S. No.	Peptide sequence	% Cell viability					
		Peptides concentration range (μ M)					
		5	10	20	40	80	160
1	H ₂ N-KLLFFAE-NH ₂	100.05	100.01	100.02	99.56	98.99	98.04
2	H ₂ N-KLLFFA-NH ₂	99.79	98.72	97.25	95.57	92.14	91.01
3	H ₂ N-KLLFF-NH ₂	100.03	99.85	99.05	99.56	98.99	98.95
4	H ₂ N-KLLF-NH ₂	100	99.95	98.71	98.57	96.52	92.19
5	H ₂ N-LLFFAE-NH ₂	100.02	99.91	98.26	97.23	95.62	91.28
6	H ₂ N-LLFFA-NH ₂	98.85	92.54	86.00	80.87	75.78	71.68
7	H ₂ N-LLFF-NH ₂	65.35	60.98	57.38	52.98	46.87	42.54
8	H ₂ N-LFFAE-NH ₂	88.98	81.56	75.61	65.26	56.83	50.07
9	H ₂ N-LFFA-NH ₂	100.05	98.01	96.53	90.24	85.62	78.29
10	H ₂ N-KLPFFAE-NH ₂	100	98.12	95.98	91.47	85.12	79.31
11	H ₂ N-KLPFFA-NH ₂	100	99.10	97.05	95.84	91.80	89.24
12	H ₂ N-KLPFF-NH ₂	100	100.05	100	100	99.98	99.96
13	H ₂ N-LPFFAE-NH ₂	100	99.52	99.01	97.34	95.71	91.67
14	H ₂ N-LPFFA-NH ₂	100	100	100	100	99.91	99.50
15	H ₂ N-KLVFF-NH ₂	100	100	100	100	100	100
16	Control	100					

*Each experiment was done in triplicates (n= 3). ODs (absorbance) of samples with untreated cells were set to 100. Taking the cell viability of untreated cells as 100, percentage cell viabilities were calculated for the samples treated with A β 42 alone or plus the NT peptides. Subsequently, the percentage inhibition of A β toxicity by each test peptide was calculated by using the formula: Cell viability (%) = {[A570 (treated cells) - A570 (blank)] / [A570 (control cells) - A570 (blank)]} *100. Blank ODs were subtracted from each sample OD and the triplicate ODs were averaged. In a subset of triplicate wells, OD readings did not deviate much from the mean and SD ranged between 1.12-6.4.

Table S 3. Cell viability and neuroprotection effect of NT peptides against $A\beta_{42}$ induced toxicity in PC-12 derived neurons.

S. No.	Peptide sequence	% Cell viability after treated with peptide and $A\beta_{42}$ (5 μ M) peptide					
		Peptides concentration range (μ M)					
		5	10	20	40	80	160
1	H ₂ N-KLLFFAE-NH ₂	43.20	48.98	51.01	55.41	58.35	60.15
2	H ₂ N-KLLFFA-NH ₂	75.13	79.69	80.72	85.87	86.08	90.18
3	H ₂ N-KLLFF-NH ₂	76.64	76.73	75.30	82.14	85.81	88.24
4	H ₂ N-KLLF-NH ₂	73.46	68.15	60.01	56.78	51.26	48.20
5	H ₂ N-LLFFAE-NH ₂	74.38	69.91	66.34	61.12	58.84	56.42
6	H ₂ N-LLFFA-NH ₂	62.61	58.25	54.21	48.07	42.19	38.24
7	H ₂ N-LLFF-NH ₂	35.54	32.19	29.51	23.78	19.98	19.26
8	H ₂ N-LFFAE-NH ₂	44.35	43.15	38.02	25.91	20.75	15.67
9	H ₂ N-LFFA-NH ₂	40.33	41.05	45.08	47.50	49.35	48.32
10	H ₂ N-KLPFFAE-NH ₂	50.19	55.06	56.53	58.73	60.24	62.63
11	H ₂ N-KLPFFA-NH ₂	60.08	58.67	55.54	50.15	50.86	49.13
12	H ₂ N-KLPFF-NH ₂	63.10	64.98	66.31	68.01	69.08	71.06
13	H ₂ N-LPFFAE-NH ₂	76.08	84.16	82.27	84.62	83.02	85.58
14	H ₂ N-LPFFA-NH ₂	60.58	63.24	64.15	66.20	67.68	67.52
15	H ₂ N-KLVFF-NH ₂	72.08	73.60	77.06	80.36	83.13	83.79
16	Control	100					
17	$A\beta_{42}$	38.05					

*Each experiment was done in triplicates (n= 3). ODs (absorbance) of samples with untreated cells were set to 100. Taking the cell viability of untreated cells as 100, percentage cell viabilities were calculated for the samples treated with $A\beta_{42}$ alone or plus the NT peptides. Subsequently, the percentage inhibition of $A\beta$ toxicity by each test peptide was calculated by using the formula: Cell viability (%) = {[A570 (treated cells) - A570 (blank)] / [A570 (control cells) - A570 (blank)]} *100. Blank ODs were subtracted from each sample OD and the triplicate ODs were averaged. In a subset of triplicate wells, OD readings did not deviate much from the mean and SD ranged between 1.09-6.2.

Table S 4. Cell viability and neuroprotection effect of NT peptides against $A\beta_{42}$ induced toxicity in PC-12 derived neurons.

S. No.	Peptide sequence	% Cell viability after treated with peptides and $A\beta_{42}$ (5 μ M) aggregates					
		Peptides concentration range (μ M)					
		5	10	20	40	80	160
1	H_2N -KLLFFAE- NH_2	62.30	64.19	65.60	68.49	72.57	75.27
2	H_2N -KLLFFA- NH_2	84.36	85.91	88.07	90.10	93.24	94.30
3	H_2N -KLLFF- NH_2	82.64	84.73	85.30	87.56	90.81	92.41
4	H_2N -KLLF- NH_2	76.24	78.08	80.20	81.58	82.36	84.23
5	H_2N -LLFFAE- NH_2	68.82	69.52	70.34	72.10	75.18	76.14
6	H_2N -LLFFA- NH_2	52.23	48.69	44.81	42.02	42.09	40.80
7	H_2N -LLFF- NH_2	55.15	53.21	50.83	44.61	39.12	31.75
8	H_2N -LFFAE- NH_2	53.08	50.06	48.69	42.09	38.38	35.16
9	H_2N -LFFA- NH_2	68.62	65.05	63.28	62.23	59.15	56.09
10	H_2N -KLPFFAE- NH_2	65.24	63.98	62.15	60.98	59.23	58.14
11	H_2N -KLPFFA- NH_2	72.35	65.98	60.17	57.06	56.15	55.54
12	H_2N -KLPFF- NH_2	73.10	75.57	76.96	77.41	81.22	83.06
13	H_2N -LPFFAE- NH_2	82.35	85.52	87.16	89.32	90.14	92.16
14	H_2N -LPFFA- NH_2	72.18	73.02	73.77	74.02	75.56	76.05
15	H_2N -KLVFF- NH_2	78.01	81.02	84.16	86.12	87.35	89.23
16	Control	100					
17	$A\beta_{42}$	43.27					

*Each experiment was done in triplicates (n=3). ODs (absorbance) of samples with untreated cells were set to 100. Taking the cell viability of untreated cells as 100, percentage cell viabilities were calculated for the samples treated with $A\beta_{42}$ alone or plus the NT peptides. Subsequently, the percentage inhibition of $A\beta$ toxicity by each test peptide was calculated by using the formula: Cell viability (%) = $\{[A570$ (treated cells) - $A570$ (blank)] / $[A570$ (control cells) - $A570$ (blank)] $\} \times 100$. Blank ODs were subtracted from each sample OD and the triplicate ODs were averaged. In a subset of triplicate wells, OD readings did not deviate much from the mean and SD ranged between 1.9-6.7.

Table S5. *ThT assay and inhibition of A β ₄₂ aggregation.*

Peptides	% Of A β ₄₂ aggregations after treated with NT peptides					
	NT Peptides concentration range (μ M)					
	5	10	20	40	80	160
NT-01	72.71	68.16	65.52	63.95	60.15	61.04
NT-02	42.39	36.33	29.77	25.57	22.14	21.04
NT-03	45.74	35.71	25.34	21.56	20.63	19.37
NT-04	52.86	50.57	49.80	48.52	45.67	40.10
NT-05	55.36	50.14	48.64	44.52	40.65	41.29
NT-06	56.64	53.41	53.63	51.36	43.14	40.64
NT-07	90.32	86.31	75.03	65.98	64.87	62.50
NT-08	56.17	54.47	52.57	50.10	48.44	45.70
NT-09	51.75	48.40	46.50	42.24	40.20	38.59
NT-10	72.44	66.96	54.04	47.48	45.25	43.14
NT-11	58.94	55.67	53.37	52.80	50.25	48.46
NT-12	60.38	57.62	55.24	52.10	20.21	50.10
NT-13	51.59	35.61	24.49	23.15	22.25	20.12
NT-14	75.15	70.80	68.02	51.78	45.82	41.05
NT-15	58.13	55.02	48.04	39.18	35.98	30.29
A β ₄₂ Alone	100					

*Each experiment was done in triplicates (n= 3). ThT fluorescence intensity of samples A β ₄₂ alone was set to 100. Taking the aggregation A β ₄₂ alone as 100, % of aggregation was calculated for the samples A β ₄₂ treated with the NT peptides. Subsequently, the % aggregation of each peptide was calculated by using the formula: Aggregation (%) = {[FI482 (treated cells)]/ [FI482 (A β ₄₂ alone control)]} *100. The triplicate fluorescence intensity (FI) was averaged. In a subset of triplicate test samples, FIs readings did not deviate much from the mean and SD ranged between 2.16-5.2.

Table S6. *Molecular docking studies of NT peptides with A β 42 (PDB ID: 1Z0Q) and the binding modes with affinity.*

No. of modes	The binding affinity of NT-02 towards Aβ42 (kcal/mol)	The binding affinity of NT-03 towards Aβ42 (kcal/mol)	The binding affinity of NT-13 towards Aβ42 (kcal/mol)
1	-5.2	-5.3	-4.5
2	-5.1	-4.9	-4.3
3	-5.1	-4.7	-4.3
4	-5.1	-4.7	-4.3
5	-5.1	-4.7	-4.3
6	-5.1	-4.6	-4.2
7	-5.0	-4.6	-4.1
8	-5.0	-4.6	-4.1
9	-5.0	-4.5	-4.0
10	-4.9	-4.5	-4.0
11	-4.8	-4.4	-4.0
12	-4.8	-4.4	-3.9
13	-4.7	-4.4	-3.9
14	-4.7	-4.3	-3.9
15	-4.7	-4.3	-3.9
16	-4.6	-4.2	-3.9
17	-4.6	-4.2	-3.8
18	-4.6	-4.2	-3.8
19	-4.6	-4.2	-3.8
20	-4.6	-4.1	-3.7

Table S7. *Animal studies information. (Sex, source, species, number of animals, strains, route, dose*

Group	Sample	Sex	Age (weeks)	Weight (gram)	Dose (5mg/kg) 0.1 mL
1	Sucrose	Female	8-10	54.38	0.27 mg
		Female	8-10	53.71	0.26 mg
		Female	8-10	57.08	0.28 mg
2	NT-02	Female	8-10	58.68	0.29 mg
		Female	8-10	51.96	0.25 mg
		Female	8-10	59.55	0.29 mg
3	NT-03	Female	8-10	52.17	0.26 mg
		Female	8-10	53.67	0.26 mg
		Female	8-10	56.92	0.28 mg
4	NT-13	Female	8-10	56.66	0.26 mg
		Female	8-10	55.16	0.27 mg
		Female	8-10	54.63	0.27 mg
Source	CSIR-IICB, Kolkata				
Species	Mice				
Strain	C57BL/6J				
Route	Intra Peritoneal				

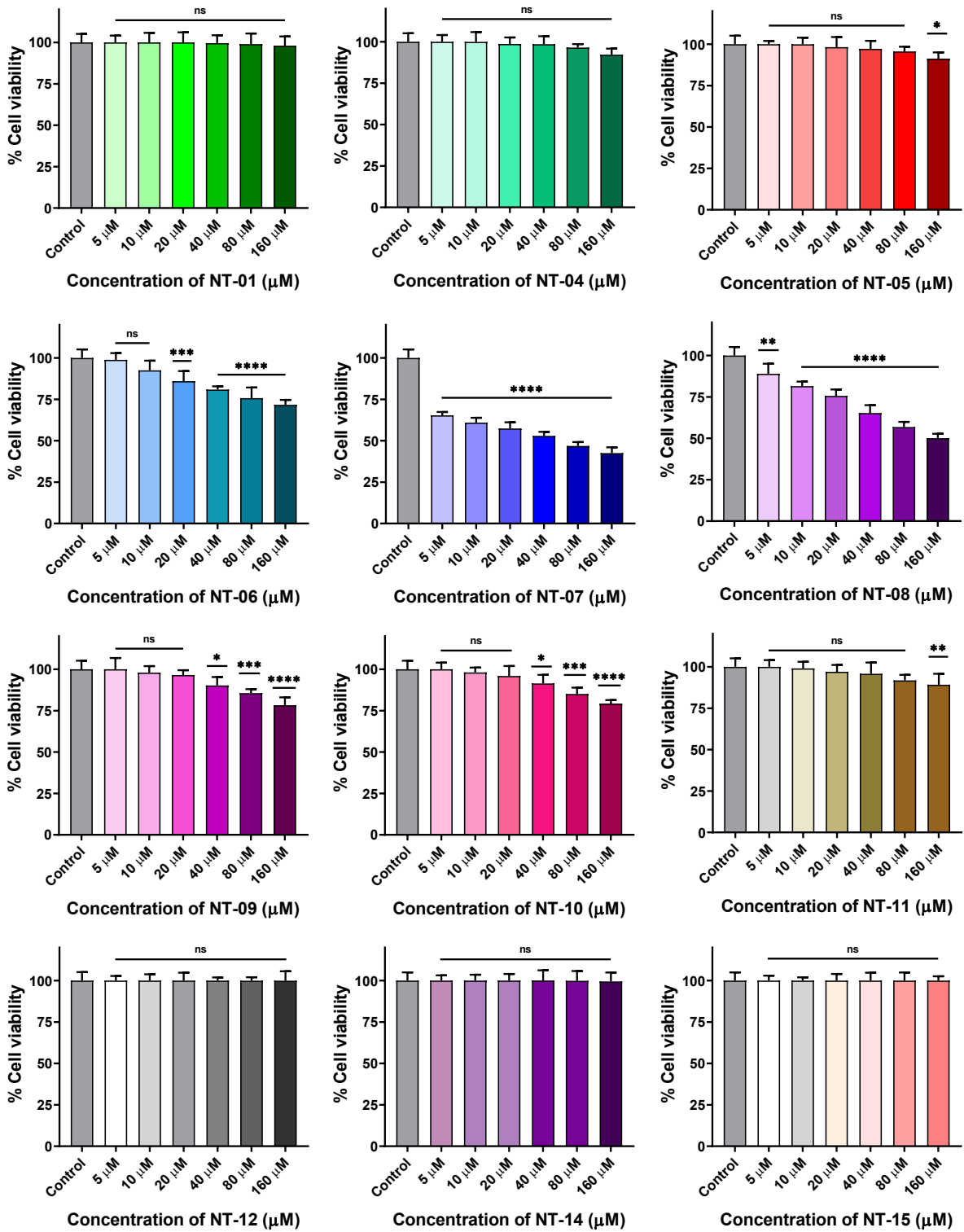


Figure S1. Cellular viability of NT peptides with various concentrations 5, 10, 20, 40, 80, and 160 μM in PC-12 derived neurons by using MTT assay.

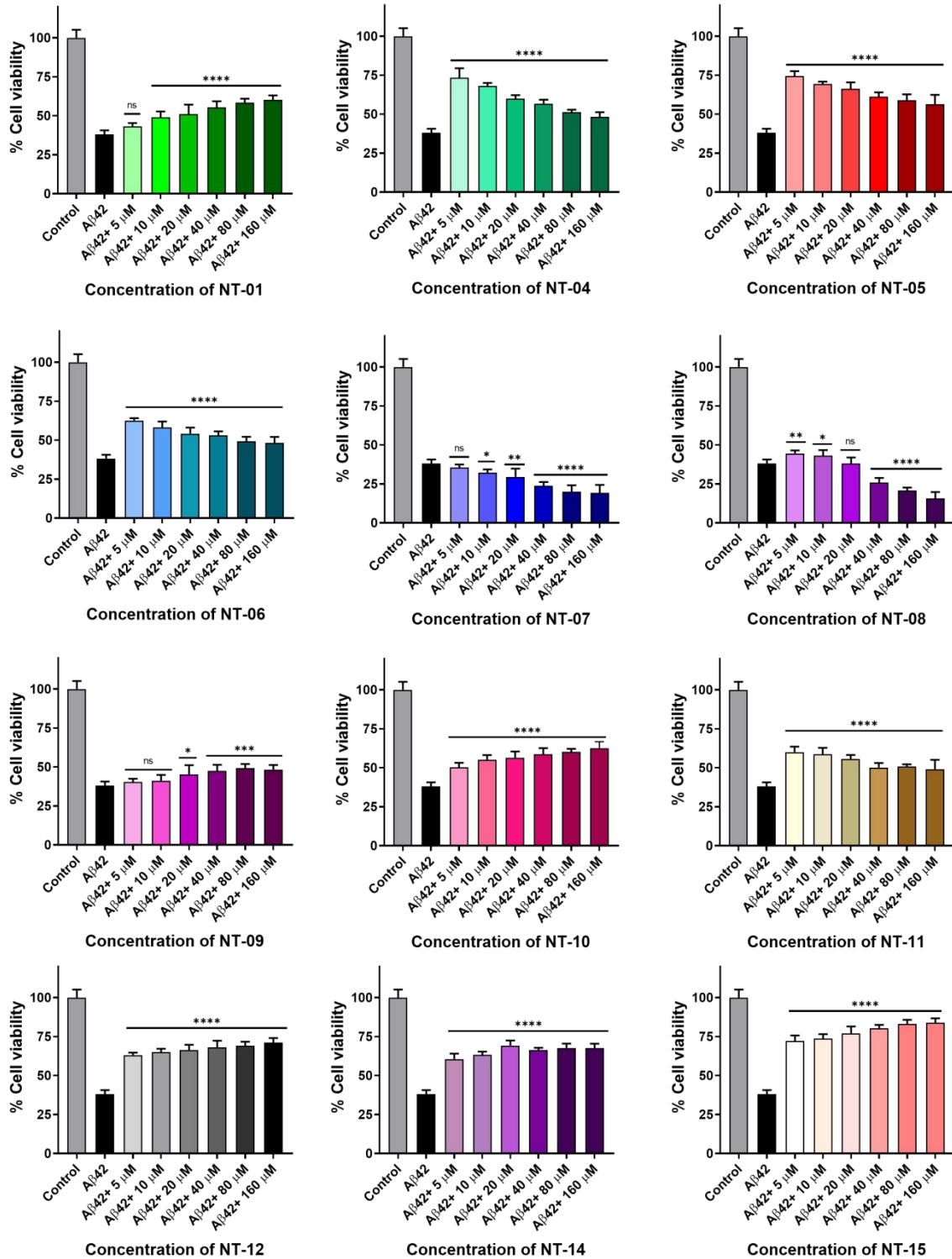


Figure S2. Cellular viability. After treatment with Aβ42 peptide alone and Aβ42 peptide with NT peptides with various concentrations 5, 10, 20, 40, 80, and 160 μM and in PC-12 derived neurons by using MTT assay.

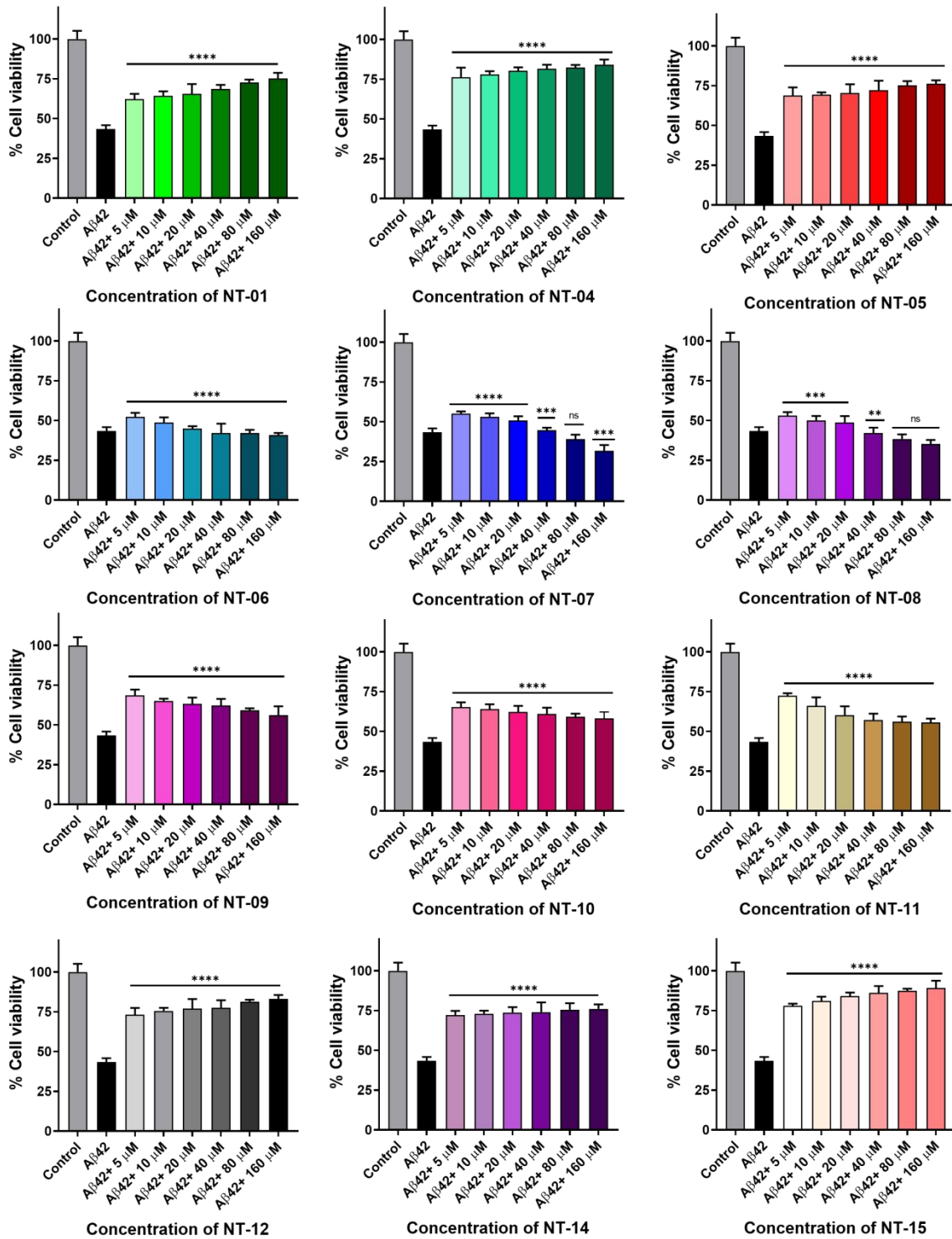


Figure S3. Cellular viability. After treatment with Aβ42 aggregates alone and Aβ42 aggregates with NT peptides with various concentrations 5, 10, 20, 40, 80, and 160 μM and in PC-12 derived neurons by using MTT assay.

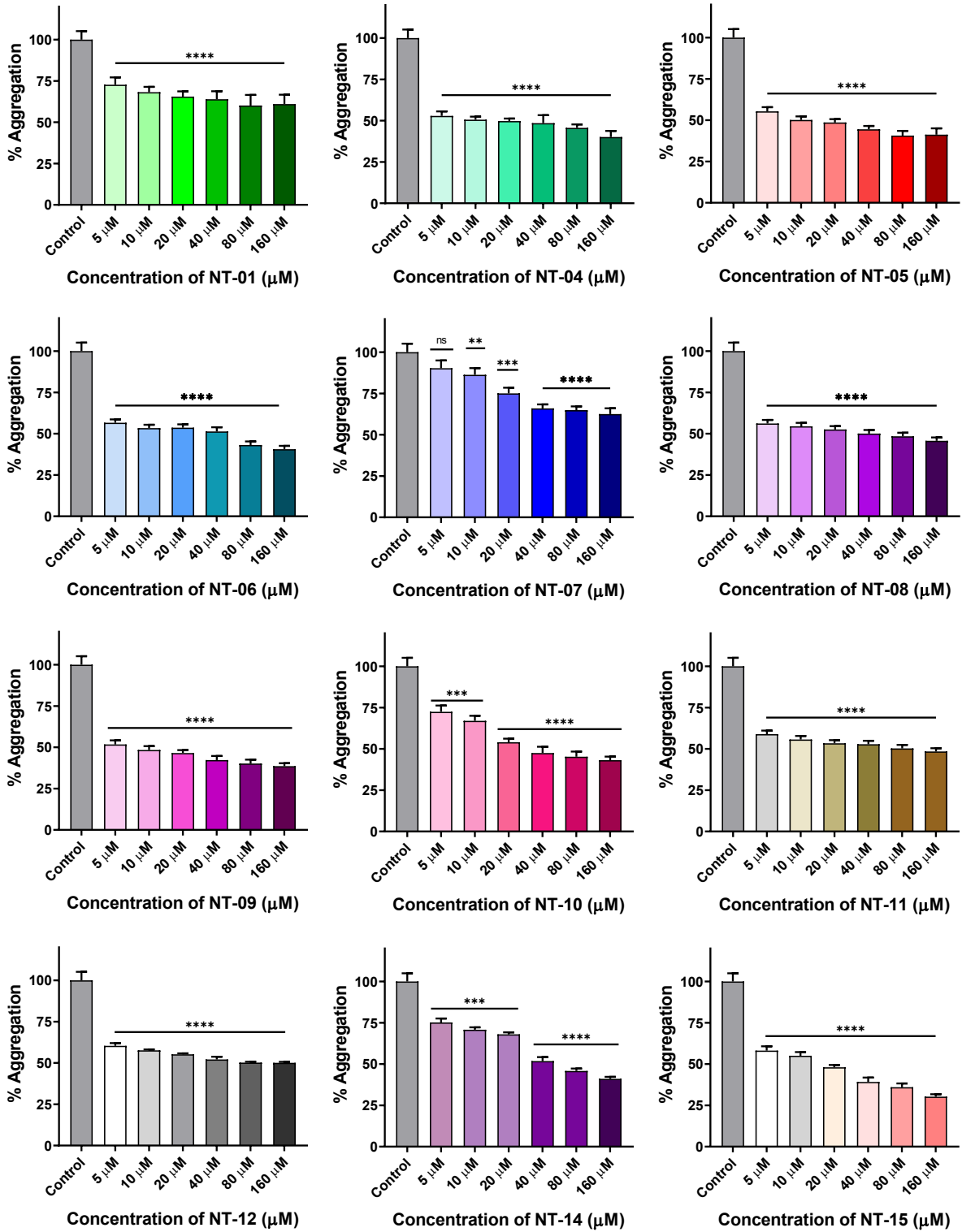


Figure S4. Effects of NT peptides on Aβ42 aggregation measured by ThT fluorescence intensity.

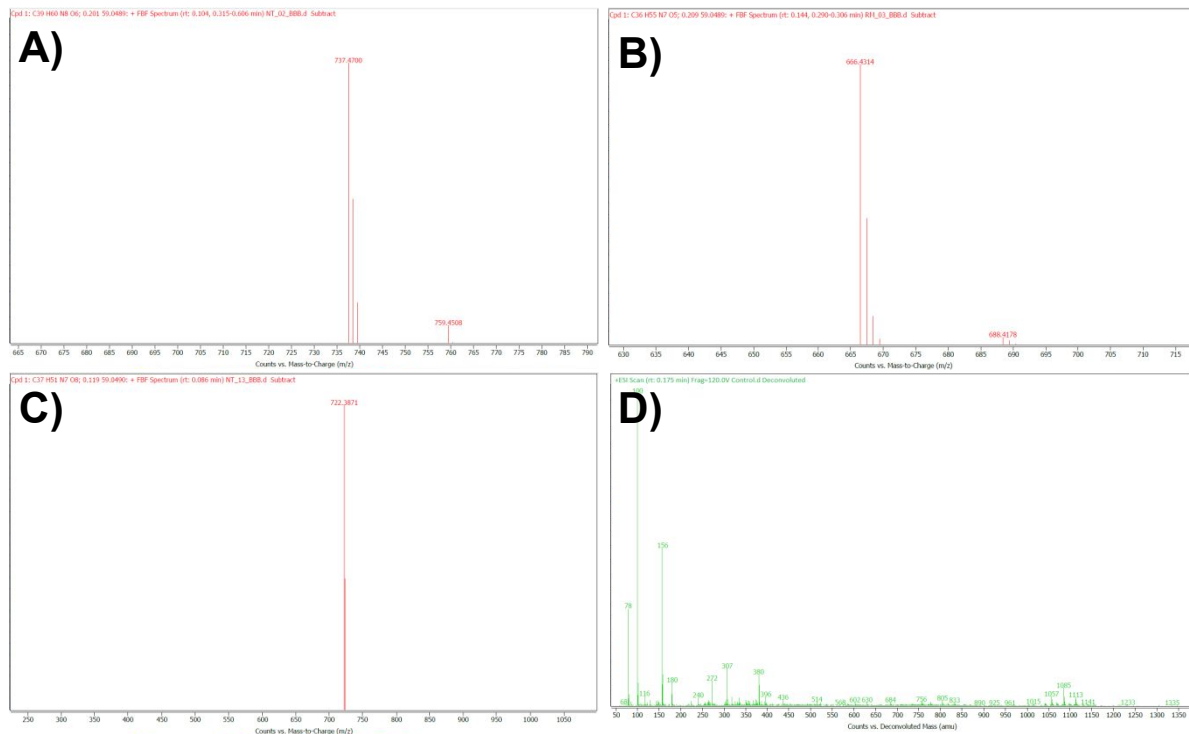


Figure S5. BBB crossing by NT peptides and analysed with HRMS mass spectrometry A) NT-02 peptide was identified by the major mass peak at $M+H = 737.4700$ B) NT-03 peptide was identified by the major mass peak at $M+H = 666.4314$. C) NT-13 peptide was identified by the major mass peak at $M+H = 722.3871$. D) Control experiment of BBB crossing by sucrose and there is no mass peak at 342.2965 .

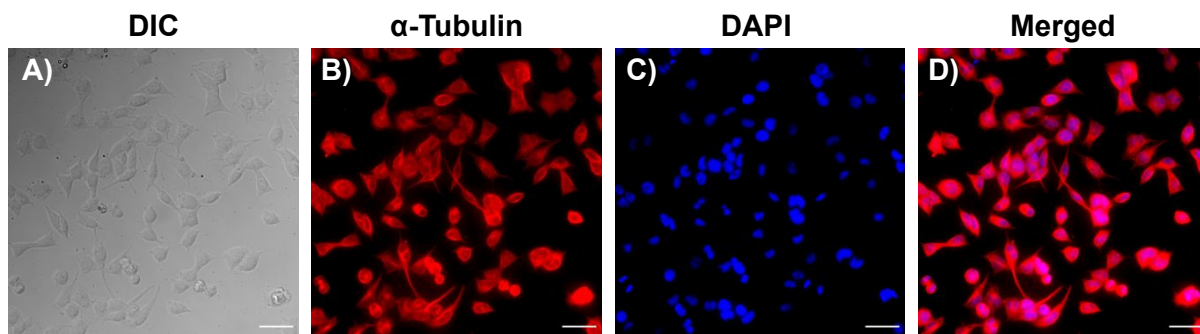


Figure S6. Microscopic images of PC12 derived neurons (a) DIC mode (b) TRITC channel (c) DAPI channel and (d) merged channel. Scale bar corresponding to $50 \mu\text{m}$.

2. Appendixes: HPLC spectra and MALDI mass spectra.

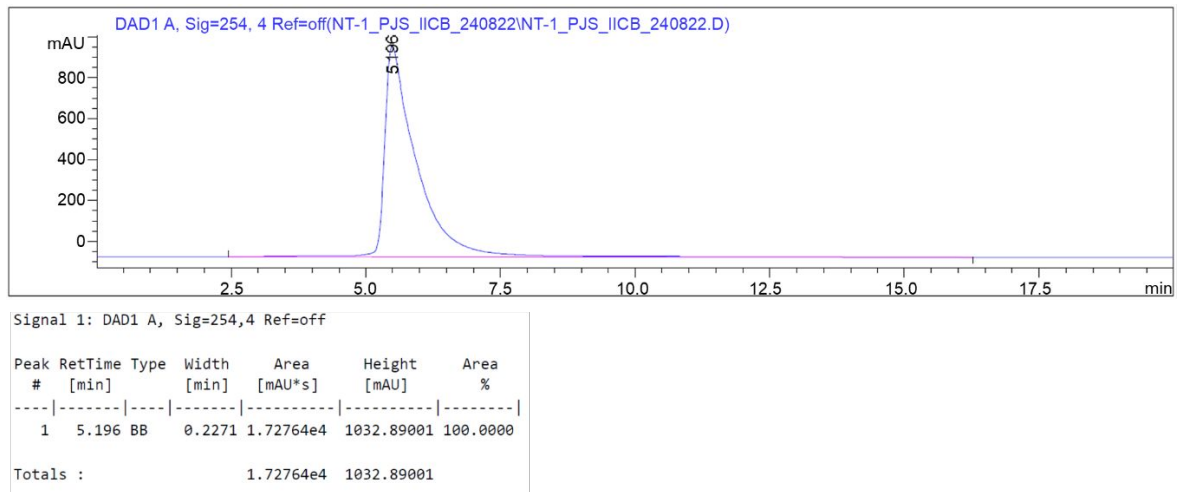


Figure S7. HPLC chromatogram of NT-01 peptide.

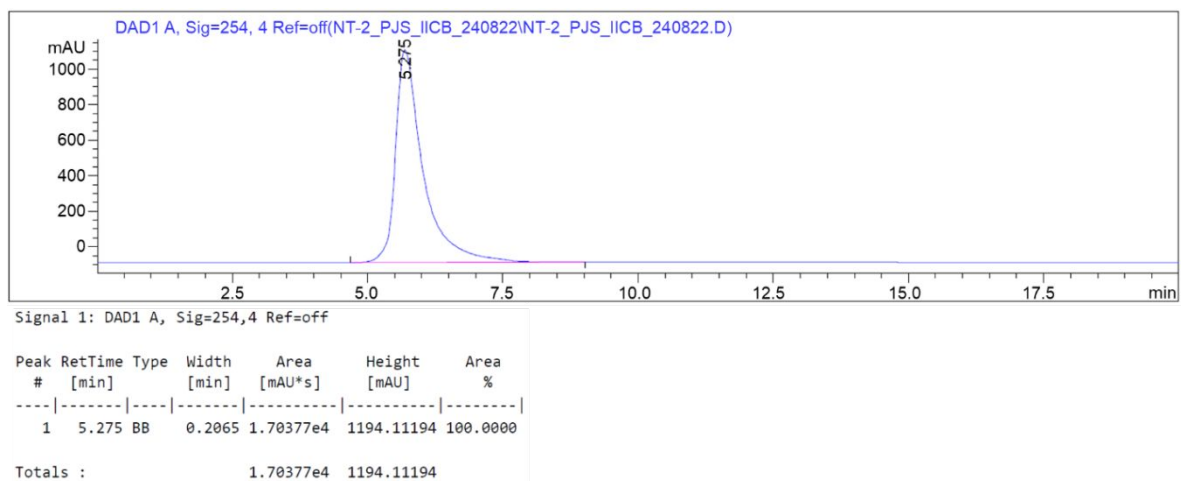


Figure S8. HPLC chromatogram of NT-02 peptide.

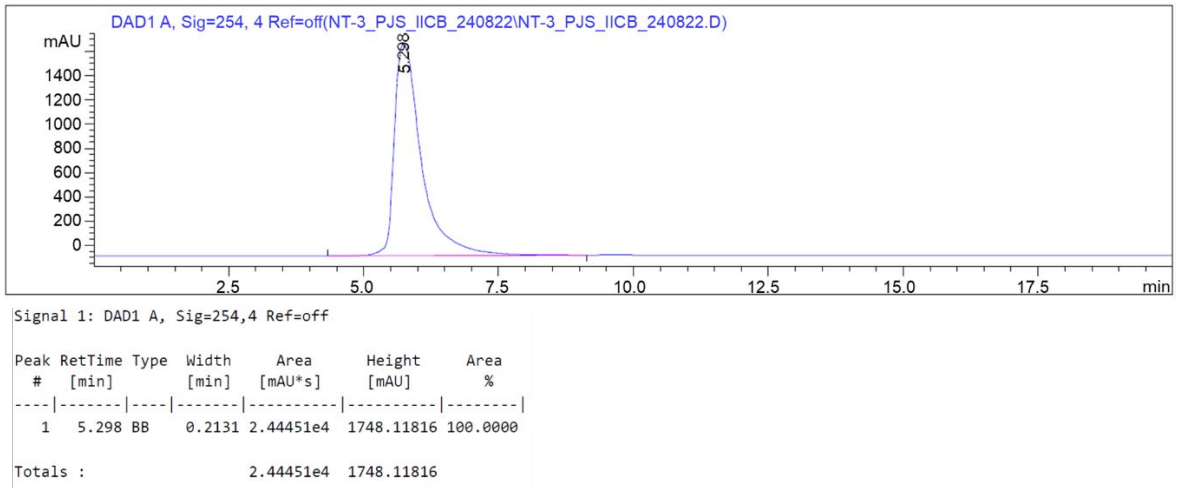


Figure S9. HPLC chromatogram of NT-03 peptide.

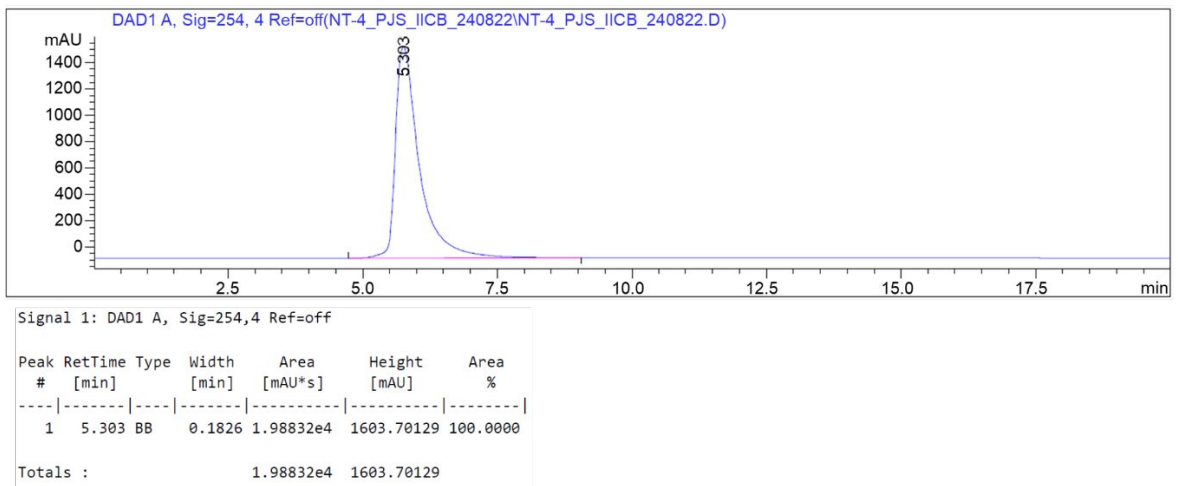


Figure S10. HPLC chromatogram of NT-04 peptide.

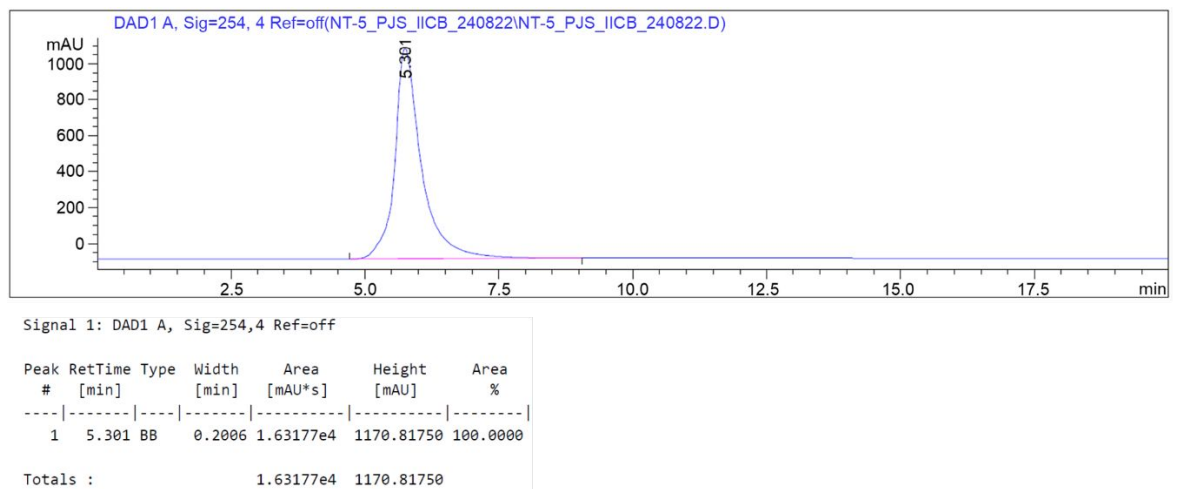


Figure S11. HPLC chromatogram of NT-05 peptide.

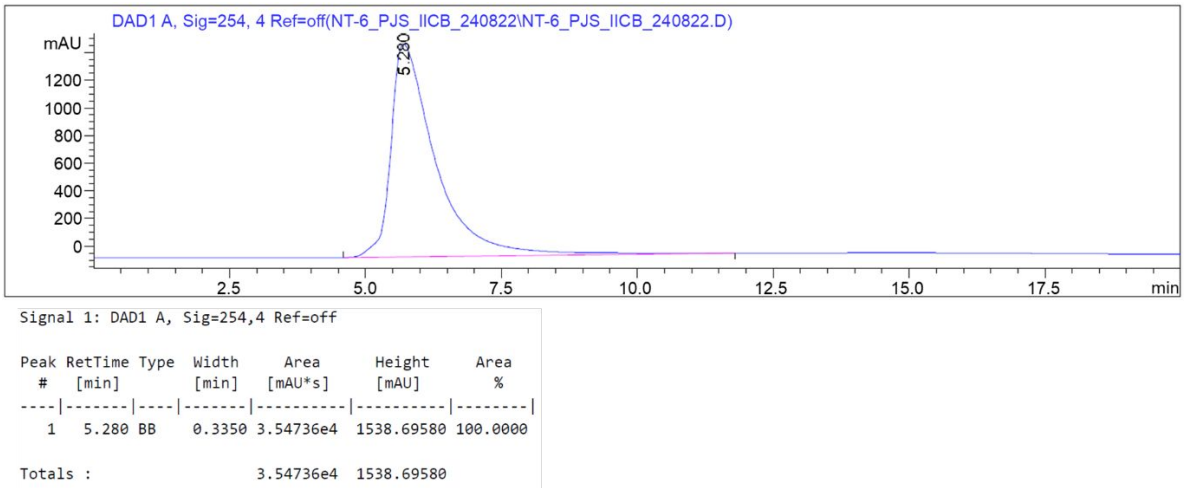


Figure S12. HPLC chromatogram of NT-06 peptide.

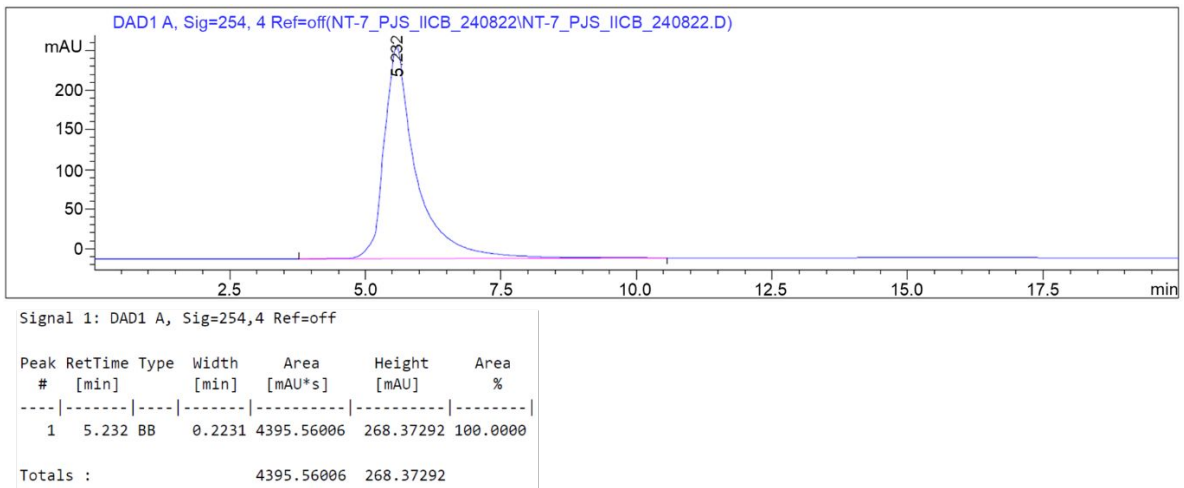


Figure S13. HPLC chromatogram of NT-07 peptide.

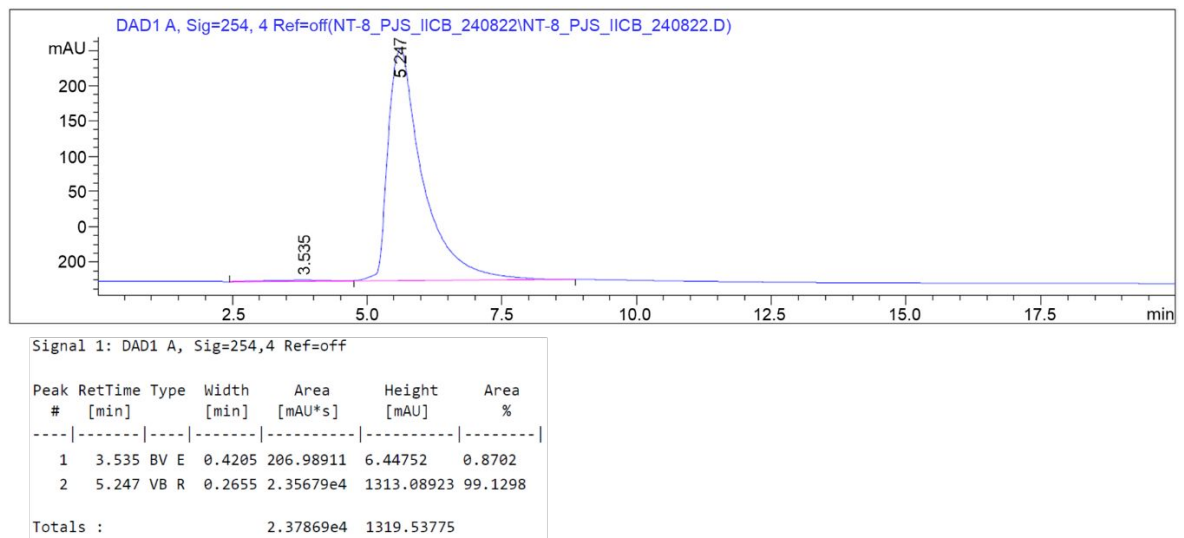


Figure S14. HPLC chromatogram of NT-08 peptide.

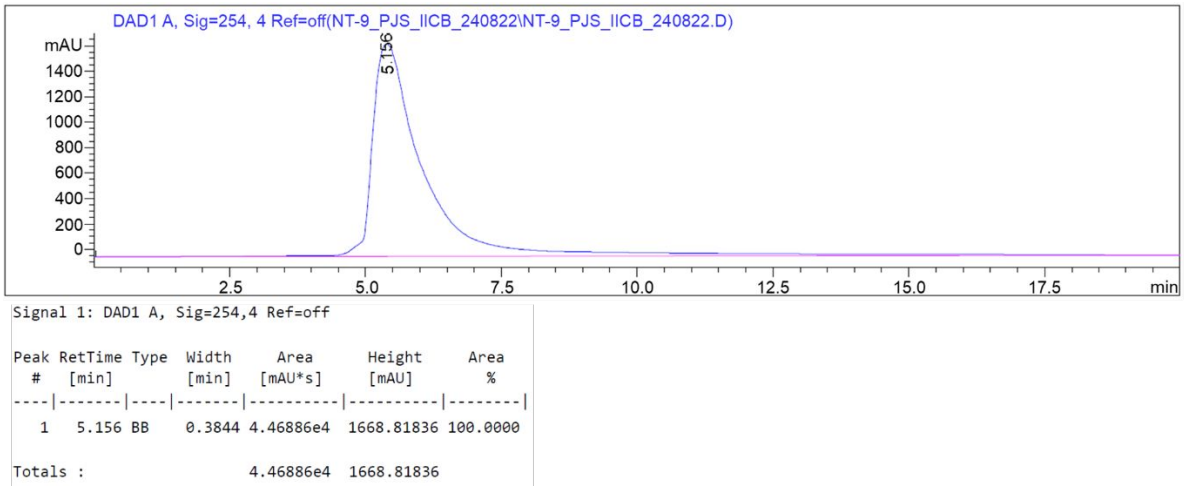


Figure S15. HPLC chromatogram of NT-09 peptide.

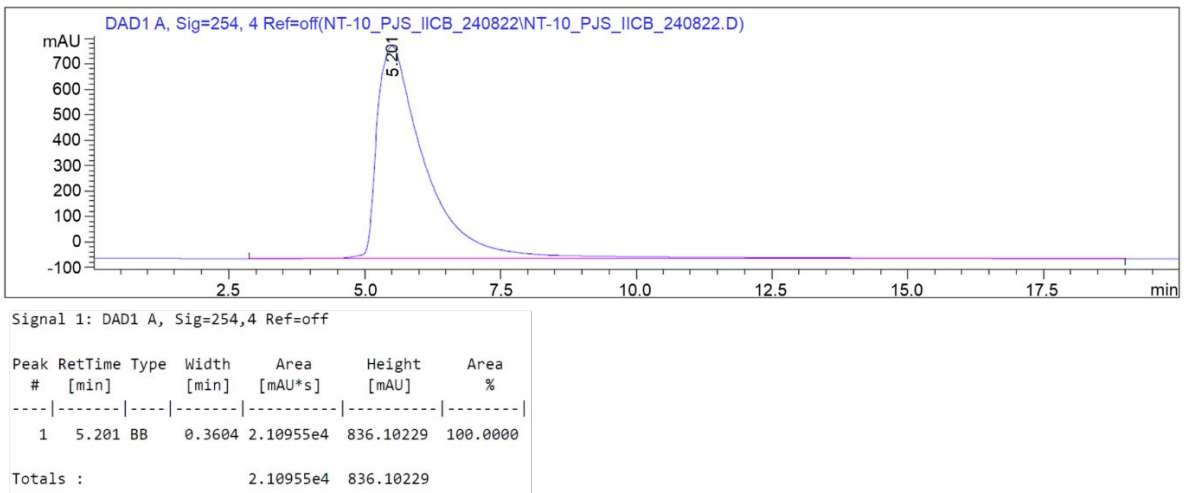


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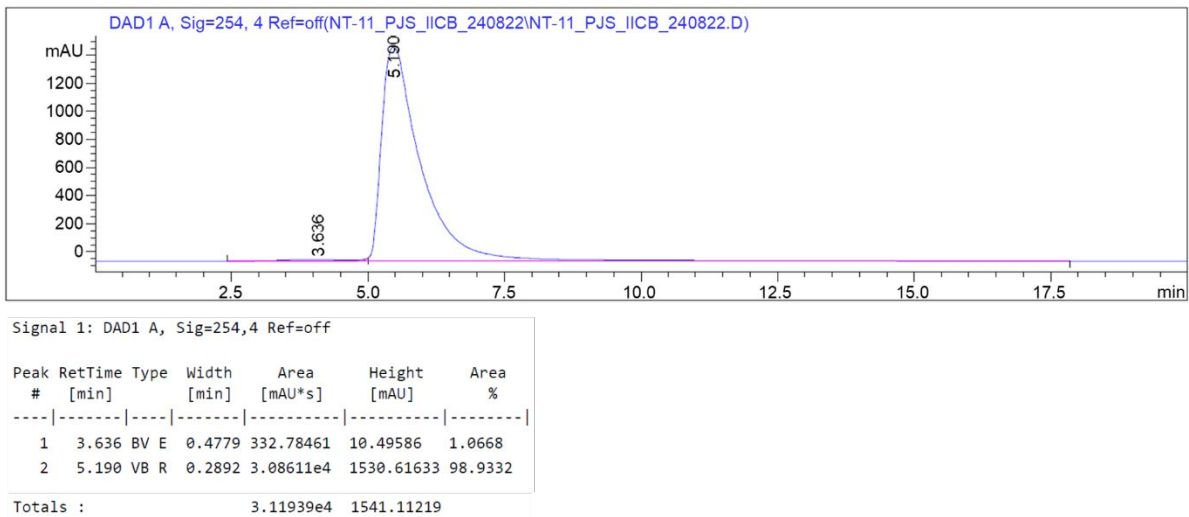


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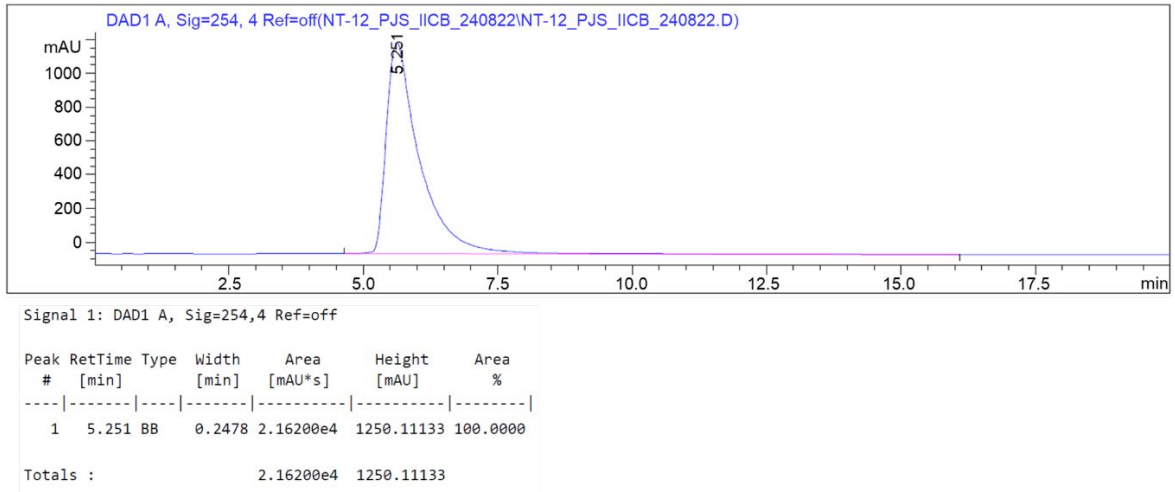


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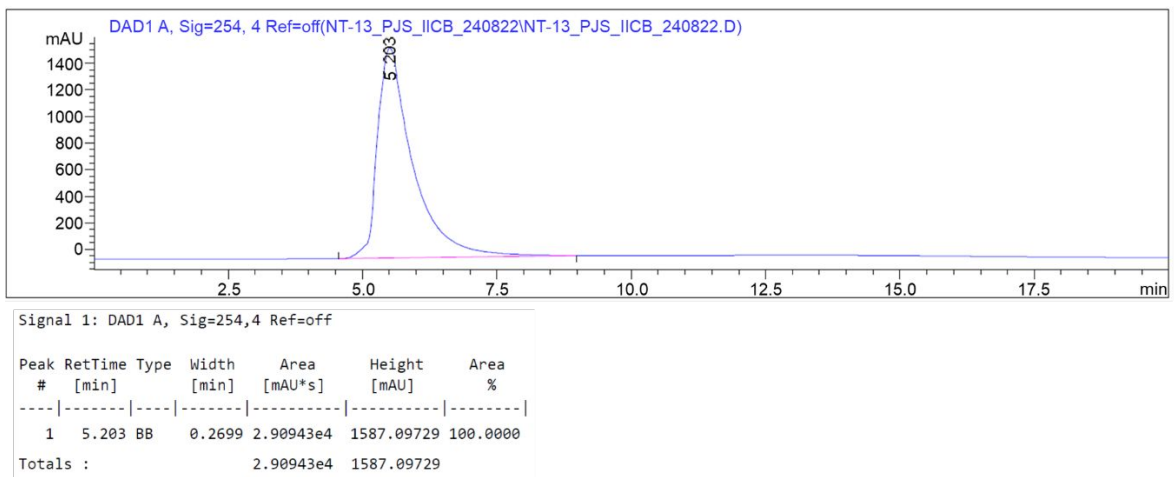


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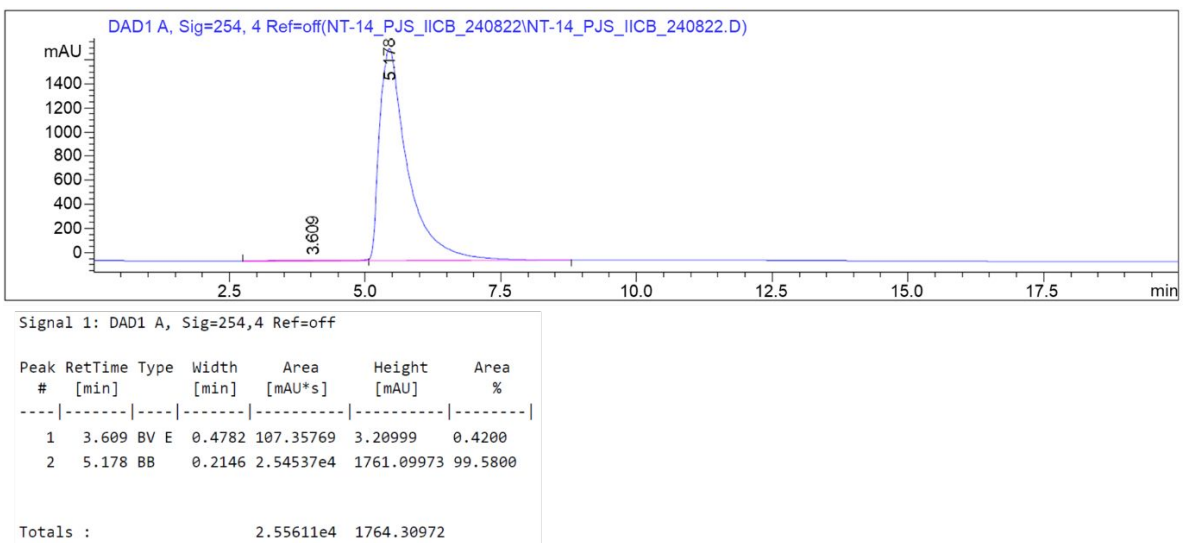


Figure S20. HPLC chromatogram of NT-14 peptide.

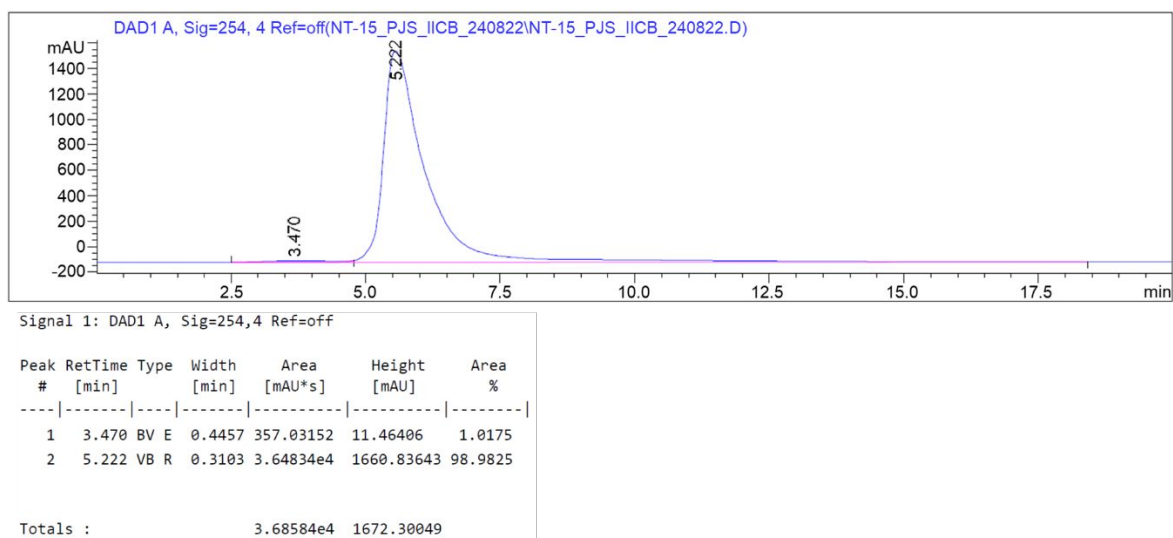


Figure S21. HPLC chromatogram of KLVFF peptide.

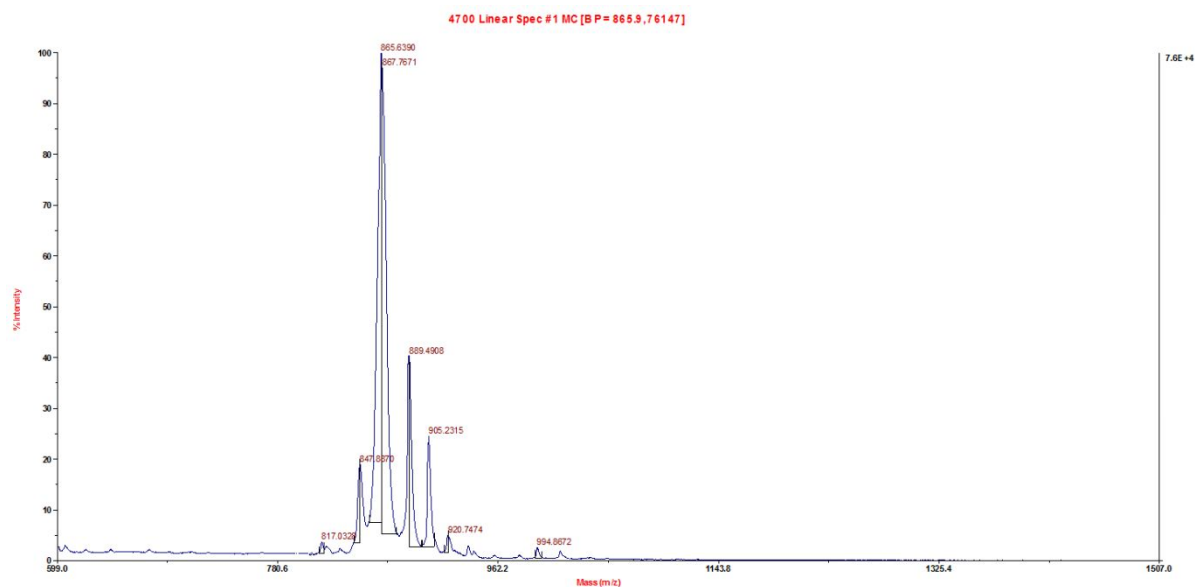


Figure S22. MALDI-mass spectrum of NT-01 (KLLFFAE) expected $m/z = 865.5062$ and observed $m/z = 865.6390$.

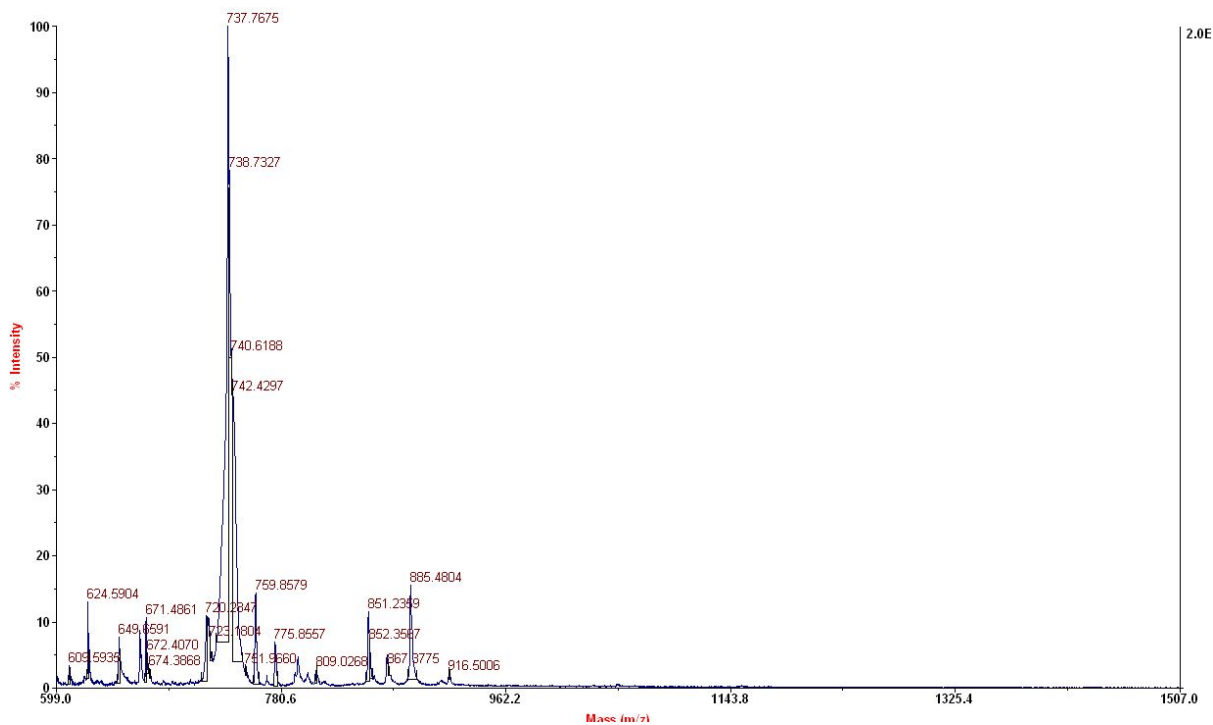


Figure S23. MALDI-mass spectrum of NT-02 (KLLFFA) expected $m/z = 736.4636$ and observed $m+H = 737.7675$.

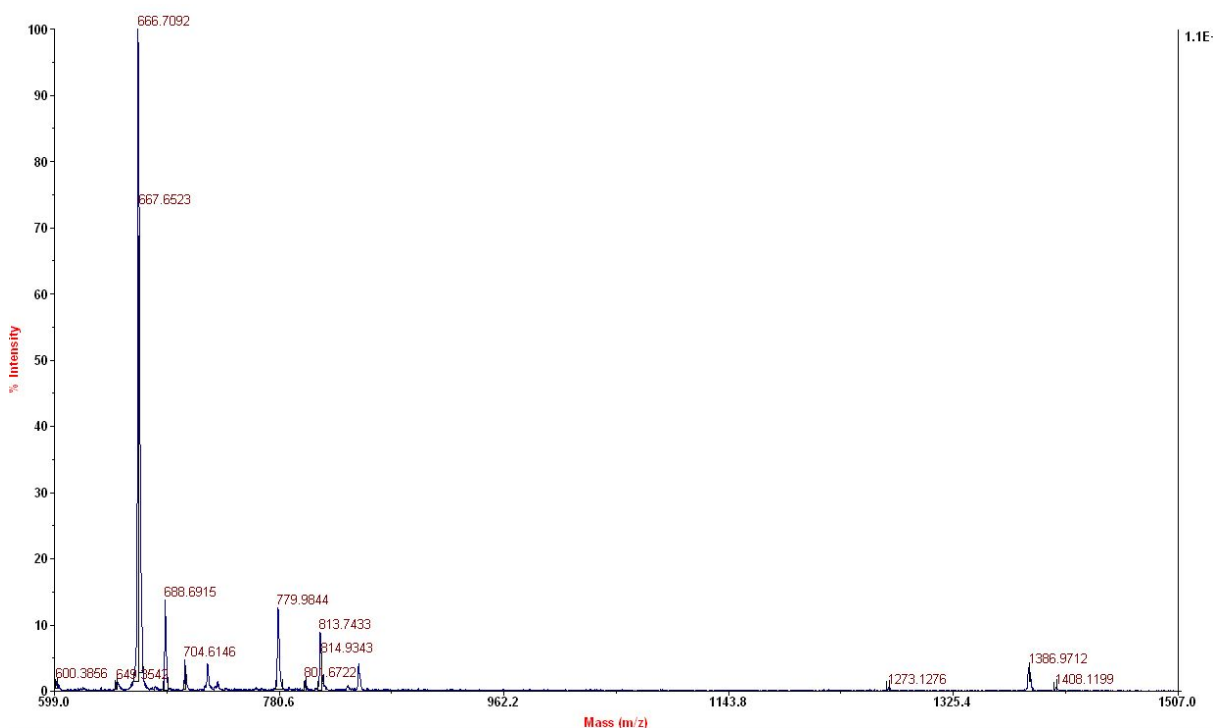


Figure S24. MALDI-mass spectrum of NT-03 (KLLFF) expected $m/z = 665.4265$ and observed $m+H = 666.7092$.

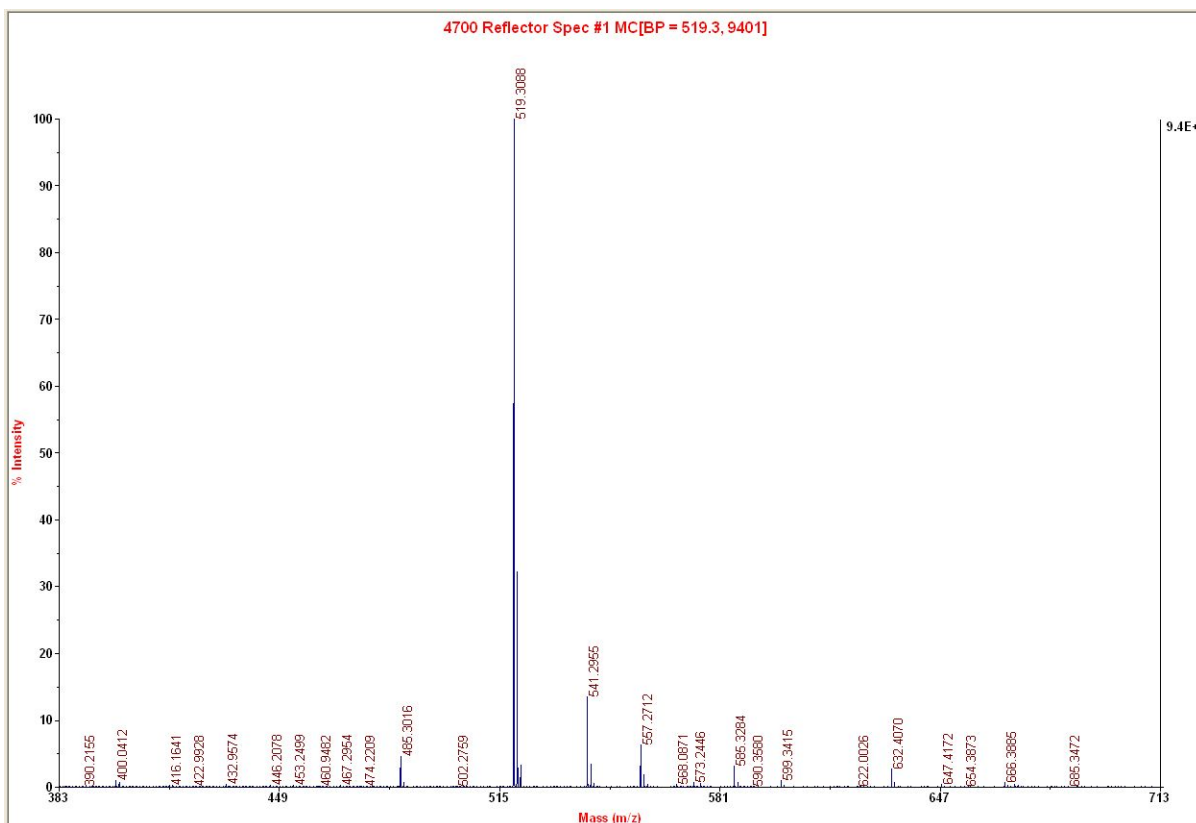


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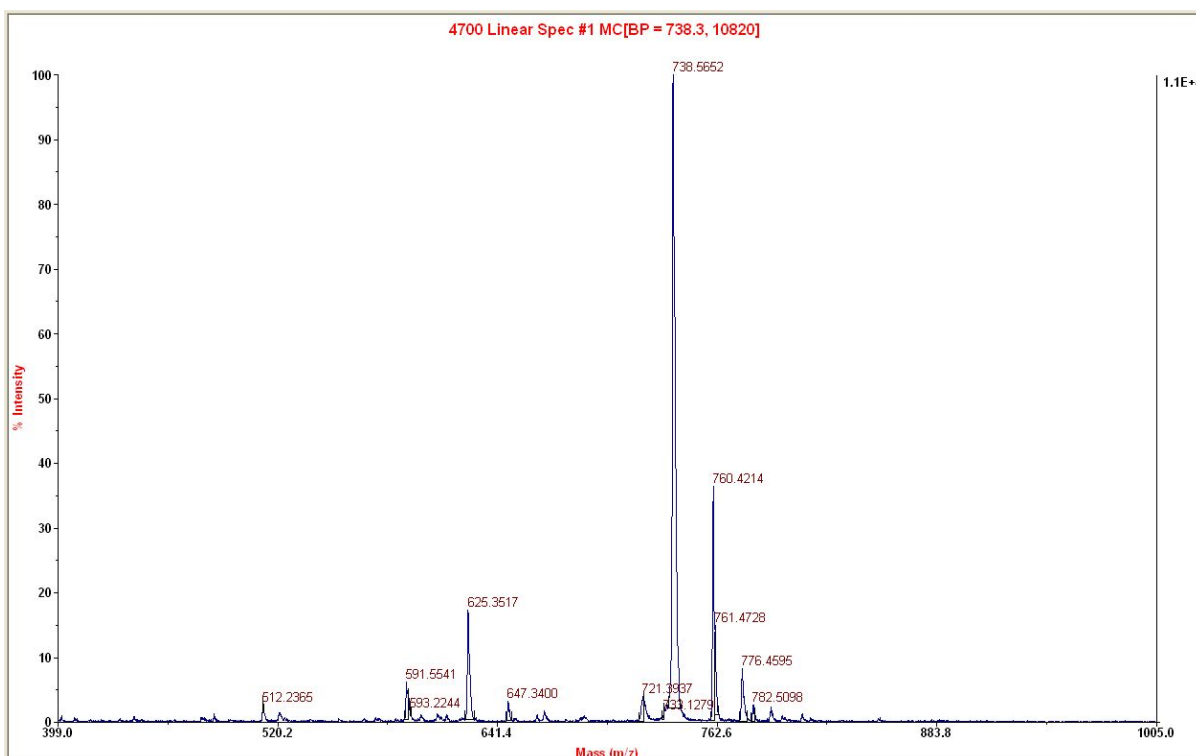


Figure S26. MALDI-mass spectrum of NT-05 (LLFFAE) expected $m/z = 737.4112$ and observed $m+H = 738.5652$.

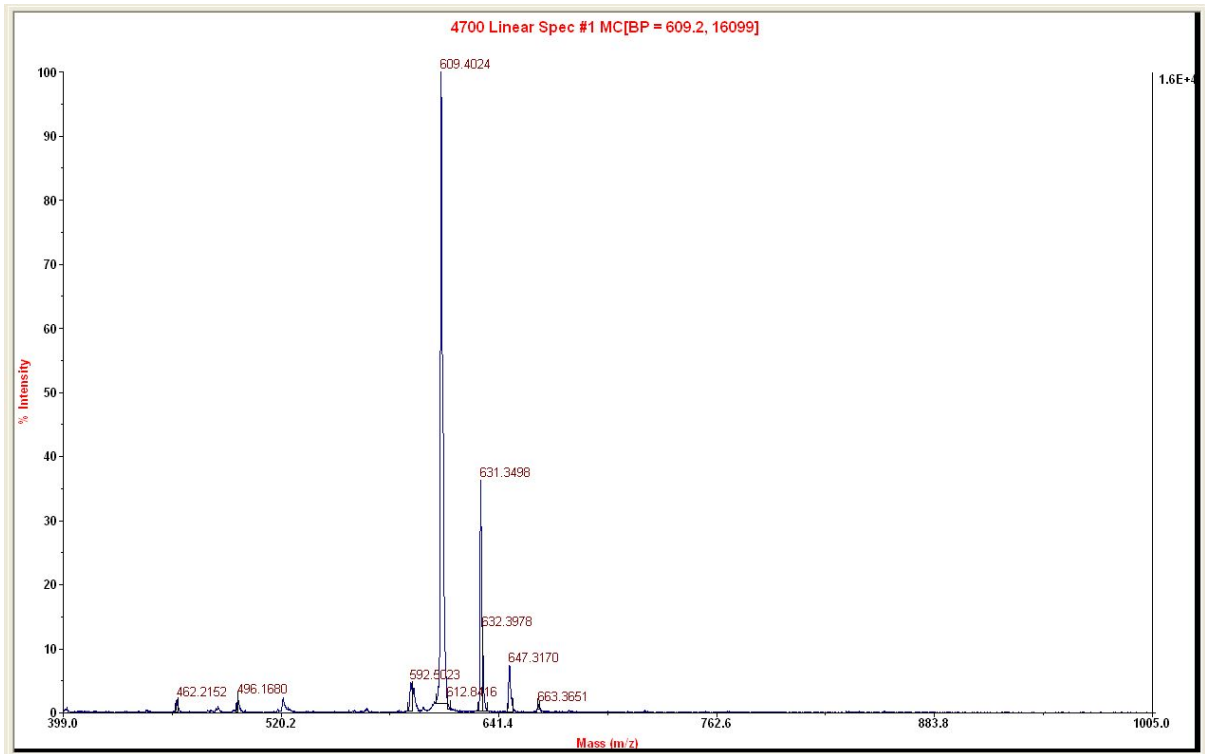


Figure S27. MALDI-mass spectrum of NT-06 (LLFFA) expected $m/z = 608.3686$ and observed $m+H = 609.4024$.

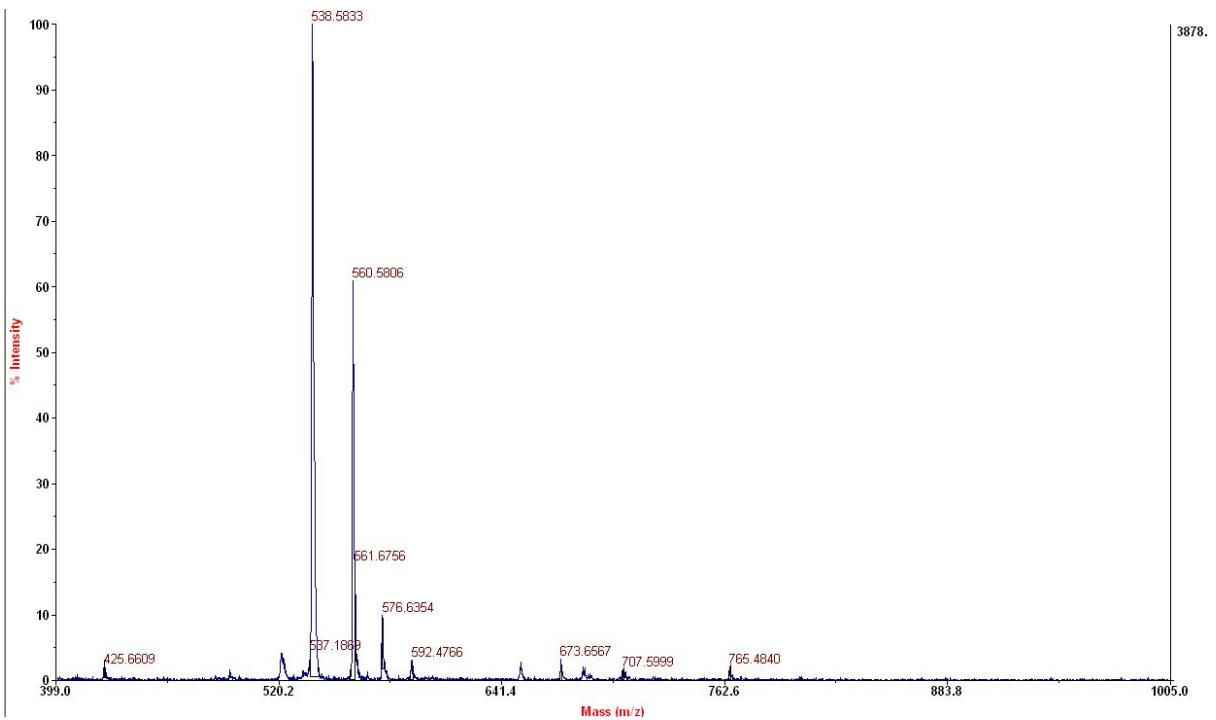


Figure S28. MALDI-mass spectrum of NT-07 (LLFF) expected $m/z = 537.3315$ and observed $m+H = 538.5833$.

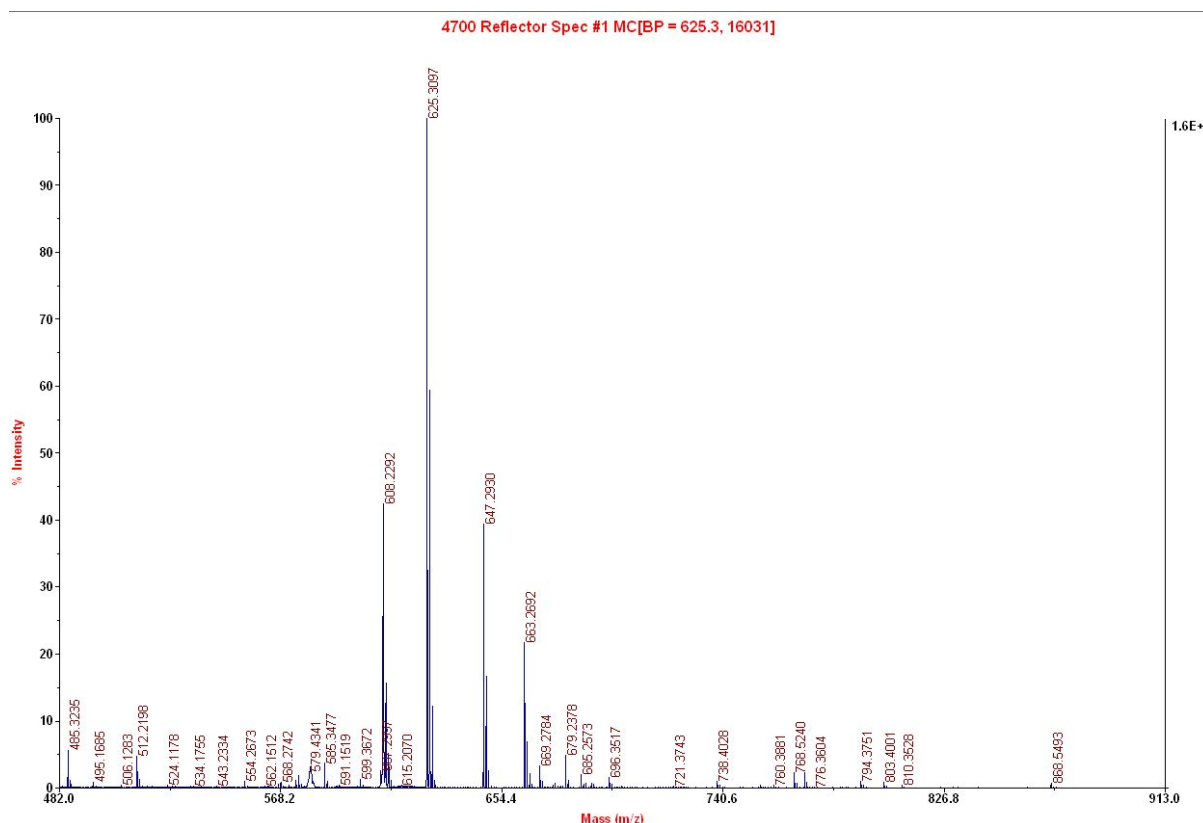


Figure S29. MALDI-mass spectrum of NT-08 (LFFAE) expected $m/z = 624.3271$ and observed $m+H = 625.3097$.

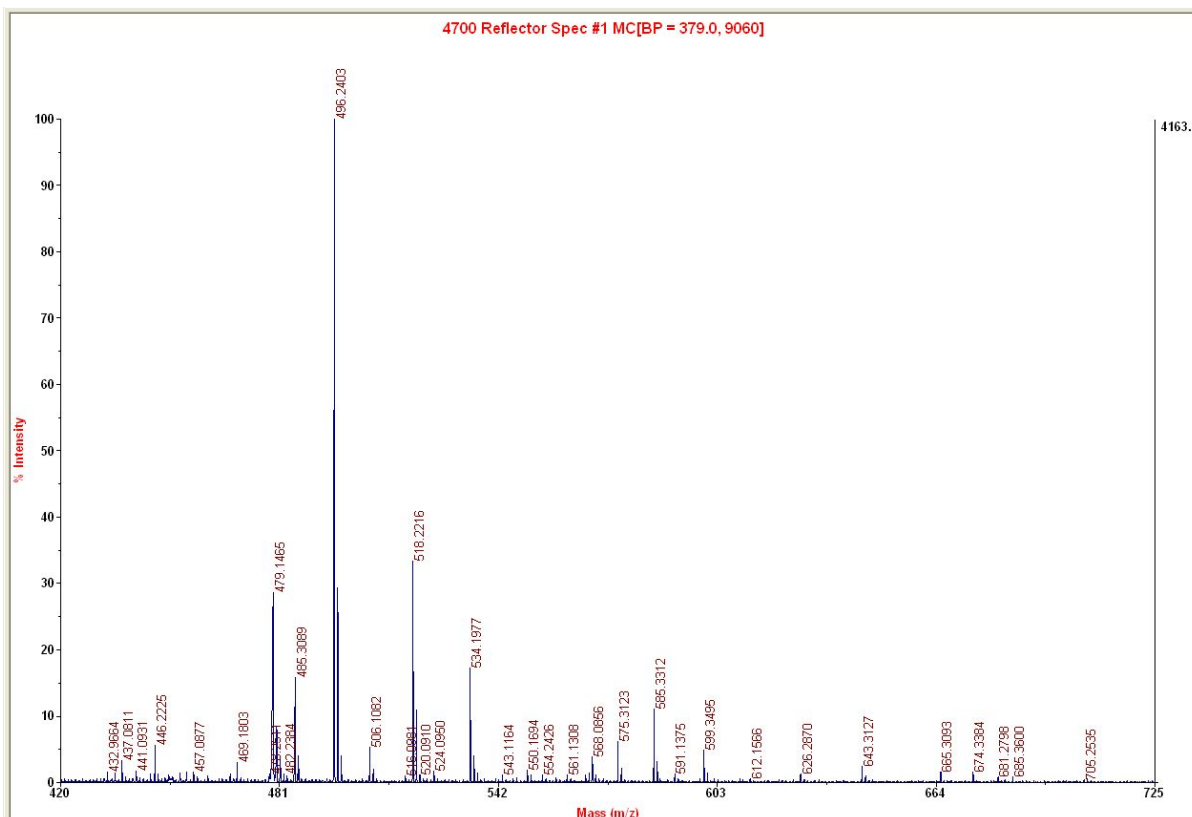


Figure S30. MALDI-mass spectrum of NT-09 (LFFA) expected $m/z = 495.2846$ and observed $m+H = 496.2403$.

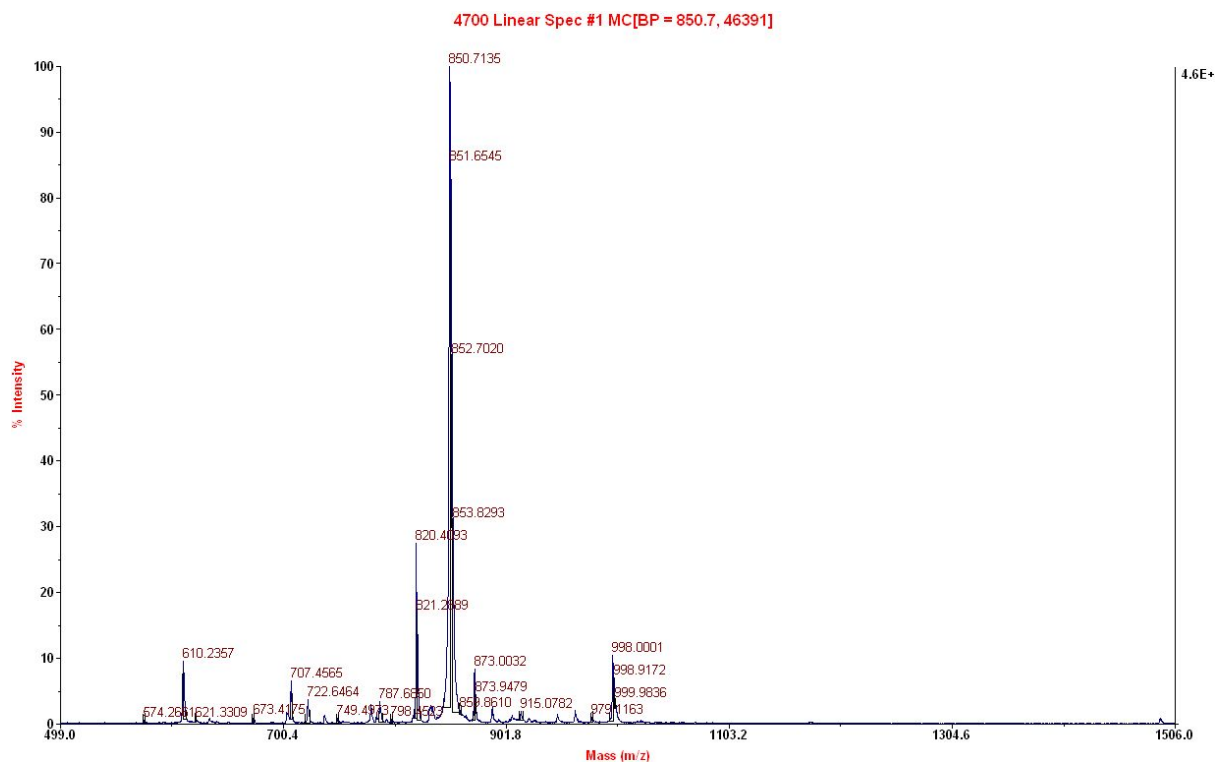


Figure S31. MALDI-mass spectrum of NT-10 (KLPFFAE) expected $m/z = 849.4749$ and observed $m+H = 850.7135$.

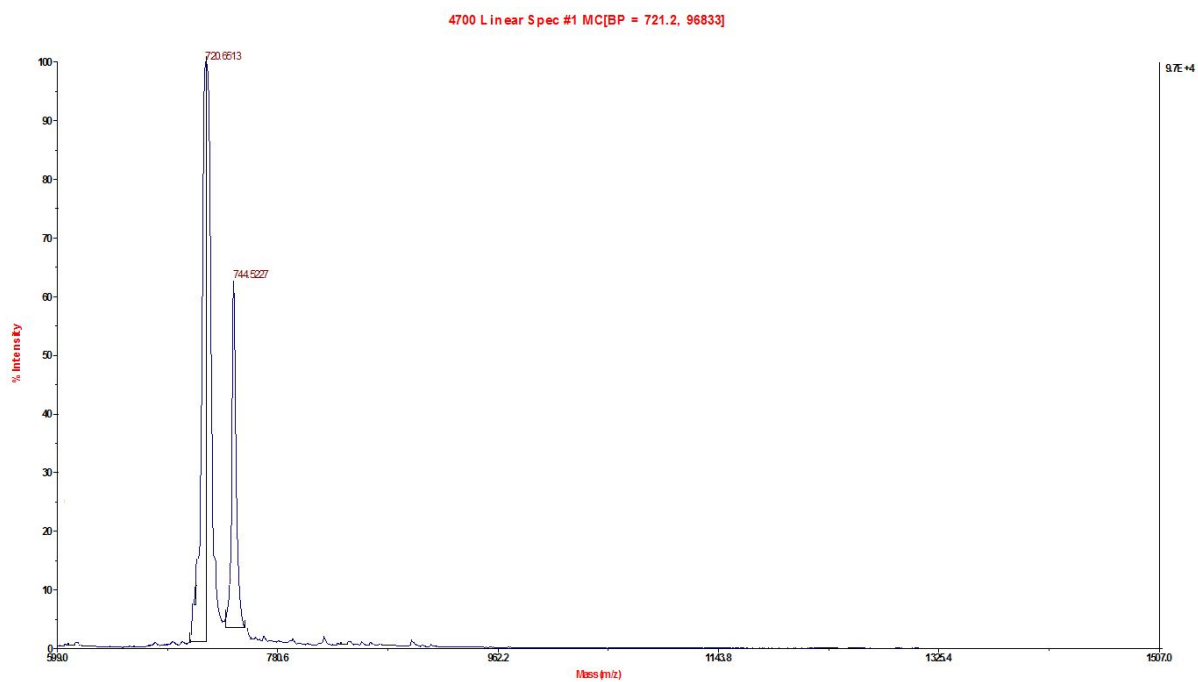


Figure S32. MALDI-mass spectrum of NT-11 KLPFFA expected $m/z = 720.4323$ and observed $m/z = 720.6613$.

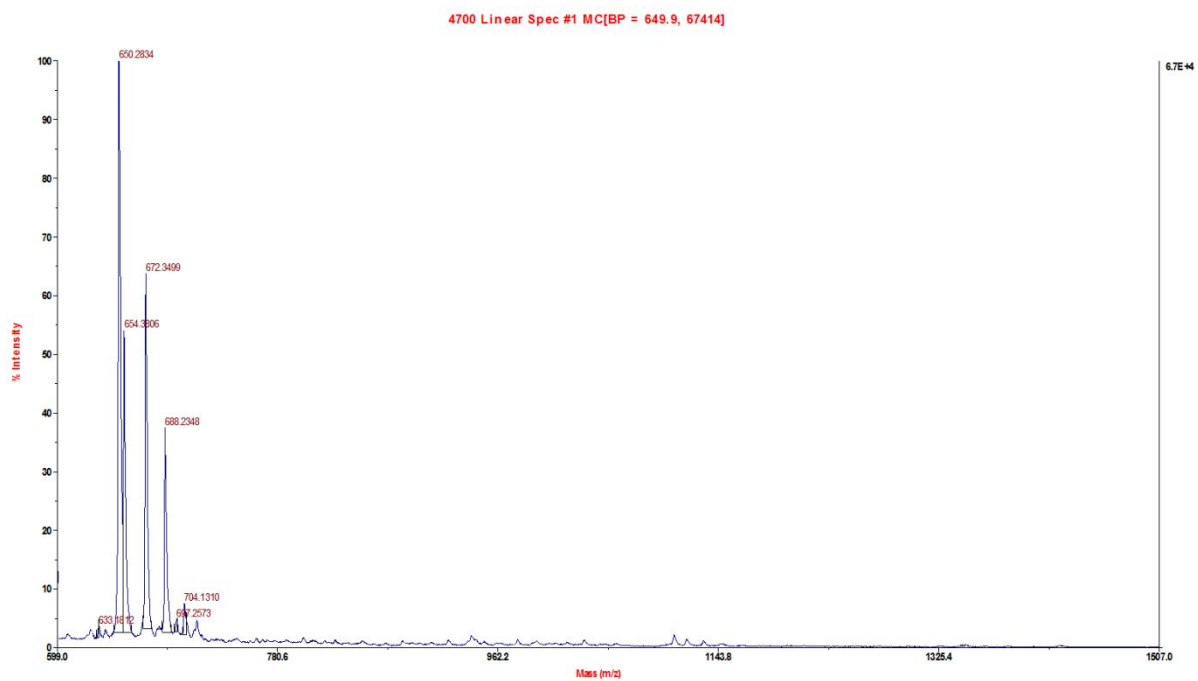


Figure S33. MALDI-mass spectrum of NT-12 KLPFF expected $m/z = 649.3952$ and observed $m+H = 650.2834$.

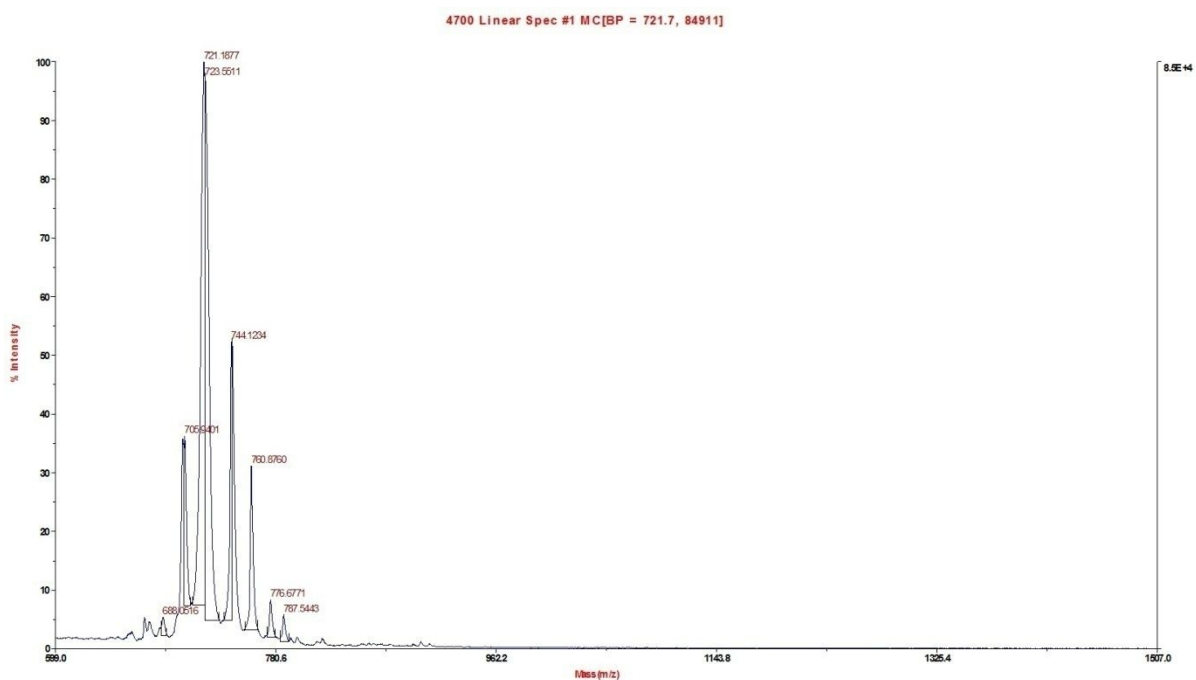


Figure S34. MALDI-mass spectrum of NT-13 LPFFAE expected $m/z = 721.3799$ and observed $m/z = 721.1677$

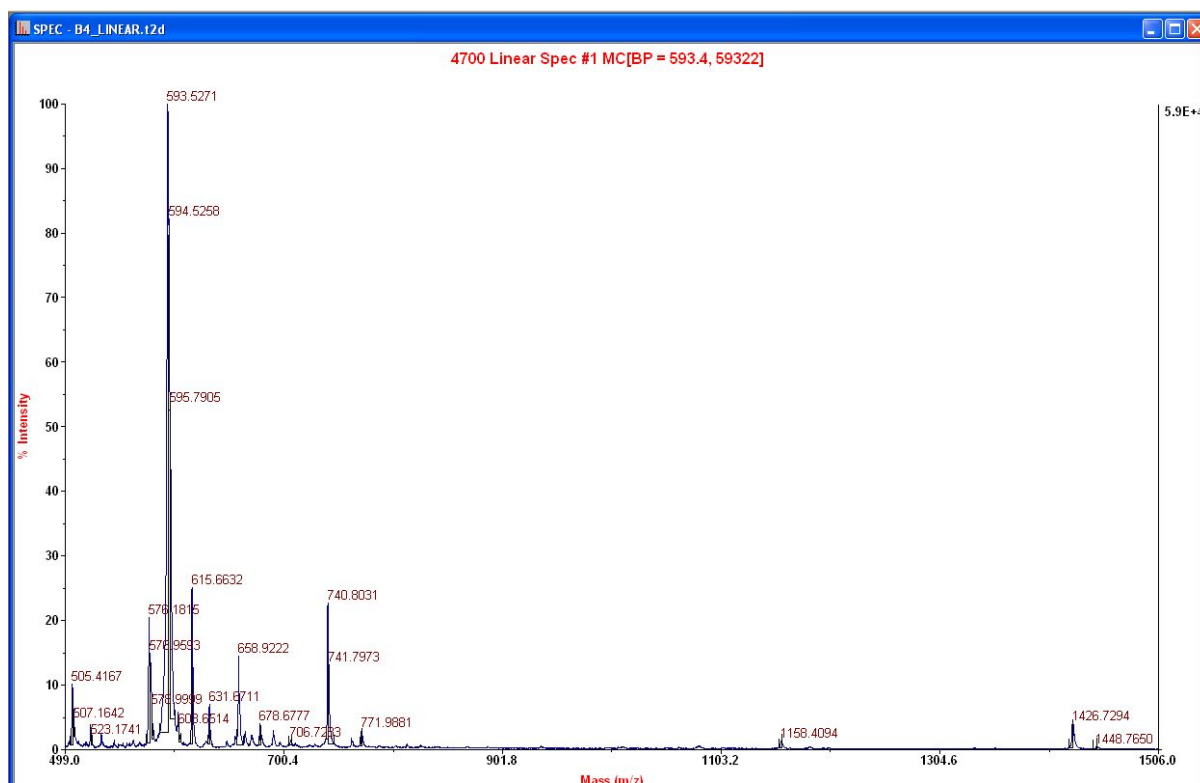


Figure S35. MALDI-mass spectrum of NT-14 KLLFFA expected $m/z = 592.3373$ and observed $m+H = 593.5271$.

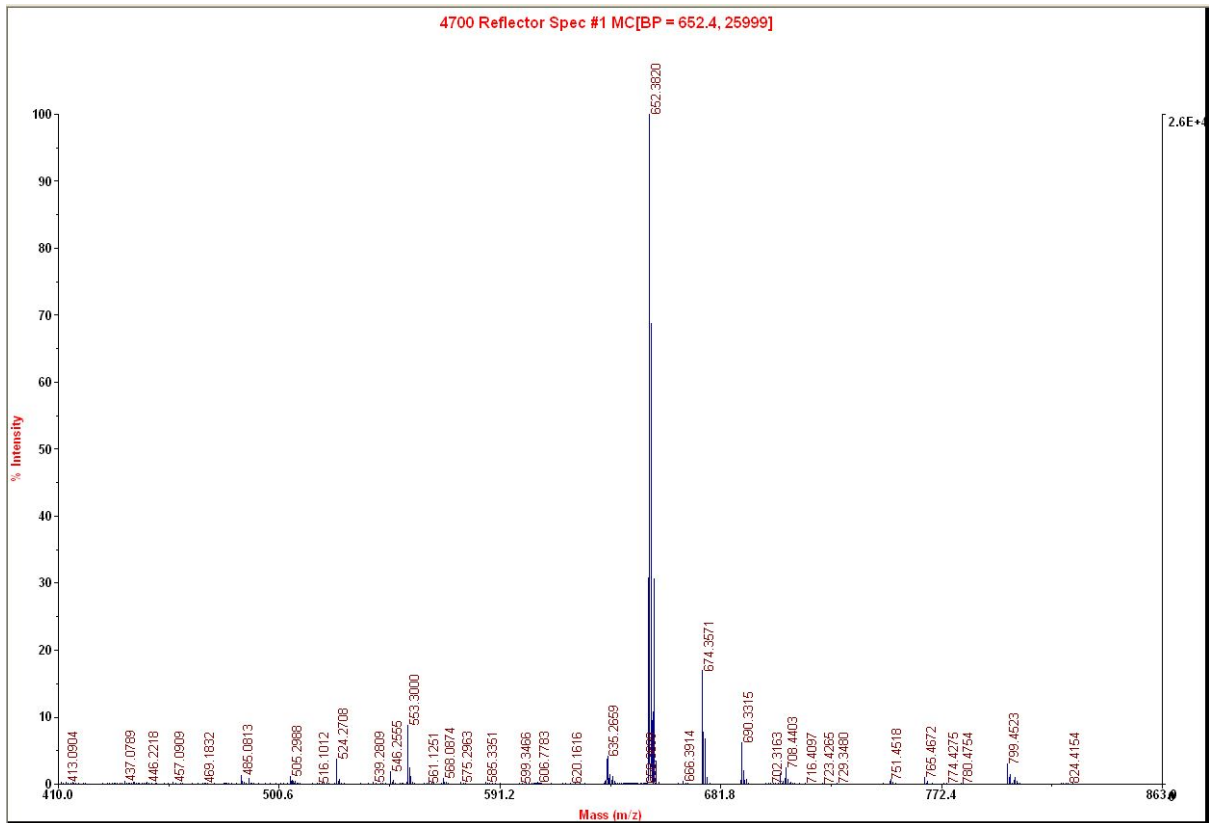


Figure S36. MALDI-mass spectrum of KLVFF expected $m/z = 651.4108$ and observed $m+H = 652.3820$.

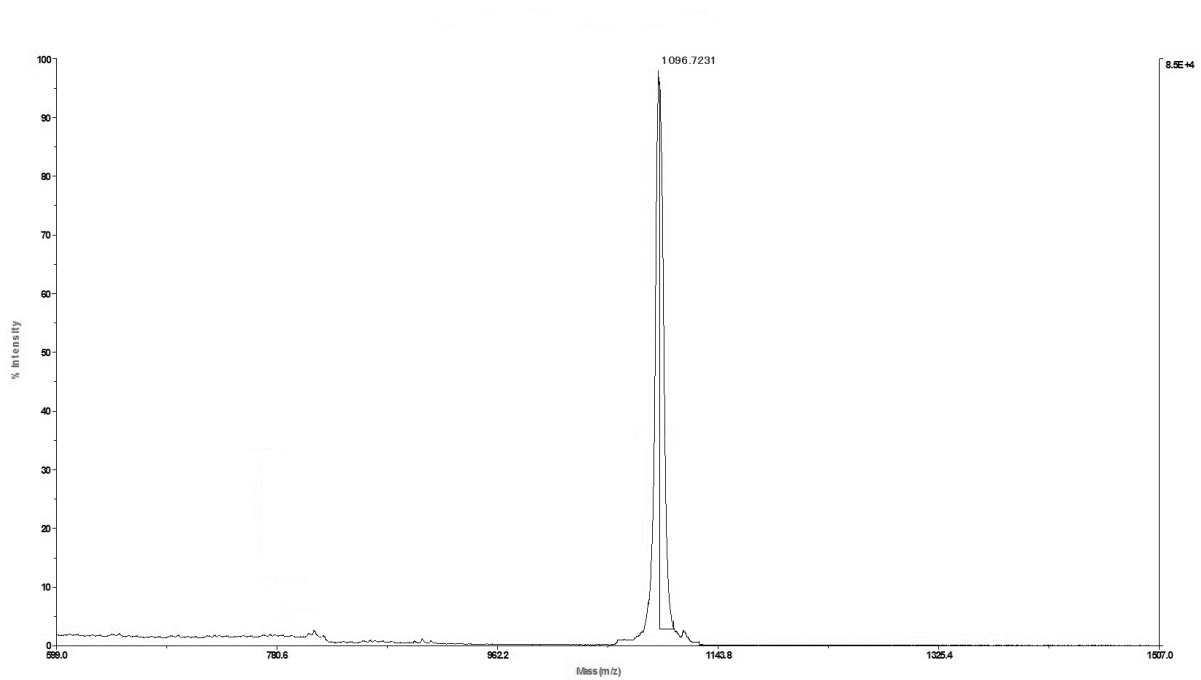


Figure S37. MALDI-mass spectrum of FITC attached NT-02 peptide expected $m/z = 1095.4953$ and observed $m+H = 1096.7231$.

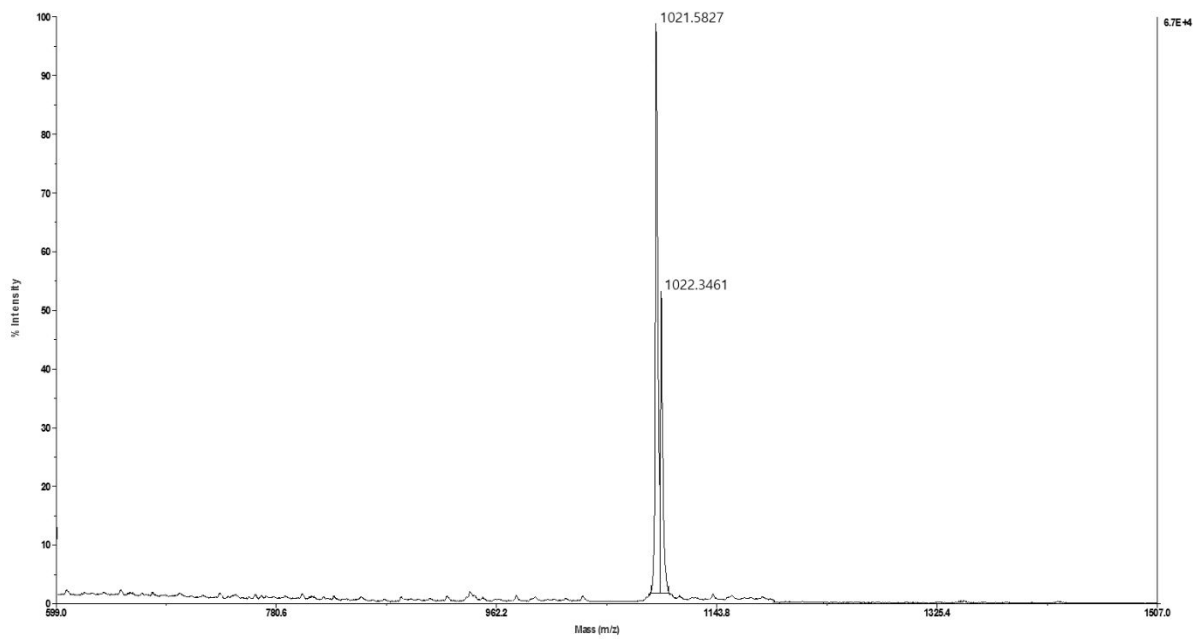


Figure S38. MALDI-mass spectrum of FITC attached NT-03 expected $m/z = 1023.4742$ and observed $m/z = 1022.3461$.

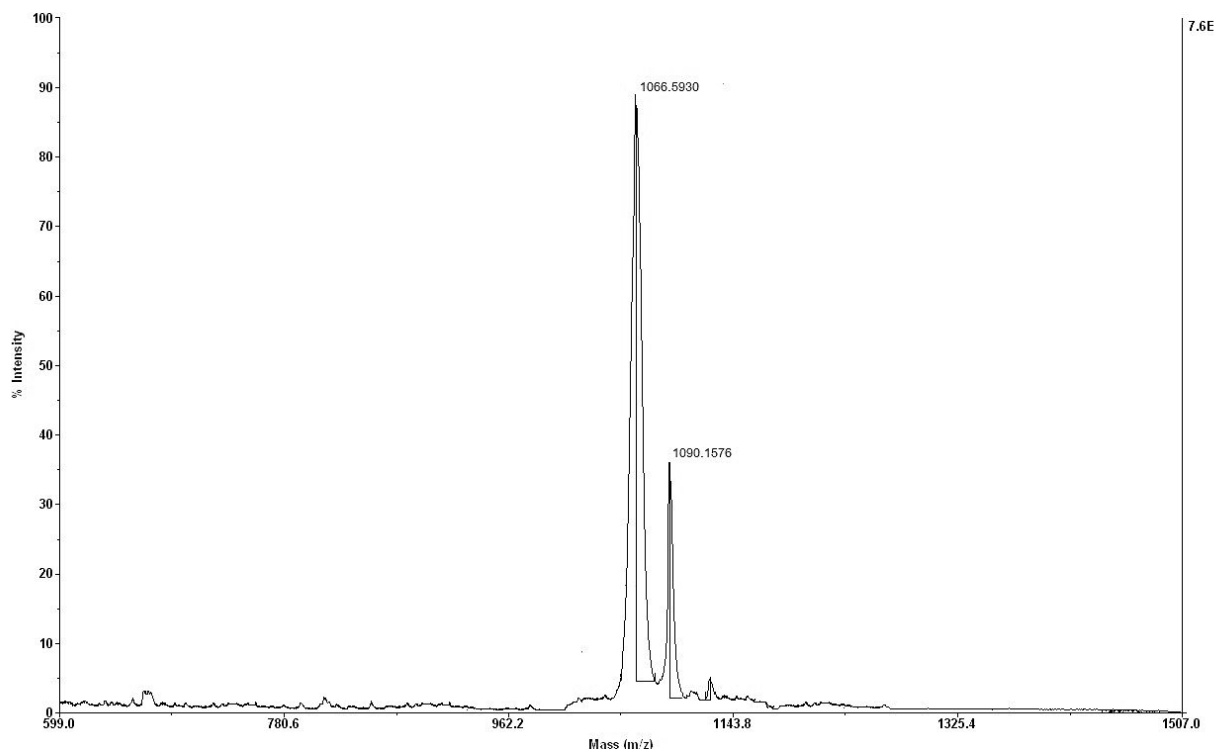


Figure S39. MALDI-mass spectrum of FITC attached NT-13 expected $m/z = 1065.4120$ and observed $m+H = 1066.5930$ and $m+Na = 1090.1576$.

Spectrum Plot Report

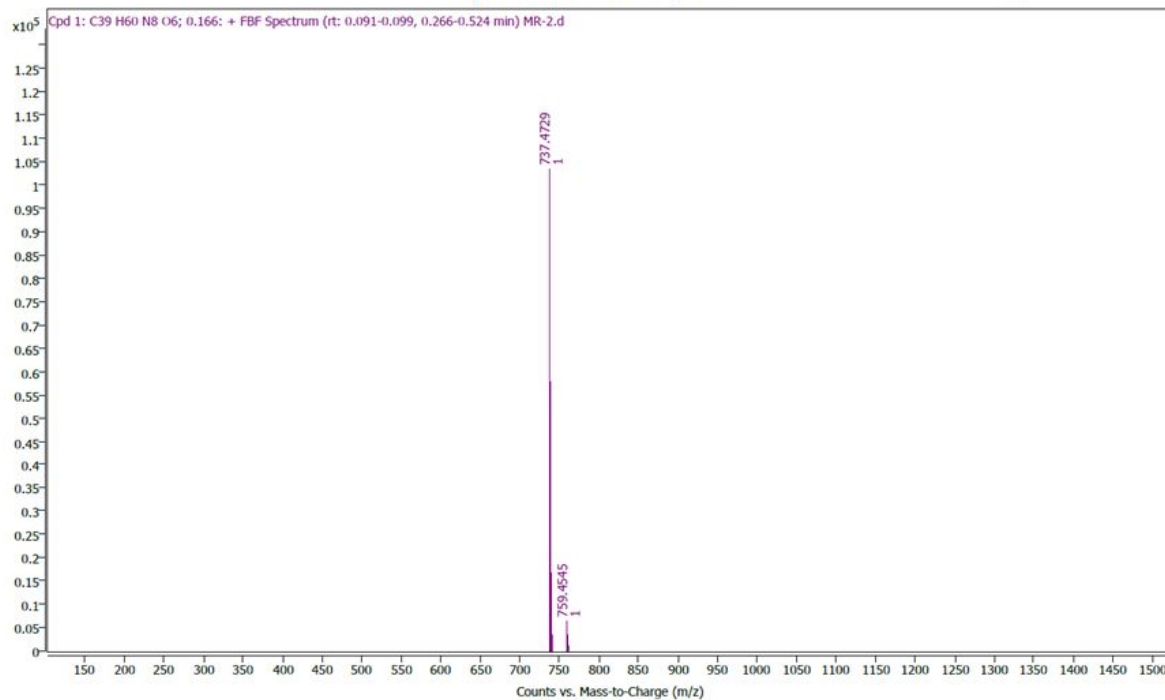


Figure S40. HRMS mass spectrum of NT-02 (KLLFFA) expected $m/z = 736.4636$ and observed $m+H = 737.4729$ and $m+Na = 759.4545$.

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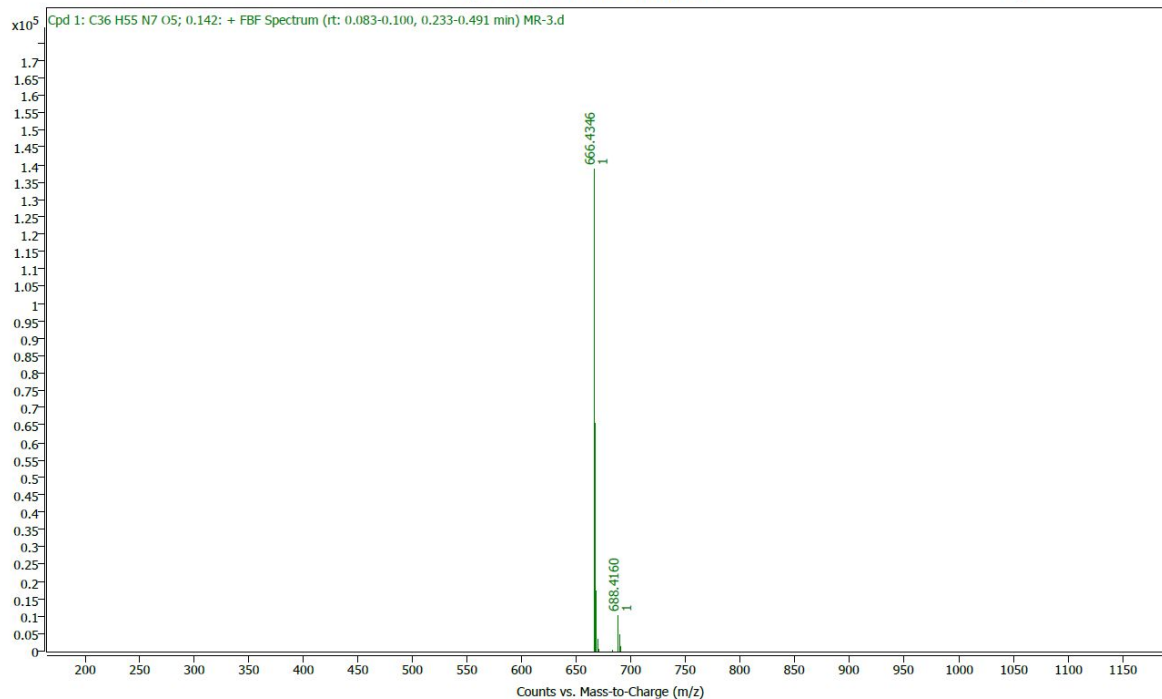


Figure S41. HRMS mass spectrum of NT-03 (KLLFF) expected $m/z = 665.2465$ and observed $m+H = 666.4346$ and $m+Na = 688.4160$.

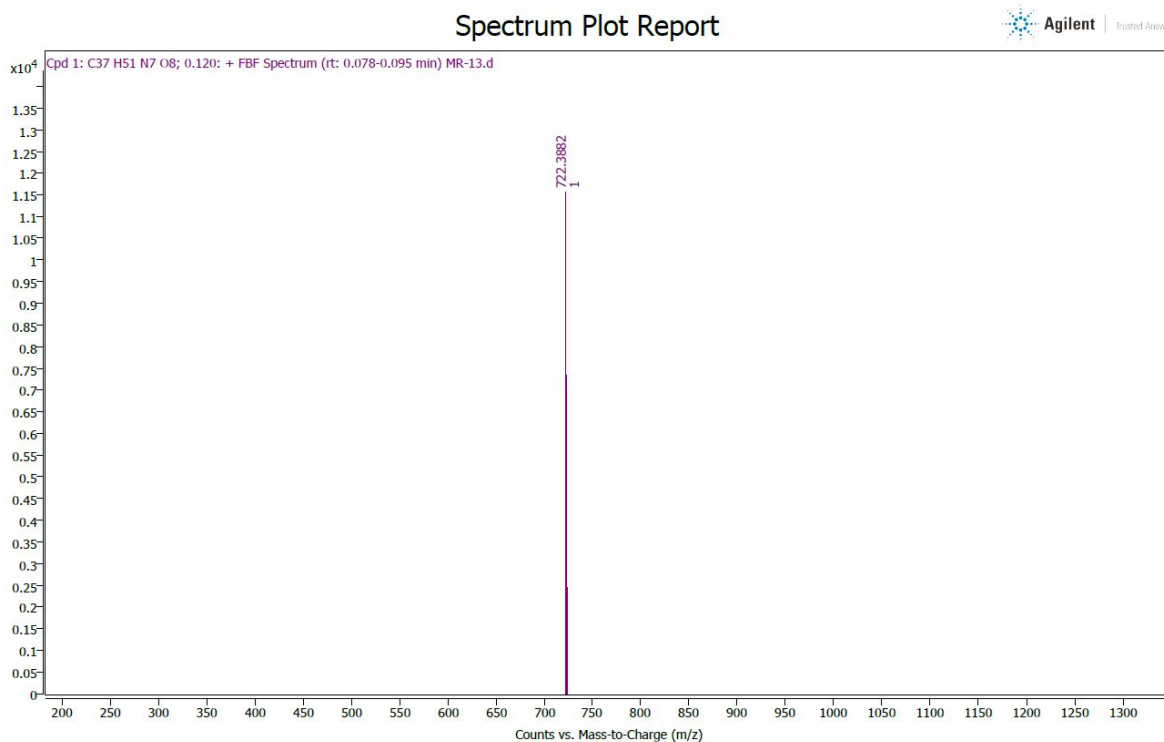


Figure S42. The HRMS mass spectrum of NT-13 (LPFFAE) expected $m/z = 721.3799$ and observed $m+H = 722.3882$.

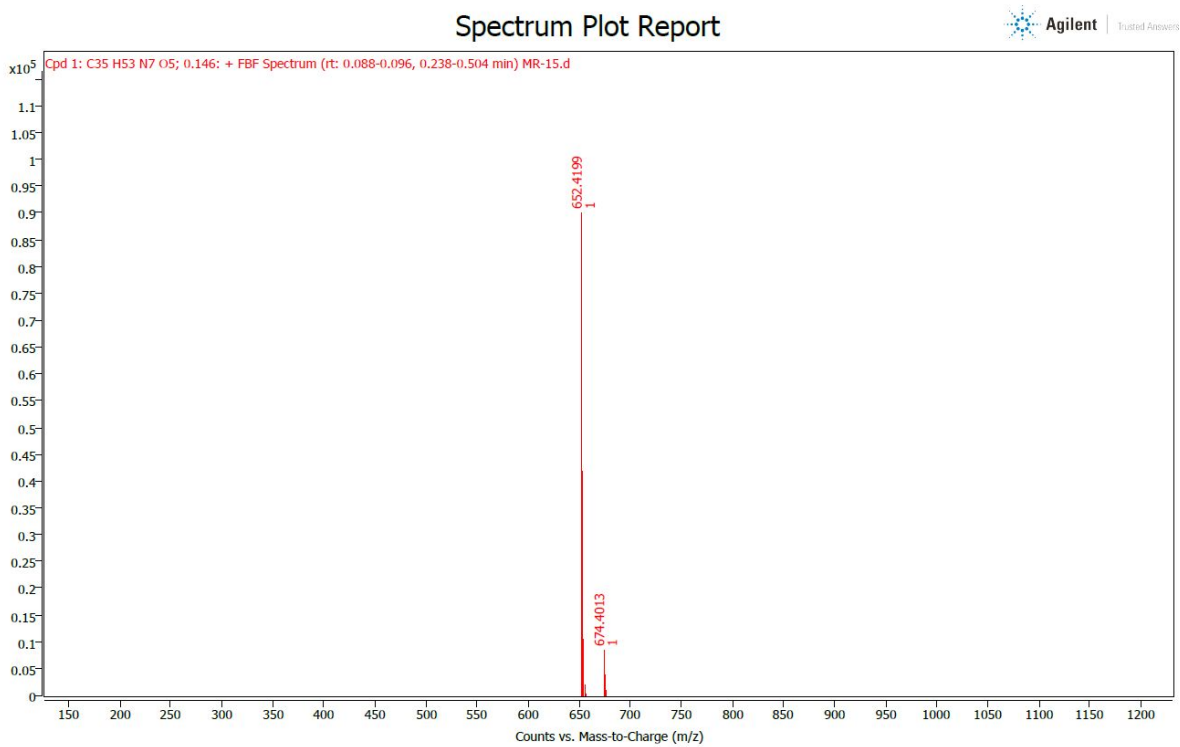


Figure S43. HRMS mass spectrum of KLVFF expected $m/z = 651.4108$ and observed $m+H = 652.4199$.