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Data collection

MALDI-TOF MS data was collected on Bruker flexControl 3.4. Next generation sequencing data was collected on Illumina MiSeq Control Software 2.4.1.3. HPLC/UPLC data was collected on Shimadzu LabSolutions 5.99. SPR data was collected on Cytiva Biacore T200 Control Software 2.0.1. LC/MS data was collected on Waters MassLynx 4.2.

Data analysis

MALDI-TOF MS data was analyzed on Bruker flexAnalysis 3.4. HPLC/UPLC data was analyzed on Shimadzu LabSolutions 5.99. SPR data was analyzed on Cytiva Biacore T200 Evaluation Software 3.0. LC/MS data was analyzed on MassLynx 4.2. Kinetic data fitting was performed using GraphPad Prism 9.0.

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Coordinates and structure factors have been deposited in the Protein Data Bank, under accession code 7Z4S. Other data supporting this study are available in the Supplementary Information. Source data are provided with this paper. Other results are available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request.

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Population characteristics	n/a
Recruitment	n/a
Ethics oversight	n/a

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Sample size	Next generation sequencing (NGS) after selection was performed by selecting appropriate sequencing kit (MiSeq Reagent kit v3, 150-cycle) to read more than 10,000 sequences to confirm that the sequences had converged. Seven peptides with high read numbers (>200) were selected from the NGS results. Top 100 peptide sequences obtained by the NGS are listed in Supplementary Table 1.
Data exclusions	No data were excluded.
Replication	All assays were performed at least three times with the same results.
Randomization	There were no experiments for randomization. We selected peptide sequences containing γ -amino acids with high read numbers in the NGS results for subsequent assays.
Blinding	Not required for this study because there is no data selection in the experimental approach that could introduce bias.

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