

## *Supplementary Material*

# **Antibiotic synergist OM19r Reverses Aminoglycoside Resistance in Multidrug-Resistant *Escherichia coli***

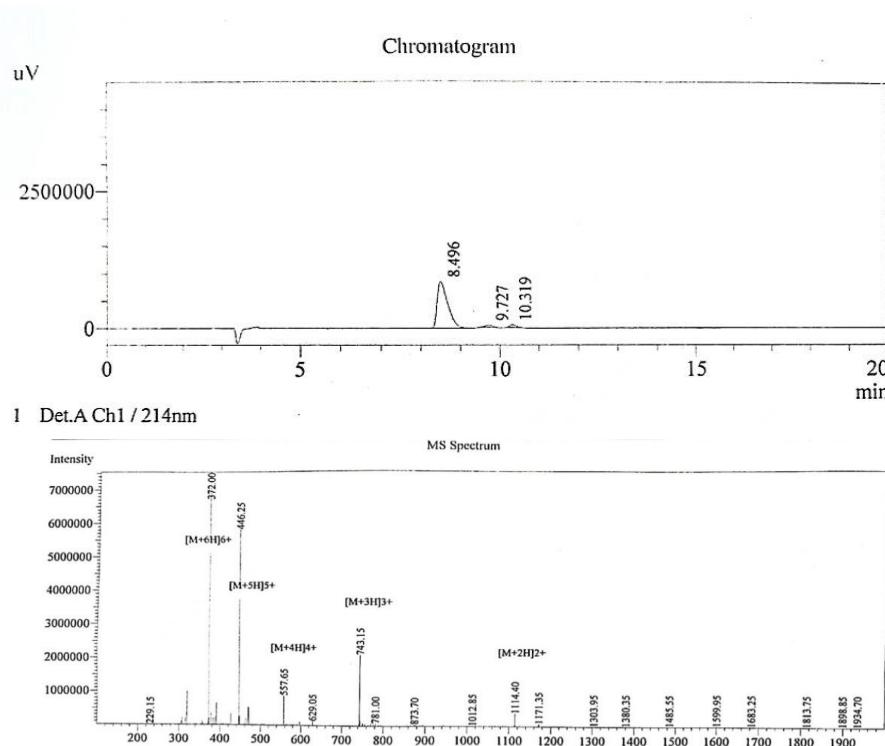
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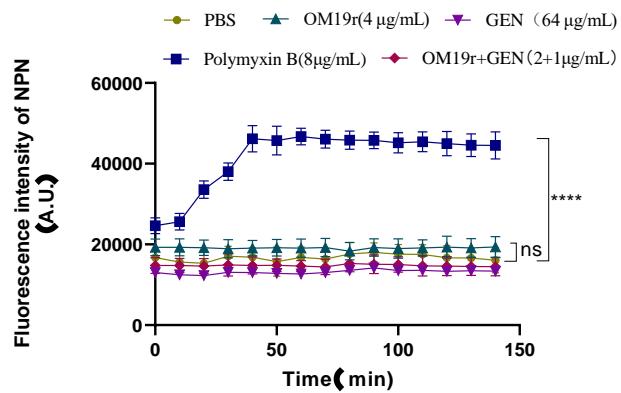
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## **1 Supplementary Figures and Tables**

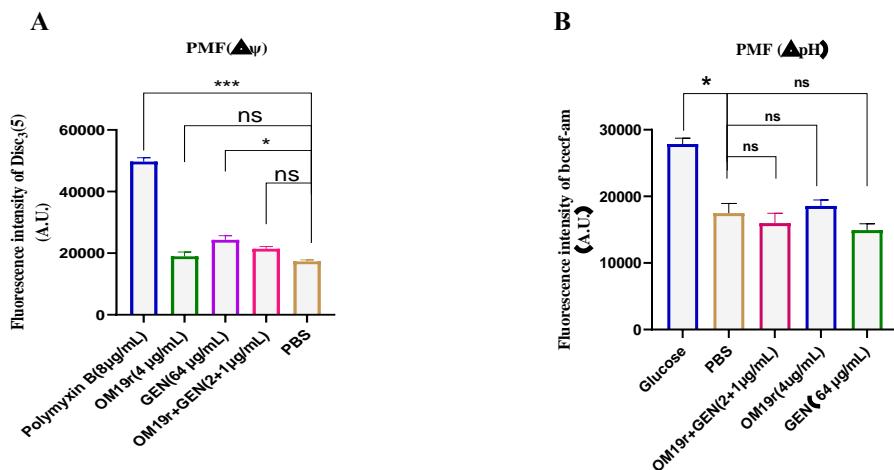
### **1.1 Supplementary Figures**



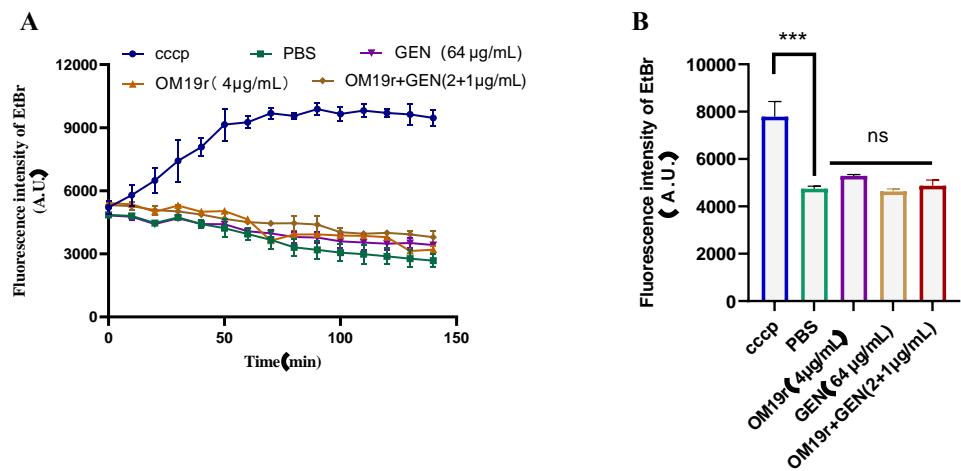
**Figure. S1** The synthetic mass spectrum of antimicrobial peptide OM19r



**Figure. S2** Outer membrane permeability dynamics probed by NPN. All experiments were performed as three biologically independent experiments and mean  $\pm$  SD are shown. P-values were determined using an unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test.



**Figure S3. Effect of OM19r combined with GEN on PMF of *E. coli* B2.** A, Dynamic changes in  $\Delta\phi$  of *E. coli* B2 were determined by 3, 3-dipropylthiodicyanide dis3 (5). B, Dynamic changes in  $\Delta\text{pH}$  of *E. coli* B2 were determined by BCECF-AM. Graphs showed the mean of three biological replicates, P-values were determined using an unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test.



**Figure S4. Effect of OM19r combined with GEN on Efflux pump of *E. coli* B2.** A, Dynamic changes in Efflux pump of *E. coli* B2 were determined by EtBr, fluorescence intensity was detected every 10 minutes for 150 minutes. B, Dynamic changes in Efflux pump of *E. coli* B2 were determined by EtBr at 30 min. Graphs showed the mean of three biological replicates, P-values were determined using an unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test.

## 1.2 Supplementary Tables

**Table S1. MIC of different antimicrobial peptides against *E. coli* ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )**

Antimicrobial peptide	<i>E. coli</i> ATCC25922	<i>E. coli</i> B2
OM19r	1	4
OM19R	1	4
MB7R	2	4
MB19	2	4
LR <sub>PG</sub>	2	8
LR <sub>GG</sub>	2	4
LR <sub>α</sub>	2	4

**Table S2. FIC of different antimicrobial peptides combined with gentamicin against *E. coli* B2( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )**

Antimicrobial peptide	FIC
OM19r	0.156
OM19R	0.425
MB7R	1
MB19	1
LR <sub>PG</sub>	0.5
LR <sub>GG</sub>	0.5
LR <sub>α</sub>	0.375

**Table S3. MIC of hybrid antimicrobial peptides against *E. coli* ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )**

Antimicrobial peptide	Sequence	<i>E. coli</i> ATCC25922	<i>E. coli</i> B2
MDAP-2	SRDSRPVQPRVQPPPPPKQKPSIYDTPIRRPGRKTMYA	128	64
Oncocin	<b>VDKPPYLPRPRPPIRRPGGR-NH2</b>	8	8
OM19R	VDKPPYLPRPRPPIRRPGGR-NH2	1	4
OM19r	VDKPPYLPRPRPIR <sub>r</sub> PGGr-NH2	1	4

**Table S4. Antibacterial effect of OM19r combined with 5 antibiotics on *E. coli* B2**

Antibiotics	Action site	Combination MIC ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )	MIC Breakpoints ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )	Combined FIC
ceftriaxone	cell wall	256 (R)	4	1
enrofloxacin	DNA gyrase	128 (R)	1	1
tetracycline	30S ribosome	32 (R)	16	0.5
rifampicin	RNA polymerase	64 (R)	16	0.75
flufenicol	50S ribosome	64 (R)	32	0.75
gentamicin	30S ribosome	2 (S)	16	0.156

Note: R: resistant, S: sensitive

**Table S5. Resistance spectrum of multidrug-resistant Gram-negative bacteria selected in this study**

**Table S6. Antibacterial effect of OM19r combined with different aminoglycosides against drug-resistant *E. coli* B2**

Antibiotic	MIC <sup>a</sup> (µg/mL)	FIC index	MIC <sup>b</sup> with OM19r (µg/mL)	Potentiation (fold) <sup>c</sup>
kanamycin	512	0.375	2	256
gentamicin	64	0.157	1	64
streptomycin	256	0.188	2	128
tobramycin	64	0.375	4	64
spectinomycin	512	0.375	2	256

a/b MICs of antibiotic in the absence or presence of 0.5×MIC OM19r .

c Degree of antibiotic potentiation in the presence of 0.5×MIC OM19r.

**Table S7. Molecular docking results**

Antimicrobial agents	Receptor	Binding Energy (kcal/mol)	Ligand RMSD (Å)
OM19r	SbmA	-262.92	204.09
OM19r	ribosome	-115.33	242.11
GEN	ribosome	-140.8	288.83