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Cell-free biosynthesis combined with deep learning accelerates de novo-development of antimicrobial peptides

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Supplementary Note 1: Computational analysis of translation initiation rates.

The bacterial killing potency of de novo AMP candidates that we screened via CFPS depends on their intrinsic antimicrobial activity (MIC, minimum inhibitory concentration), like natural AMPs, as well as their expressibility in the CFPS system. Since de novo-designed AMPs have very diverse sequences, their translation can be greatly affected by mRNA folding (**Supplementary Fig. 3a**). To examine the effect of mRNA sequences on translation, we used the RBS calculator² to predict the translation initiation rate (TIR) for each of the 500 tested AMPs. Despite AMPs being translated from the same RBS, the calculated TIR values are distributed in a wide range over four orders of magnitude (**Supplementary Fig. 3b**). Interestingly, the TIR values of the 30 functional AMPs are similarly distributed (**Supplementary Fig. 3b**) indicating that the translation initiation rate has not been a bottleneck in finding active AMPs. In addition to TIR which is calculated thermodynamically, the folding kinetic of mRNA also affects translation initiation such that the RBS calculator under-predicts slow folding mRNAs up to 10-fold¹. Because mRNAs with low TIR fold slower (**Supplementary Fig. 3c**), their actual TIR value could be higher than the predicted one. This can narrow down the actual TIR range by an order of magnitude. Although we might have found more active AMPs if we had rationally designed RBS for all 500 tested AMPs, slow-translated functional peptides are more likely to have higher activity in killing bacteria in low amounts. These results show that cell-free production of AMPs enables the discovery of active AMPs despite their translation initiation rate, although the rational design of RBS for each AMP can lead to numerous functional AMPs.

Supplementary Note 2: Sequence similarity analyses using BLAST.

We sought to study the sequence similarities between our AMPs and both the training set and UniProt. For this purpose, we used the Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLAST) comparable to the previous works³. We assessed parameters including *E* (expected) value, percentage identity, query cover, and the raw alignment score. The *E* value is a parameter describing the number of hits that can be expected by chance in a dataset, also taking into account the length of a query. In BLAST searching for a query against the UniProt non-redundant database with ~240 million protein sequences, an *E* value ≤ 0.001 can refer to a significant match, hence homology, and the higher the *E* value, the higher the chance of coincidence. We performed BLAST for our 30 functional AMPs against the UniProt non-redundant database with an *E* value threshold of 10. For 25 AMPs we did not obtain any hit meaning that they had an *E* value > 10 . We saw a hit for only AMPs #6, #21, #23, #29, and #30 with *E* values of 7.1, 1.9, 9.7, 0.16, and 1.7, respectively (**Supplementary Table 7**). The BLAST hit with the lowest *E* value (0.16 for AMP #29 as the query) was a 511-amino acid bacterial outer membrane protein with an alignment score =40.5, percentage identity = 66.67%, and the query cover = 38%. Being a membrane protein and probably having a helical structure could be the reason for such a hit, nevertheless, the high *E* value and low percentage coverage in 38% of a peptide sequence do not indicate a homology. Additionally, none of the hits existed in the pretraining or training dataset. Next, we searched for sequence similarities between functional AMPs and the training dataset. Notably, inferring homology from the *E* value depends on the dataset size such that for the BLAST against our training dataset (~5000 sequences) the significance threshold would be around the *E* value of 10^{-7} .³ We obtained no significant hit (**Supplementary Table 8**), with the highest *E* value being 0.004 for a search between AMP #21 (GIGKFQKMRFIGAIRASKGVAKGLLRIAAIRTGRRALTT)

and an AMP from the training dataset with the sequence of GILSTIKDFAIKAGKGAAGKGLLEMASCKLSGQC. Moreover, BLAST searching of each functional AMP against all tested AMPs (including other functional ones) gave only one significant homology (**Supplementary Table 9**) meaning only one of the active AMPs had a similar VAE-generated sequence (not a functional AMP). Altogether, these results demonstrate that the AMPs we found in this work are unique and diverse.

Supplementary Note 3: Molecular dynamics simulation of AMP-membrane interactions.

All selected 30 AMPs are characterized by a high proportion of basic, aromatic and hydrophobic residues. AlphaFold⁴ predicts most of them as α -helical, either as one long helix or two shorter helices connected by a disordered turn (**Fig. 2b**). The only three exceptions are AMPs #10 (disordered), #8 and #14 (containing β -strands). Together, the structural prediction and their sequences suggest that most of the AMPs act as amphipathic peptides that preferably insert into the membrane interface region of negatively charged membranes, such as the inner membrane (IM) of bacteria. We performed molecular dynamics (MD) simulation of AMPs near models of the IM and the human plasma membrane (PM) (**Fig. 3a**). In our MD simulations all AMPs bound much stronger to the IM than to the PM. This is well reflected by the distributions of the distances of the centers of mass of the peptides to the membrane midplane (**Fig. 3b**). The distributions are much narrower and closer to the membrane core for the IM simulations than for the PM simulations.

In the MD simulations, the AMPs bound the IM within at most 200 ns after being released near the membrane (**Supplementary Fig. 6a**) and did not unbind again. On the PM on the other hand, AMP binding was only ever observed transiently. In no case did an AMP insert into the PM deeper than into the IM. This applies not only at the centers of mass of the complete peptides, but also at the level of any individual atom (**Supplementary Fig. 6b**). The preference for IM over PM binding is unlikely to be due to the tighter packing of the PM alone, as even high lateral membrane tension did not result in PM binding as close and as strong as IM binding without any imposed lateral tension. In general, however, the lateral tension allows tighter binding to either membrane compared with the simulations without lateral tension. Yet, even with high lateral tension, no AMPs spontaneously traversed either membrane in any of our simulations.

Furthermore, all AMPs have a higher number of interactions with the IM than with the PM (**Supplementary Fig. 6c**) and on the IM many of these contacts are electrostatic interactions between the basic peptides and the acidic phospholipid headgroups. These electrostatic interactions with the lipid headgroups on top of possible hydrophobic interactions with the lipid tails may explain why IM binding was irreversible on the 1 μ s timescale of the MD simulations, whereas PM binding exhibited frequent un- and rebinding.

In our MD simulations, we observed that most AMPs did not fully retain their predicted mostly α -helical structure, but became more disordered as time progressed (**Supplementary Fig. 6d**). This partial unfolding was more pronounced for the AMPs in the PM systems, where the peptides spent more of the simulated time in the bulk solvent rather than at the membrane interface. This hints towards a general mechanism where the AMPs are unfolded in solution and adopt an ordered structure when bound to the membrane. The amphipathic character of the structured state is stabilized by membrane interactions. Altogether, these results imply that (i) these peptides are most likely to act on membranes and (ii) they prefer bacterial over human membranes.

Supplementary Tables:

Supplementary Table 1: models training metrics.

Regressor	Negative data*	Positive data*	Accuracy		
CNN_MIC_regressor_v0	nonAMP ⁵ (5,582)	GRAMPA (5,102)	0.786		
CNN_MIC_regressor_v1	nonAMP ⁵ (5,582)	GRAMPA gram-specific 4,089 gram+, 4,619 gram-	0.835 gram- 0.887 gram+		
CNN_MIC_regressor_v2	UniProtKB nonAMP 10,612	GRAMPA gram-specific 4,089 gram+, 4,619 gram-	0.933 gram- 0.942 gram+		
RNN_MIC_regressor_v0	UniProtKB nonAMP 10,612	GRAMPA gram-specific 4,089 gram+, 4,619 gram-	0.942 gram- 0.949 gram+		
CNN_tox_classifier	17,434	8,992	0.942		
Generator	Pretraining data	Training data	KL** term	KL loss	Recon. loss
VAE_v0	-	GRAMPA (5,319)	-	1.179	3.331
VAE_v1	UniProtKB (~1.5 M)	GRAMPA (5,319)	-	1.265	3.027
VAE_v2	UniProtKB (~1.5 M)	GRAMPA (5,319)	+	2.494	4.925

*See Methods. ** Kullback-Leibner.

Supplementary Table 2: Classification metrics according to the rules in Witten & Witten⁶ for our regressors and a few other AMP regressors. ACC: accuracy, SENS: sensitivity, SPEC: specificity, PPV: positive predictive value.

AMP prediction models	ACC	SENS	SPEC	PPV
Our RNN <i>E. coli</i>	94.2	87.2	94.3	87.2
Our RNN <i>S.aureus</i>	94.9	93.4	95.5	88.5
Our CNN <i>E. coli</i>	93.3	97.1	91.7	82.9
Our CNN <i>S. aureus</i>	94.2	96.0	94.3	87.2
CNN Witten & Witten ⁶	96.2	97.8	97.0	97.8
AMP Scanner v2 ⁷	91.00	92.4	90.6	90.7
iAMP Pred ⁸	79.7	86	73.4	76.5
CAMP-ANN ⁹	88.9	85.2	92.6	92.0

Supplementary Table 3: Our 30 functional AMPs (**Fig. 2**) predicted as AMP by other AMP prediction models.

AMP prediction models	Our AMPs (AMP #1-30) predicted as AMP by other models	Number of peptides (out of 30) predicted as AMP
AMP Scanner v2 ⁷	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 30	28
iAMP Pred ⁸	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 29, 30	24
DBAASP-SP ¹⁰	1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 28	14
CAMP-ANN ⁹	1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 29	18
CAMP-RF ⁹	2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 29	11
CAMP-SVM ⁹	2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 29	14

Supplementary Table 4: Rounds of AMP generation, filtering, and prioritization with different models/approaches and numbers.

	round 0	round 1	round 2	round 3	round 4
Generator	VAE_v0	VAE_v0	VAE_v1	VAE_v1	VAE_v2
Sampling	Optimized Cecropin B*	random	random	random	random
Regressor	CNN reg_v0	CNN reg_v0	CNN reg_v1	CNN reg._v2 + Toxicity classifier	CNN reg._v2 + RNN reg._v0
All generated peptides	100	100,000	100,000	200,000	150,000
Viable peptides	100	9,220	9,117	18,218	29,457
MIC-predicted and experimentally tested	50	50	150	100	150
Functional peptides discovered	0	2	9	0	19
Efficiency (%)	0	4	6	0	12.6
Top-ranked predicted AMPs (functional)**	50 (0)	0 (0)	50 (2)	50 (0)	50 (8)
Random predicted AMPs (functional)**	0 (0)	50 (2)	100 (7)	50 (0)	100 (11)

For simplicity, in Fig. 2c we included the two functional AMPs from round 1 into the latent space of VAE_v1 together with functional AMPs of round 2. VAE_v0 had the same architecture and loss function as VAE_v1 however it was not pretrained. *Gradient descent optimization at the neighborhood of Cecropin B in the latent space. **See Methods, section “Sampling and prioritizing of AMPs”.

Supplementary Table 5: Our 30 functional AMPs with their sequences, generative and predictive models used for each, and specification of whether an AMP was randomly selected from those classified as AMP or was selected from the top-ranked (sorted, minimum MIC) candidates (See **Methods**).

AMP	Sequence	Generator	First Regressor	MIC, 1st Regressor	Second Regressor	MIC, 2nd Regressor	sorted/random
AMP1	MLFGSRAKKYGKEAKQEKSFQYPKSS FVACKKKWKRSHFFKTFKKKVS	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	0.184	RNN reg_v0	-0.881	sorted
AMP2	MWLKMRKCCGCGFKYCLKCVQKKGR FKTLGKAKMWPKWFFKIGGKC	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	0.923	RNN reg_v0	-0.189	random
AMP3	MNNRGPLGRRFKARRKWKKFVAGKM KKKRKRFGFKKKGGFTPFVKKFV	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	1.537	RNN reg_v0	1.808	random
AMP4	MEPFSKRFFLVFFKARCKCFFIFKSWF LFFFFFFFLVRRKKGVKQFFYE	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	0.784	RNN reg_v0	1.153	random
AMP5	MRRKTPVKWKTFFKALKHKKKIFKKT EKFKFLAKGPAFLKGFQKLKS	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	0.226	RNN reg_v0	-0.417	sorted
AMP6	MYLKKFLALKNSLKKLSPFKCAVKS WLKKCAEVTFYSKLLGRRGKKDGN	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	0.302	RNN reg_v0	1.855	random
AMP7	MRNFFKTRLYKGGKELIKSRAFG LTKKRSGFFPRALKYEEEFY	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	1.166	RNN reg_v0	1.275	random
AMP8	MWFKWEWRPWFPSIFKKKYLAAS NTEAKLCVKSKCYAKVGKGFVILCF	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	0.504	RNN reg_v0	0.716	random
AMP9	MGWWFPPKTGNGAGKAFKKA AAAKWGGFLKAAWFANKGEWGGG FPKGY	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	0.272	RNN reg_v0	1.406	random
AMP10	MCFCFKAGPKICRGLQRKKKKFKY QTSFTKTGFGFLTTPKSPAR	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	0.256	RNN reg_v0	-0.66	sorted
AMP11	MKKFIANGIGARACAKIGGFVKKG KMAKKKAAKAVKVFVKNGGKSKTKC	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	0.438	RNN reg_v0	-0.685	sorted
AMP12	MWFDRKKFFWPGVCLFLLFFPKRFY KKGPEKVSFRKKYKFAKCKCKL	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	0.595	RNN reg_v0	-0.667	sorted
AMP13	MKQPSKTKTHFKYFLLFLKSVK KVAGFKKKKKKYHWSYKEGSCFRKRT	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	1.447	RNN reg_v0	1.657	random
AMP14	MKEKFFFFFCFKRRGFYKRRFFCK TTCFTYCFYKPRGKTMPYVFSE	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	1.525	RNN reg_v0	0.212	random
AMP15	MEAFKKKPRLPLFKVKLTRFLER ARGLGSYRIFEFFKFGVKKFVSSLR	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	0.044	RNN reg_v0	-0.223	sorted
AMP16	MKAKKWFESLFKTFKKGKGIY PKSSF EKEKKTDKKKKFGGWVWFKK	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	1.009	RNN reg_v0	0.439	random
AMP17	MWIKWKKPRKWGRRLKKKEKEEL GDYIYLYCKVYRLFGLPYFISKTA	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	0.514	RNN reg_v0	0.077	random
AMP18	MCFFPRRKSVKVKGGLCRLLFI FFKTTFCFKAKTKKEIKGTGKKIVR	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	0.409	RNN reg_v0	-0.447	sorted
AMP19	MCFCRYRFFYRRRIRFFKWGPY FYVWFGFPFGRKAFFLSVFRRFC	VAE_v2	CNN reg_v2	0.52	RNN reg_v0	-0.672	sorted

AMP20	MRGRPPKRIRSVIIAQTTTATAKKIVIVL LLIFSSSKRRR	VAE_v1	CNN reg_v1	0.76			random
AMP21	MGIGKFQKMRFIGAIRASKGVAKGLLRI AAIRTGRRALTT	VAE_v1	CNN reg_v1	0.872			random
AMP22	MGFSGILIKIALGIISISASISVVNTVIFV VNGFGGVINFL	VAE_v1	CNN reg_v1	1.175			random
AMP23	MSTRSSSIRRLVEAVRTRFRAALRTVL FFALRTTKRRPRR	VAE_v1	CNN reg_v1	1.019			random
AMP24	MAIRIIGRLARVRARVVARVRSRLLADD PPEDLLRVARRRKGRRWLFLS	VAE_v1	CNN reg_v1	-0.285			sorted
AMP25	MATKTLFWWNNSCKNKTIGIAVDAAL FGIIRSSFTAFY	VAE_v1	CNN reg_v1	1.784			random
AMP26	MKLRRRLRTRMVALLVLGVLFLLMLFFI IFLRRMLMRRFRA	VAE_v1	CNN reg_v1	-0.158			sorted
AMP27	MNTTSNMIHRAVQQKRISFRAAKLTVL FLFKRLLRLLRHEN	VAE_v1	CNN reg_v1	1.08			random
AMP28	MMKIRNTLSRKEAVRRIFSLRRRSVF TEMARAFRRFKAR	VAE_v1	CNN reg_v1	0.774			random
AMP29	MKKKKKGILKQNNKKKKYTLFNRMVVF LFLGFIMIIFVQKYKKVIYHK	VAE_v0	CNN reg_v0	-0.839			random
AMP30	MGFGLWGLFHFKNVNPFLKNGFIFLII MIFTVWGLFFGKKKAYIEKFL	VAE_v0	CNN reg_v0	-0.805			random

Supplementary Table 6: Frequent 3- and 4-mers in non-AMPs, generated, prioritized and tested and function AMPs.

k-mers	UniProt nonAMP	Frequency	VAE training AMPs	Frequency	500 test AMPs	Frequency	30 functional AMPs	Frequency
3-mers	RRR	0.0046	LKK	0.0061	RRR	0.0125	KKK	0.0172
	KRT	0.0026	KKL	0.0053	KKK	0.0118	FKK	0.0097
	KGR	0.0025	LLK	0.0051	FKK	0.0056	KKF	0.0075
	GRK	0.0024	KLL	0.0045	FFF	0.0056	FFK	0.0067
	RKR	0.0024	KKI	0.0044	KKG	0.0042	KKG	0.006
	MKV	0.0022	AKK	0.0034	LLL	0.0032	LFL	0.0052
	RQG	0.0022	PRP	0.0031	RKK	0.003	FKA	0.0045
	VLA	0.0022	AGK	0.0031	GFK	0.0028	FFF	0.0045
	LAV	0.0022	LAK	0.003	FLF	0.0028	RRR	0.0045
	GFR	0.0022	AAK	0.003	KKF	0.0026	KKY	0.0037
	VIC	0.0022	IKK	0.0029	FFK	0.0026	GRR	0.0037
	GLL	0.0021	GLL	0.0028	RRL	0.0026	RRF	0.0037
4-mers	KQRQ	0.0019	KLLK	0.0022	RRRR	0.0055	KKKK	0.0061
	HGFR	0.0018	LKKL	0.002	KKKK	0.0041	FKKK	0.0038
	QRQG	0.0018	LLKK	0.0018	FFFF	0.0017	FKAR	0.0023
	HKQR	0.0018	KKLL	0.0018	FKKK	0.0015	KKFV	0.0023
	MKRT	0.0016	ASKV	0.0013	KKGF	0.0012	FFFF	0.0023
	MKVR	0.0015	RPRP	0.0012	KKKG	0.001	FFKK	0.0023
	RRRR	0.0014	KKKK	0.0012	FFKK	0.001	KKKY	0.0023
	KHKQ	0.0013	LKKI	0.0012	KQKK	0.001	FCFK	0.0023

Supplementary Table 7: NCBI BLASTP 2.13.0+ results of 30 functional AMPs against nonredundant UniProt containing 498M (498,091,743) sequences on August 5, 2022. The word size of 6, expect threshold of 10, PAM30 matrix, gap initiation penalty of 9 and gap extension penalty of 1, conditional compositional score matrix adjustment, and low complexity regions filter were used. The AMPs not shown here did not return any hit with an *E* value threshold of 10.

AMP	Hit reference ID	<i>E</i> value	Percent Identity	Query Cover	Max Score	Bit Score
AMP #6	MBW0556277.1	7.1	85.71%	28%	38.4	38.4
AMP #21	MCB5272487.1	1.9	61.54%	65%	39.2	39.2
AMP #23	REE03804.1	9.7	60.00%	55%	37.5	37.5
AMP #29	MBR6433148.1	0.16	59.26%	45%	43.5	43.5
AMP #30	ORE05204.1	1.7	66.67%	38%	40.5	40.5

Supplementary Table 8: NCBI BLASTP 2.13.0+ results of 30 functional AMPs against the training dataset containing ~5000 AMPs. The word size of 2, expect threshold of 10, BLOSUM62 matrix, gap initiation penalty of 11 and gap extension penalty of 1, and conditional compositional score matrix adjustment were used. The AMPs not shown here did not return any hit with an *E* value threshold of 10. Note that inferring homology from the *E* value depends on the dataset size such that for the BLAST against the training dataset the significance threshold would be around the *E* value of $10^{-7.3}$.

AMP	Hit	Bit score	<i>E</i> value	AMP	Hit	Bit score	<i>E</i> -value
AMP #1	train1855	16.9	7.7	AMP #16	train1491	20.0	0.41
	train3986	16.9	8.4		train3557	17.7	2.8
	train5028	16.9	8.8		train75	17.7	3.4
					train2471	17.3	4.3
					train5194	16.5	8.5
					train3400	16.5	8.7
				train1334	16.5	9.8	
AMP #2	train68	18.9	1.8	AMP #17	train471	18.5	1.6
	train941	18.1	2.9		train3918	18.1	2.7
	train3543	18.1	2.9		train2948	16.9	7.5
	train939	17.7	3.0				
	train952	17.3	5.0				
	train579	17.3	5.3				
train248	17.3	6.9					
AMP #3	train5167	17.3	4.4	AMP #18	train3793	17.3	6.2
	train1437	16.9	8.2		train2453	16.9	7.8
	train1426	16.9	8.6				
	train1425	16.9	9.1				
AMP #5	train3915	18.1	2.4	AMP #19	train4740	19.6	0.70
	train3957	16.9	5.7		train2912	19.6	0.74
	train3528	16.5	8.2		train2509	18.1	2.6
	train2105	16.9	8.5		train1446	17.7	4.9
					train1447	17.7	5.0
				train1315	16.9	9.0	
AMP #6	train1503	19.6	0.67	AMP #21	train1667	25.0	0.004*
	train4288	16.9	7.7		train1612	17.7	2.8
	train1185	16.5	8.5		train1611	17.7	3.0
	train707	16.9	9.0		train2133	17.7	3.0
					train2035	17.7	3.1
				train2135	16.5	7.7	
				train2036	16.5	9.4	
AMP #7	train4365	16.9	9.2	AMP #22	train529	18.1	2.5
					train832	17.3	4.0
					train1181	16.5	7.3
					train833	16.5	7.7
					train2604	16.2	9.8
AMP #8	train4630	17.7	3.8	AMP #23	train1564	18.5	1.4
	train383	17.3	7.2		train1563	18.1	2.2
	train2130	16.9	9.4				

AMP #10	train3299 train746 train3300 train744 train4741 train543	22.3 19.6 18.5 17.7 17.3 16.5	0.06 0.49 2.4 3.2 7.9 8.3	AMP #24	train1932 train1931 train2063 train87 train4217	22.3 20.0 18.5 16.9 16.9	0.095 0.45 1.7 7.0 8.1
AMP #11	train3881	21.6	0.18	AMP #25	train4867 train2475 train2474 train469	18.5 17.7 17.7 17.3,	1.7 2.9 2.9 5.9
AMP #12	train2472	17.3	9.7	AMP #27	train1705 train4437	17.7 16.5	4.0 7.7
AMP #13	train1301 train4915 train1881	17.7 16.9 16.5	4.0 6.5 10.0	AMP #28	train1263	17.7	2.9
AMP #14	train9	18.1	2.9	AMP #29	train1368	16.9	7.6
AMP #15	train3476 train63 train1746 train3475	18.5 18.1 16.9 16.5	2.0 2.8 8.2 8.2	AMP #30	train1298 train831 train4893 train1297	19.2 18.1 17.7 16.9	1.1 2.6 4.9 8.0

* Lowest E-value (not significant): AMP #21 (GIGKFQKMRFIGAIRASKGVAKGLLRIAAIRTGRRALTT) vs train1667 (GILSTIKDFAIKAGKGAAGLLEMASCKLSGQC)

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<i>E</i> value	>10	1-10	10^{-3}-1	10^{-8}-0.10^{-3}	<0.10^{-8}
Count	14782	175	41	1	1*

*The only significant *E*-value ($1.00E-16$): AMP #30
(GFGLWGLFHFKNMVPNLFKNGFIFLIIMIFTVWGLFFGKKKAYIEKFL) vs gen66
(GFGLWLLFQFKIRPPRLFKNGLFLILMIFTTWILFFVKQKLFGMPFL)

Supplementary Table 10: MIC, HC50 and CC50 values (μ M) of the plot in **Fig. 4a**. The values are the average of n=3 and n = 2 independent experiments for MIC and HC50/CC50 respectively.

	<i>E. coli</i> MIC	<i>B. subtilis</i> MIC	CC50	HC50
AMP #1	>100	0.8	113.0	>250
AMP #3	12.5	0.8	68.0	>250
AMP #5	2.1	0.5	68.4	82.9
AMP #6	25.0	2.1	67.5	73.8
AMP #7	>100	1.6	132.9	>250
AMP #9	25.0	3.1	146.0	>250
AMP #10	50.0	0.6	105.0	>250
AMP #12	37.5	6.3	>250	17.1
AMP #13	25.0	1.6	25.8	>250
AMP #14	37.5	6.3	>250	>250
AMP #15	25.0	0.8	30.7	24.8
AMP #16	6.3	0.8	39.3	180.2
AMP #17	12.5	6.3	133.7	>250
AMP #18	50.0	3.1	153.0	4.7
AMP #19	25.0	8.4	>250	>250
AMP #21	10.4	0.5	>250	>250
AMP #23	20.8	1.6	79.1	11.5
AMP #24	25.0	1.6	91.7	>250
AMP #26	100.0	37.5	>250	>250
AMP #27	12.5	0.4	75.7	105.1
AMP #28	25.0	0.4	145.0	>250
AMP #29	12.5	6.3	>250	50.6

Supplementary Table 11: MIC (minimum inhibitory concentration), HC50 (hemolysis), and CC50 (cytotoxicity) values of BP100 and Cecropin B measured in this study. The values are the average of n=3 independent experiments for *E. coli* and *B. subtilis* MIC and n = 2 independent experiments for others (n.d., not detected).

MIC/HC50/CC50 (μ M)	PB100	Cecropin B
<i>Escherichia coli</i> MIC	3.1	0.4
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> MIC	0.5	2.6
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> MIC	0.6	0.2
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i> MIC	12.5	0.4
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> MIC	2.4	0.2
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> MIC	6.3	3.1
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) MIC	6.3	>25
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i> MIC	4.7	>25
Hemolysis (HC50)	96.0	nd
Cytotoxicity (CC50)	56.8	154.2

Supplementary Table 12: Membrane equilibration scheme.

Step	Time[ns]	Timestep [fs]	Ensemble	Headgroup position restraints [kJ mol ⁻¹]	Tail dihedral angle restraints [kJ mol ⁻¹]
EM				1000	1000
1	1.25	1	NVT	1000	1000
2	1.25	1	NVT	400	400
3	1.25	1	NPT	400	200
4	0.5	2	NPT	200	200
5	0.5	2	NPT	40	100
6	0.5	2	NPT	0	0

Supplementary Table 13: Human plasma membrane composition.

Lipid	Full name	Abundance [%]
CHOL	Cholesterol	35.8
PSM	N-palmitoyl-D-erythro-sphingosylphosphorylcholine	13.1
NSM	N-nervonoyl-D-oleoyl-sphingosylphosphorylcholine	10.0
LSM	N-lignoceroyl-D-oleoyl-sphingosylphosphorylcholine	8.4
PLPC	1-palmitoyl-2-linoleoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphatidylcholine	16.2
SOPC	1-stearoyl-2-oleoylphosphatidylcholine	7.5
PAPC	1-palmitoyl-2-arachidonoyl-glycero-3-phosphatidylcholine	5.6
PLA20(PE)	1-O-stearoyl-2-O-arachidonoyl-glycero-3-phosphatidylethanolamine	2.2
SAPS	1-stearoyl-2-arachidonoyl-glycero-3-phosphatidylserine	1.2

Supplementary Table 14: *E. coli* inner membrane composition.

Lipid	Full name	Abundance [%]
PVPE	1-palmitoyl-2-vacenoil-sn-glycero-3-phosphatidylethanolamine	75
PVPG	1-palmitoyl-2-vacenoil-sn-glycero-3-phosphatidylglycerol	20
PVCL2	1-palmitoyl-2-vacenoil-cardiolipin	5

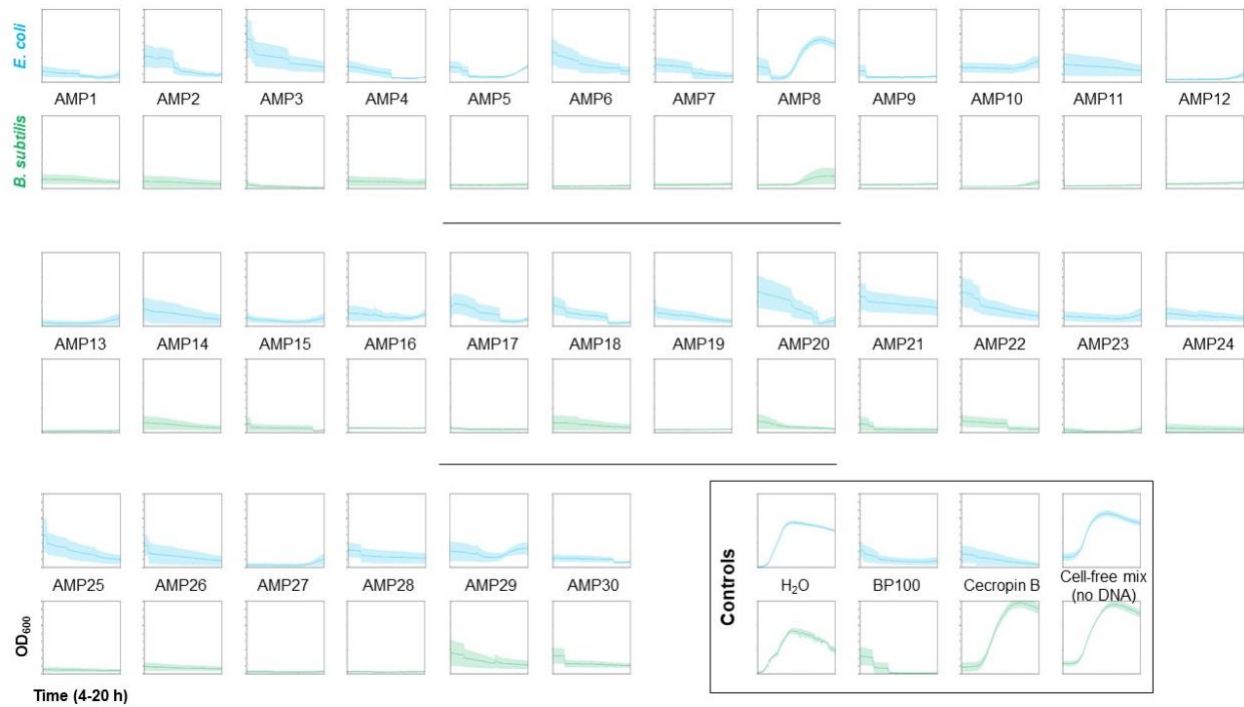
Supplementary Table 15: TFA-based cleavage cocktails. Depending on the content of the oxidation prone amino acids Cys, Met and Trp one of the following cleavage cocktails has been used.

Cocktail	Cocktail Composition (v/v)
Cleavage Cocktail A	82.5% TFA, 5.0% H ₂ O, 5.0% phenol, 5.0% thioanisole, 2.5 % EDT
Cleavage Cocktail B	90 % TFA, 4.0% TMSBr, 4.0% thioanisole, 2.0% EDT

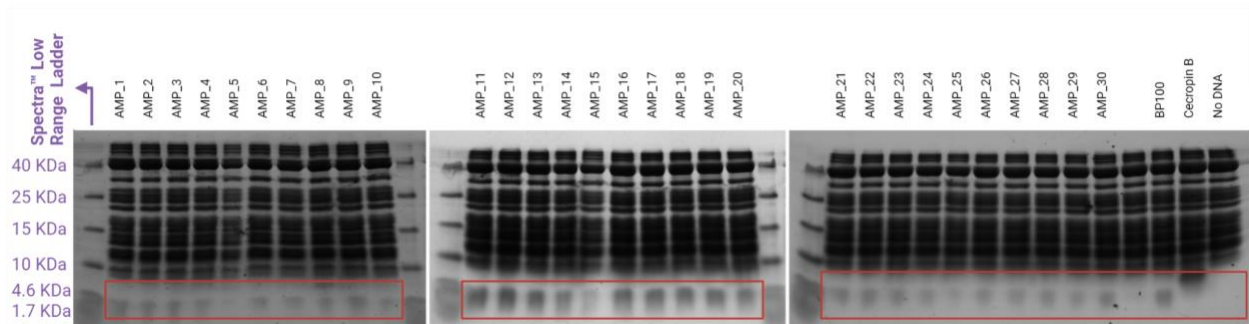
Supplementary Table 16: Columns for analytical and (semi-)preparative HPLC-MS. Column 1 was used for the preparative purification of peptide crude while column 2 was for the characterization of the final purified peptides.

Column	Type	Dimensions	Flow	Purpose
Column 1	XBridge Prep C18 OBD (Waters)	250 x 19 mm, 5 µm	16 mL/min	purification
Column 2	Eclipse XBD-C18 (Agilent Technologies)	150 x 4.6 mm, 5 µm	1 mL/min	analysis

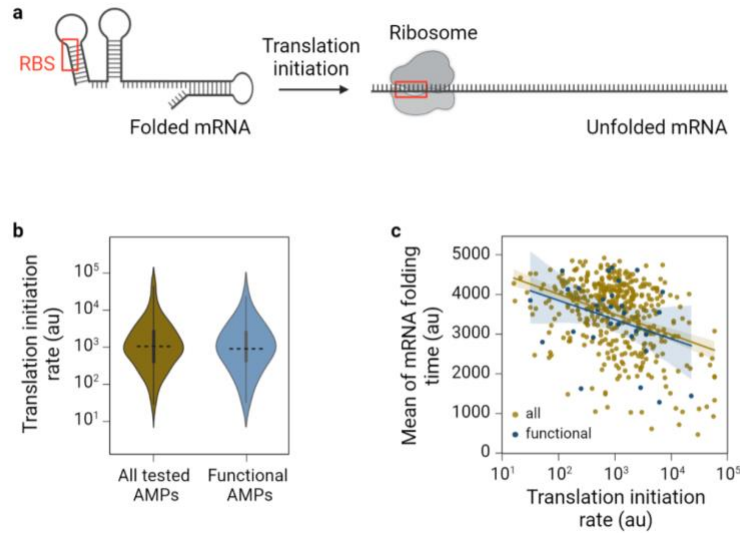
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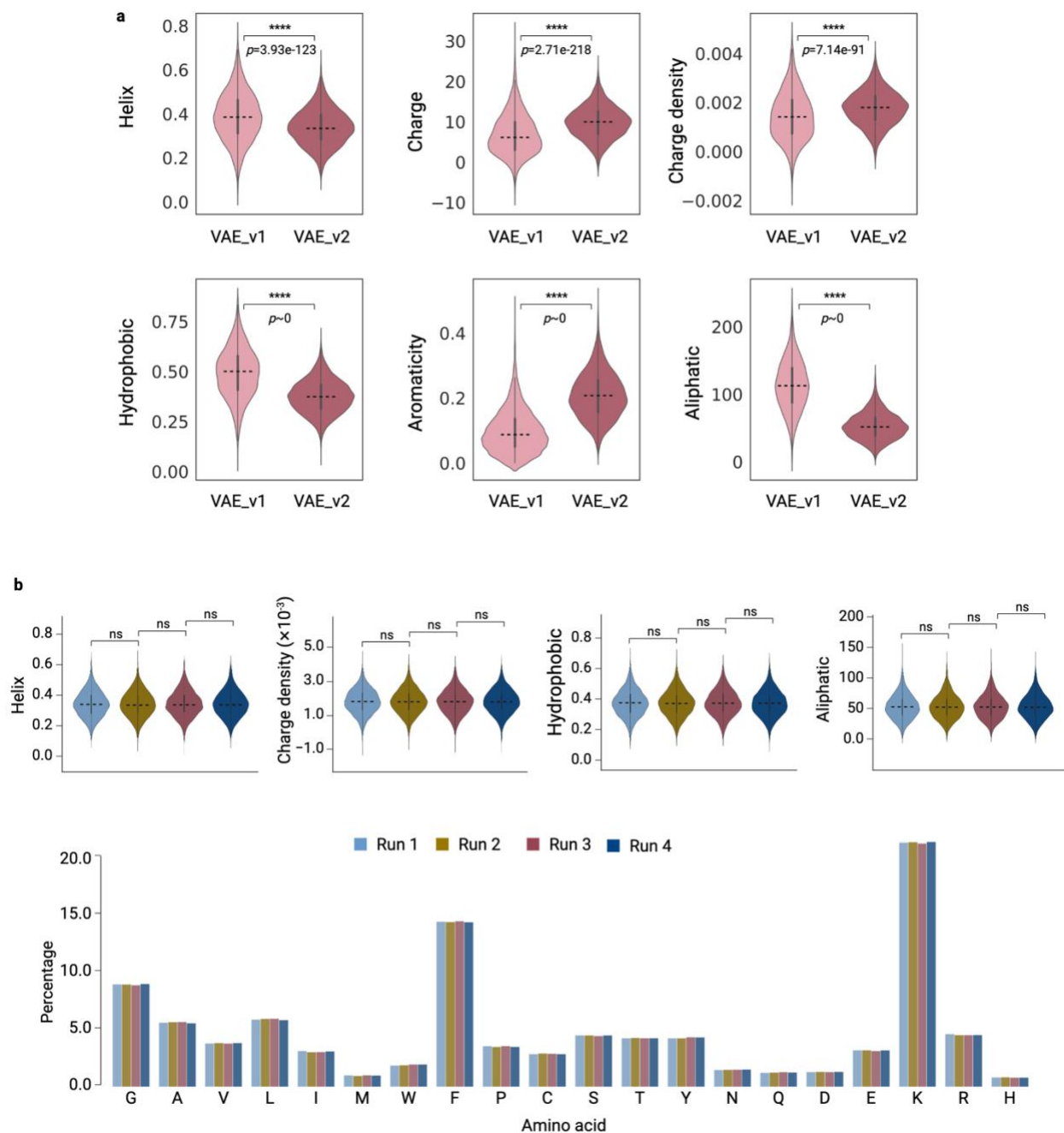
Supplementary Fig. 1: OD₆₀₀ over time 4-20 h growth curves (n=3 independent experiments) in Fig. 2b with error bars as standard deviation. Raw data is provided as a **Source Data** file.



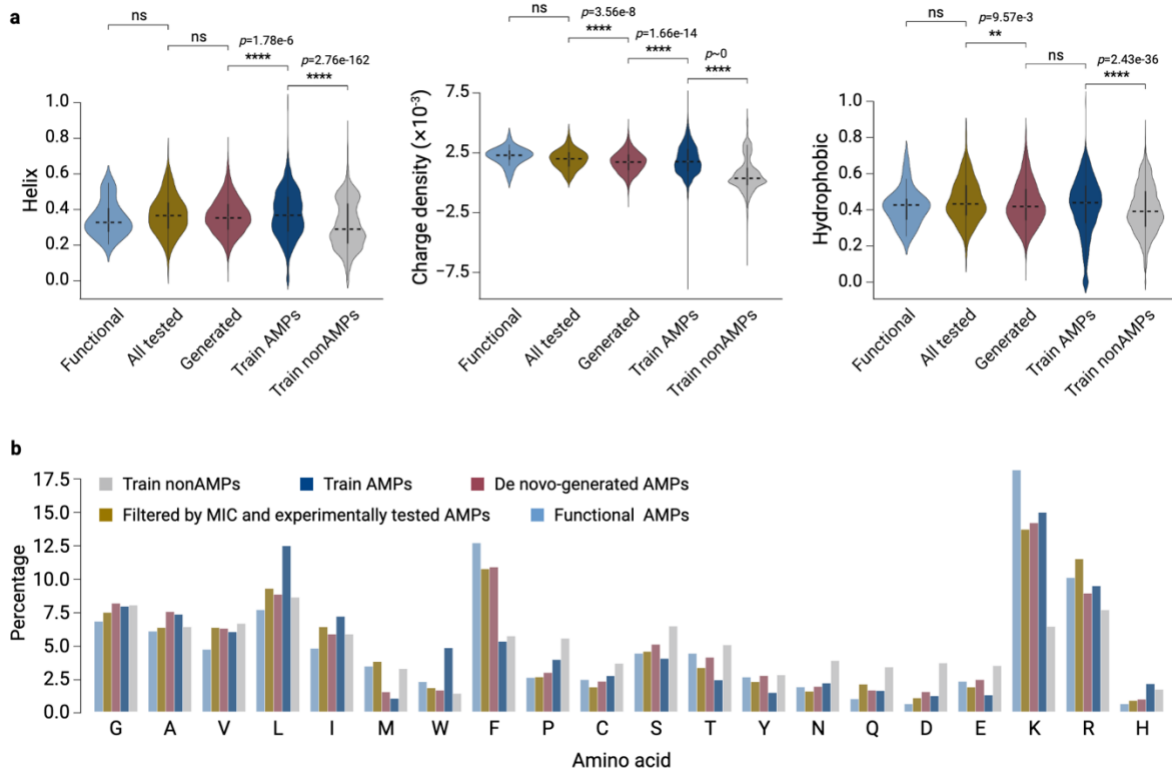
Supplementary Fig. 2: SDS-PAGE of AMPs produced using cell-free protein synthesis. This experiment was performed with no replicates and the raw images are provided as a **Source Data** file. Created with BioRender.com.



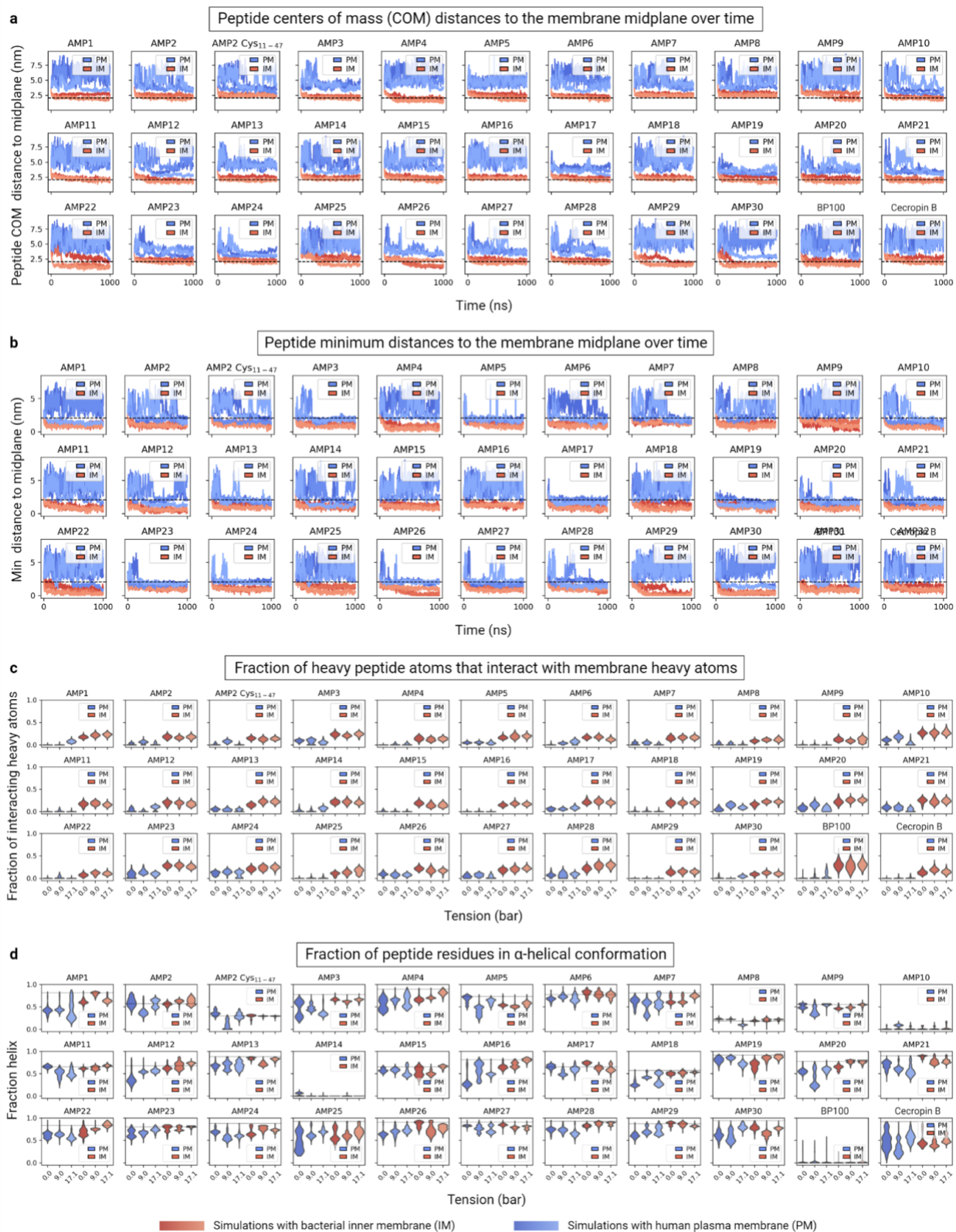
Supplementary Fig. 3: RBS calculator simulations on the translation of AMPs. **a**, Schematic of the translation initiation by mRNA unfolding and binding the ribosome to the RBS (ribosome binding site). **b**, The translation initiation rate (TIR) calculated using the RBS calculator for all 500 tested AMPs (yellow) and 30 functional AMPs (blue). The dashed lines show the median. **c**, Mean of mRNA folding time versus translation initiation rate for all 500 tested AMPs (yellow) and 30 functional AMPs (blue). RBS Calculator v1.0² was used. For folding times, we used Kinfold¹¹ run 1000 times for each sequence, with a folding time cut-off of 5000 and the rest of the parameters as default, EnergyModel: dangle=2 Temp=37.0 logML=logarithmic Par=VRNA-1.4, MoveSet: noShift=off noLP=off, Simulation: num=1000 time=5000.00 seed=clock fpt=on mc=Kawasaki, Simulation: phi=1 pbounds=0.1 0.1 2. au: arbitrary unit. Created with BioRender.com.



Supplementary Fig. 4: Properties of VAE (variational autoencoder) models used in this study with $n=5000$ generated peptide for each (a) and the robustness analysis of VAE_2 with four independent runs of $n=5000$ peptide generation showing no significant difference in the generated peptides for physicochemical properties and amino acids composition (b). These features were calculated on viable peptides with 36-48 amino acids generated using each VAE. These features were computed using Biopython 1.79¹² and the modIMP 4.3.0¹³ packages. Mann Whitney test with Bonferroni adjustment was used, ns: not significant ($0.05 < p < 1$), ****: $p \leq 0.0001$. Source data for this figure are provided (see Data Availability). Created with BioRender.com.

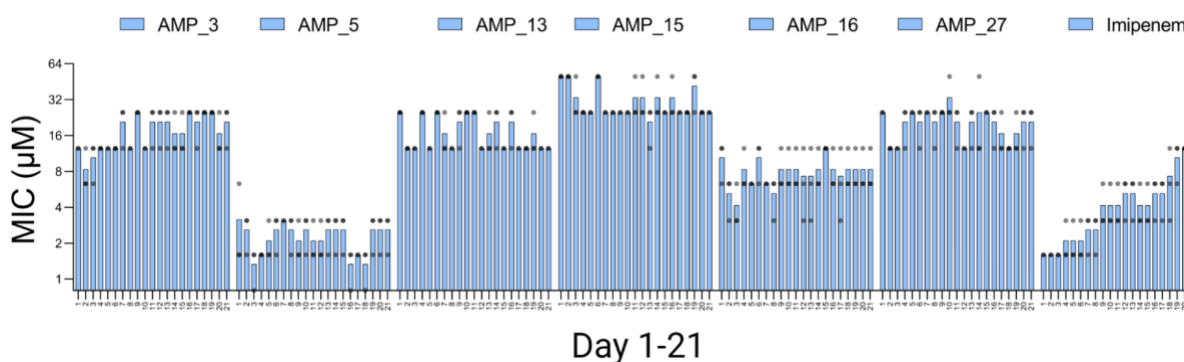


Supplementary Fig. 5: Physicochemical properties (a) and amino acid composition of AMPs (b) computed using Biopython 1.79¹² and the modAMP 4.3.0¹³ packages. Number of datapoints are as follows; functional AMPs n=30, tested AMPs n=450, generated AMPs (both VAEs) n=10,000, train AMPs n=5,319, train nonAMPs n=10,602. Mann Whitney test with Bonferroni adjustment was used, ns: not significant ($0.05 < p < 1$), **: $0.001 < p < 0.01$, ****: $p \leq 0.0001$. Source data for this figure are provided (see Data Availability). Created with BioRender.com.

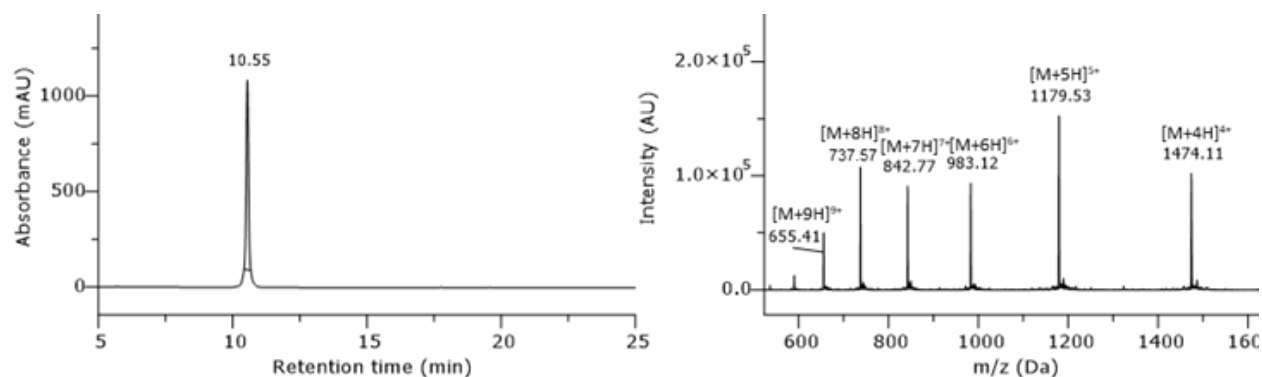


Supplementary Fig. 6: Complementary results on molecular dynamics simulations. **a**, Distances along the direction of the membrane normal between the AMP centers of mass and the membrane midplane plotted vs. time for each replicate, run with different lateral tensions (darkest: 0 bar;

lighter: 9 bar; lightest: 17.1 bar) and with different membranes (blue: PM; red: IM). The dotted line indicates the headgroup phosphate positions. **b**, Minimum distances along the direction of the membrane normal between any heavy AMP atom and the membrane midplane plotted vs. time for each replicate run with different lateral tensions (darkest: 0 bar; lighter: 9 bar; lightest: 17.1 bar) and with different membranes (blue: PM; red: IM). The dotted line indicates the headgroup phosphate positions. **c**, Distributions of the fractions of heavy peptide atoms that interact with membrane heavy atoms (cutoff 3.5 Å). Distributions are calculated from the last 950 ns of 1 μ s long replicates, run with different lateral tensions and with different membranes (blue: PM; red: IM). **d**, Distributions of the fractions of AMP residues that are in α -helical conformation. Distributions are calculated from the last 950 ns of 1 μ s long replicates, run with different lateral tensions and with different membranes (blue: PM; red: IM). The dotted line indicates the helicity in the initial model prediction by AlphaFold⁴. Created with BioRender.com.

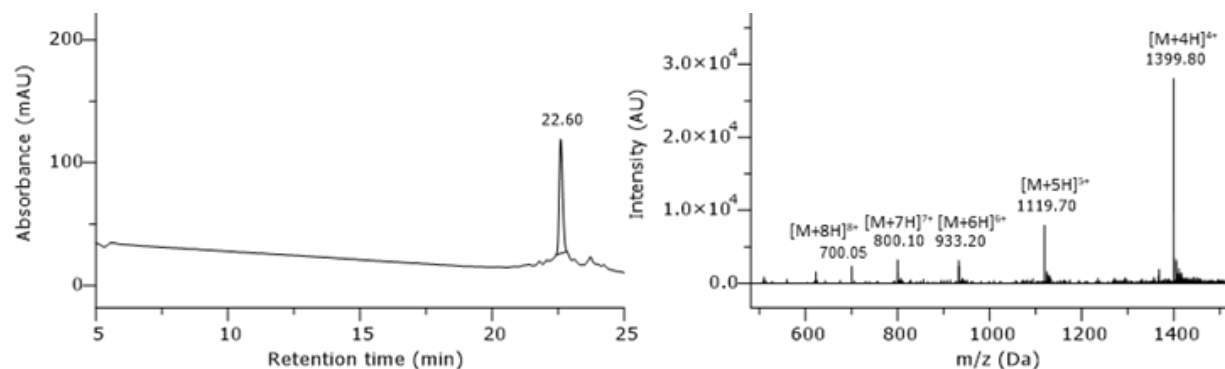


Supplementary Fig. 7. 21 days daily MIC measurements of the six broad-band AMPs for resistance study. The y axis is in log₂ scale. See also **Fig 6a**. Bars are the average of n = 3 independent experiments. Source data for this figure are provided as a **Source Data** file. Created with BioRender.com.



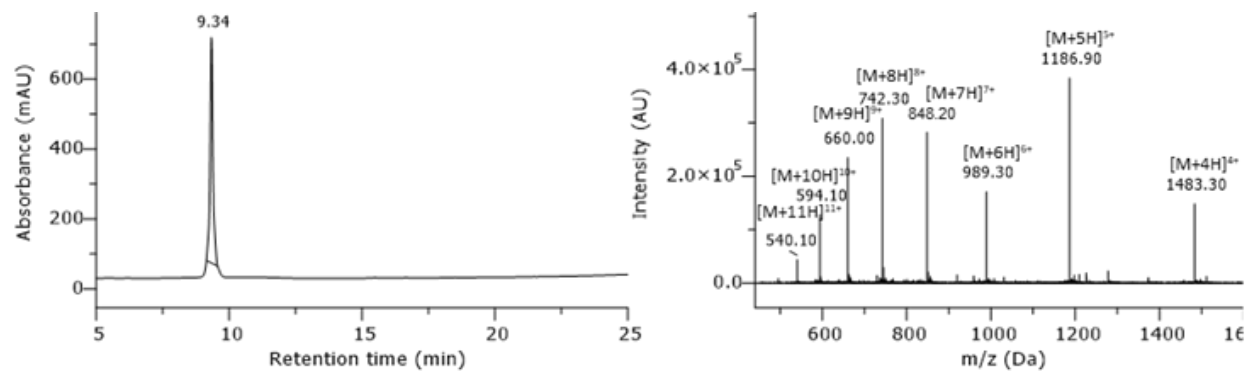
Supplementary Fig. 8: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #1. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MLFGSRAKKGKEAKQEKSQYYPKSSFVACKKKWKRSHFFKTFKKKVS-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-50% MeCN), the 19 x TFA salt product (9.40 mg, 1.17 μmol, 23%) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 10.55 min. Purity ≥ 99%. Formula: C₂₇₅H₄₃₄N₇₆O₆₄S₂. Molecular weight: 5892.98 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+10H]¹⁰⁺ calcd.: 590.2329; found: 590.2328.



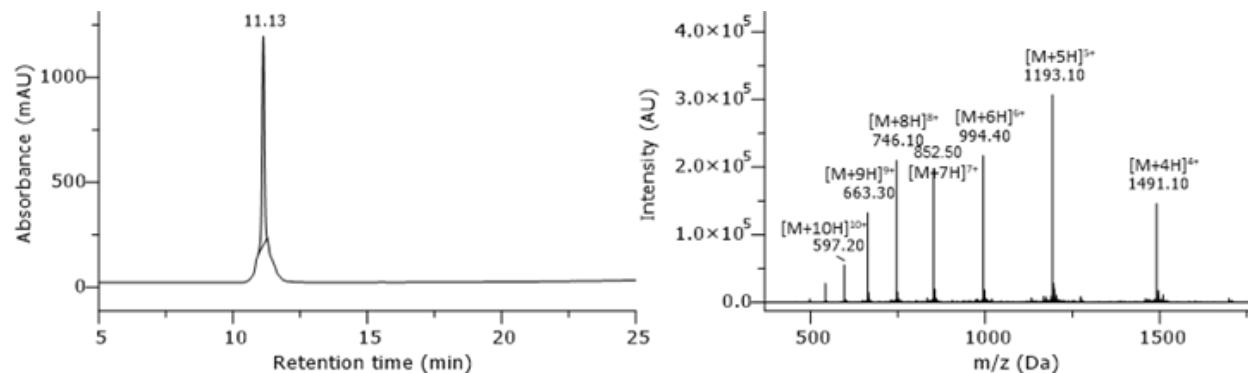
Supplementary Fig. 9: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #2. Gradient 15-35% B, with addition of 1 mM TCEP, in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MWLKMRKCCGCGFKYCLKCVQKKGRIFKTLGKAKMWPKWFFKIGGKC-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-50% MeCN), the 15 x TFA salt product (3.49 mg, 0.47 μmol, 9%) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 22.60 min. Purity > 83%. Formula: C₂₅₉H₄₁₂N₇₀O₅₀S₉. Molecular weight: 5595.06 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+9H]⁹⁺ calcd.: 622.5562; found: 622.5576.



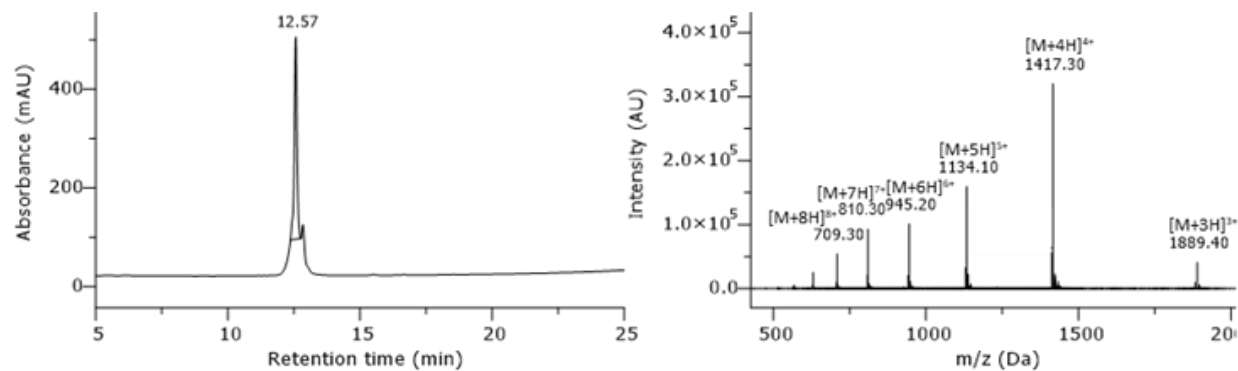
Supplementary Fig. 10: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #3. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MNNRGPLGRRFKARRKWKKFVAGKMKKKRFRFKGFKKKGGFTPFVKKFV-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-35% MeCN), the 23 x TFA salt product (9.60 mg, 1.12 μmol, 22%) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 9.34 min. Purity ≥ 99%. Formula: C₂₇₇H₄₅₇N₈₉O₅₂S₂. Molecular weight: 5930.28 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+7H]⁷⁺ calcd.: 848.0840; found: 848.0827.



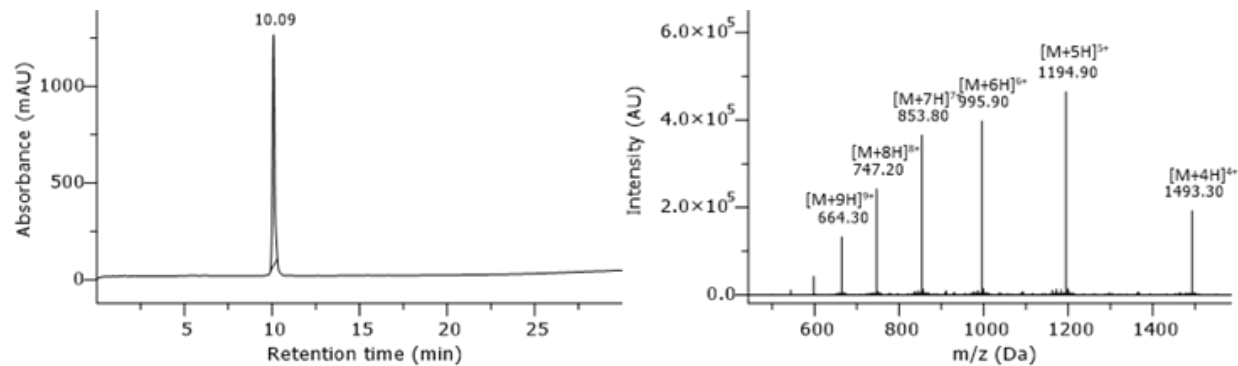
Supplementary Fig. 11: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #5. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MRRKTPVKWKTFFKALKHKKKIFKKTFEKFKFLAKGPAFLKGFQKLKS-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-50% MeCN), the 20 x TFA salt product (9.27 mg, 1.12 μmol, 22%) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 11.13 min. Approximate purity > 90%. Formula: C₂₈₉H₄₆₂N₇₆O₅₈S. Molecular weight: 5961.29 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+7H]⁷⁺ calcd.: 852.5122; found: 852.5127.



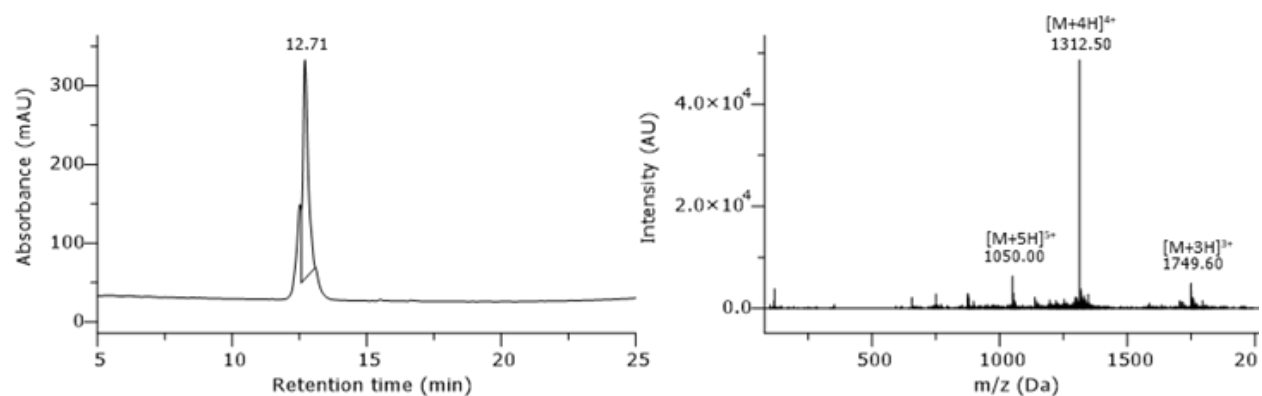
Supplementary Fig. 12: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #6. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MYLKKFLALKNSLKKLSPFKCAVKSWLKKCAEVTFYSKLLGRRGKKDGN-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-50% MeCN), the 15 x TFA salt product (4.67 mg, 0.63 μmol, 13 %) was obtained as a white solid. *t_R* = 12.57 min. Approximate purity > 90%. Formula: C₂₆₂H₄₃₃N₇₁O₆₂S₃. Molecular weight: 5665.87 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+6H]⁶⁺ calcd.: 945.2098; found: 945.2128.



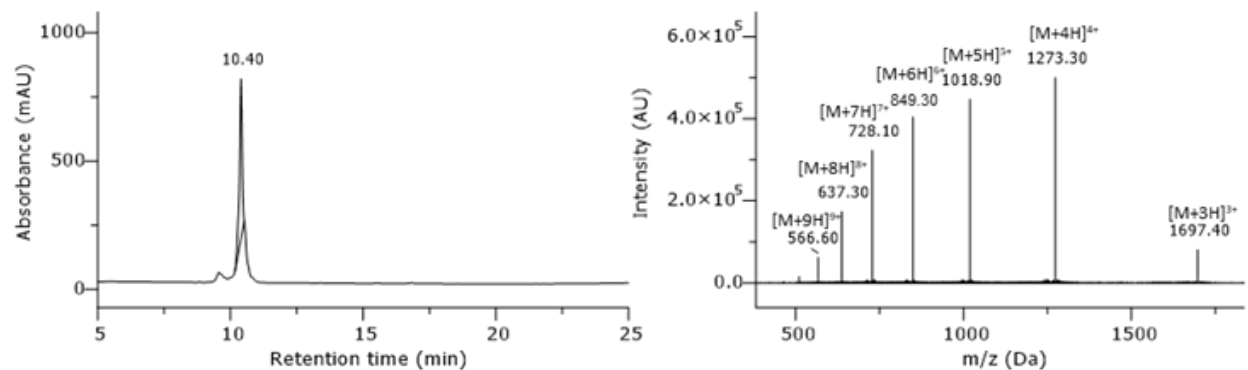
Supplementary Fig. 13: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #7. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MRNFFKTRLKYKGGKELIKSRAFLKTKKRSGFFFFPRALKYEEEFY-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-50% MeCN), the 18 x TFA salt product (3.49 mg, 0.44 μmol, 9%) was obtained as a white solid. *t_R* = 10.09 min. Purity ≥ 99%. Formula: C₂₈₂H₄₄₅N₇₇O₆₄S. Molecular weight: 5970.09 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+6H]⁶⁺ calcd.: 995.9029; found: 995.9010.



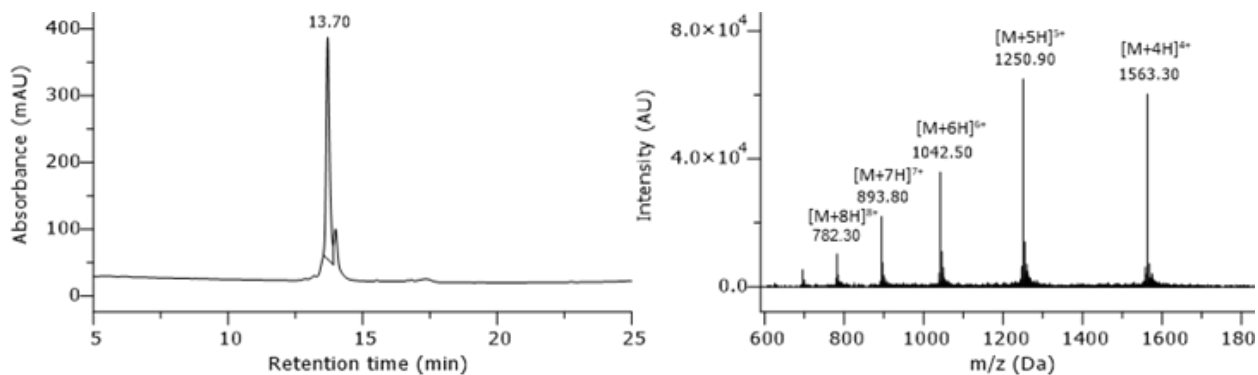
Supplementary Fig. 14: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #9. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MGWWFPPKTGNGAGKAFKKA⁵AAKWGGLFLKAAWFANKGEWGGGF⁶PKGY-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-50% MeCN), the 9 x TFA salt product (5.27 mg, 0.84 μmol, 17 %) was obtained as a white solid. *t_R* = 12.71 min. Approximate purity 75%. Formula: C₂₅₅H₃₅₉N₆₅O₅₅S. Molecular weight: 5247.04 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+6H]⁶⁺ calcd.: 875.4589; found: 875.4609.



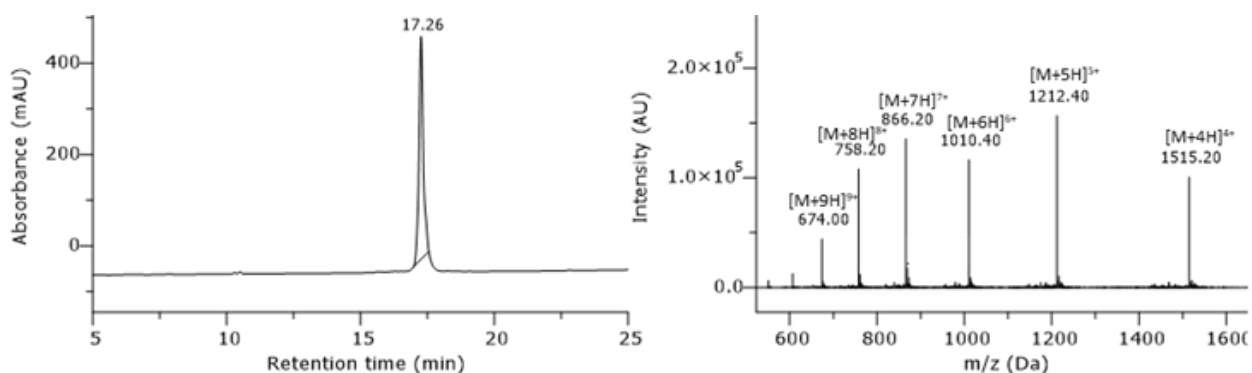
Supplementary Fig. 15: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #10. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MCFCFKAGPKICRGLQRKKKKFKYQTSFTKTGFGFLTKPKSPAR-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-50% MeCN), the 14 x TFA salt product (2.98 mg, 0.45 μmol, 9%) was obtained as a white solid. *t_R* = 10.40 min. Purity 93%. Formula: C₂₃₄H₃₇₆N₆₆O₅₃S₄. Molecular weight: 5090.15 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+6H]⁶⁺ calcd.: 849.3025; found: 849.3021.



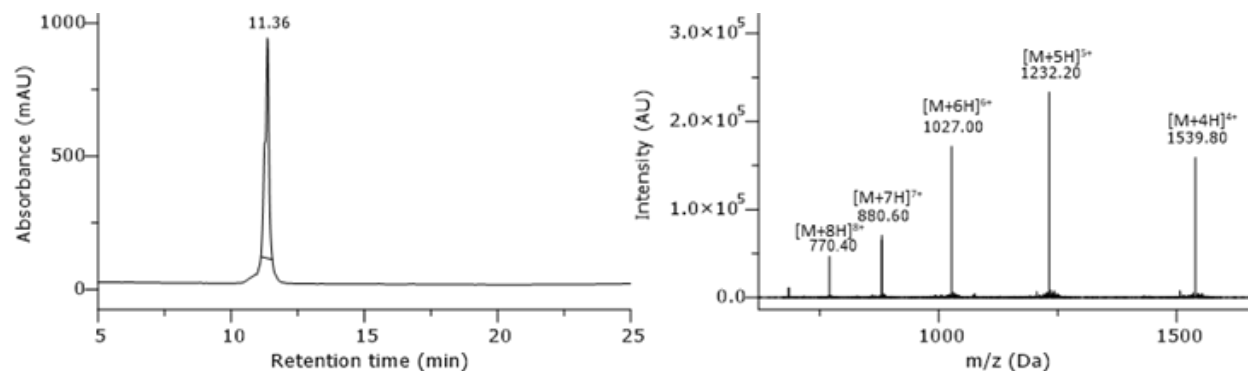
Supplementary Fig. 16: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #12. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MWFDRKKFFWPGVCLFLLFFPKRFYKKGPEKVFVFRKRYKFKARKCKCKL-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-75% MeCN), the 17 x TFA salt product (3.64 mg, 0.44 μmol, 9%) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 13.70 min. Approximate purity 86%. Formula: C₃₀₈H₄₅₈N₇₆O₅₆S₄. Molecular weight: 6249.66 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+9H]⁹⁺ calcd.: 695.3885; found: 695.3935.



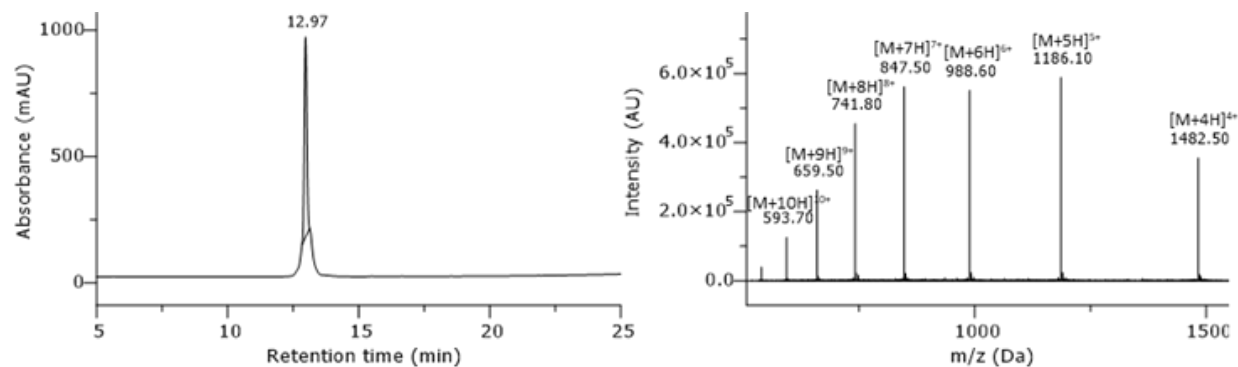
Supplementary Fig. 17: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #13. Gradient 5-50% B, with addition of 1 mM TCEP, in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MKQPSKTKTHFKYFLLFLKSVKKVAGFKKKKKKYHWRYSYKEGSCFRKRT-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-50% MeCN), the 21 x TFA salt product (2.65 mg, 0.31 μmol, 6%) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 17.26 min. Purity ≥ 99%. Formula: C₂₈₅H₄₅₄N₈₀O₆₂S₂. Molecular weight: 6057.28 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+7H]⁷⁺ calcd.: 866.2165; found: 866.2123.



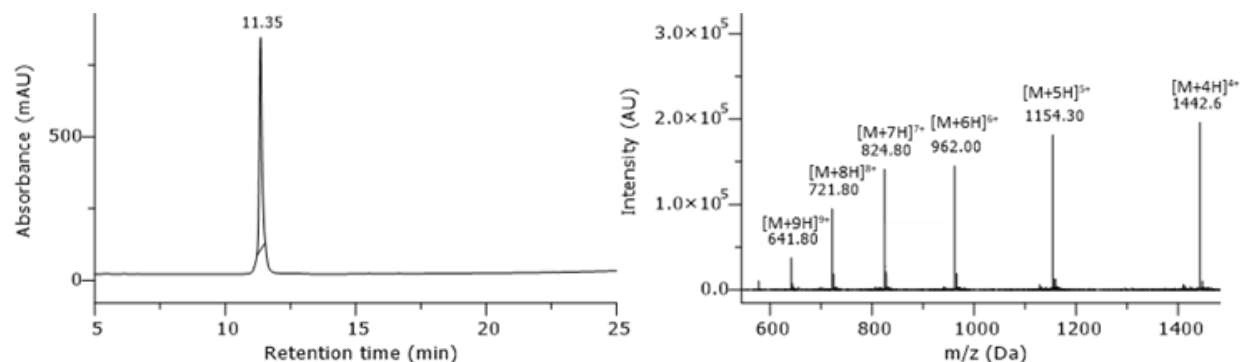
Supplementary Fig. 18: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #14. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

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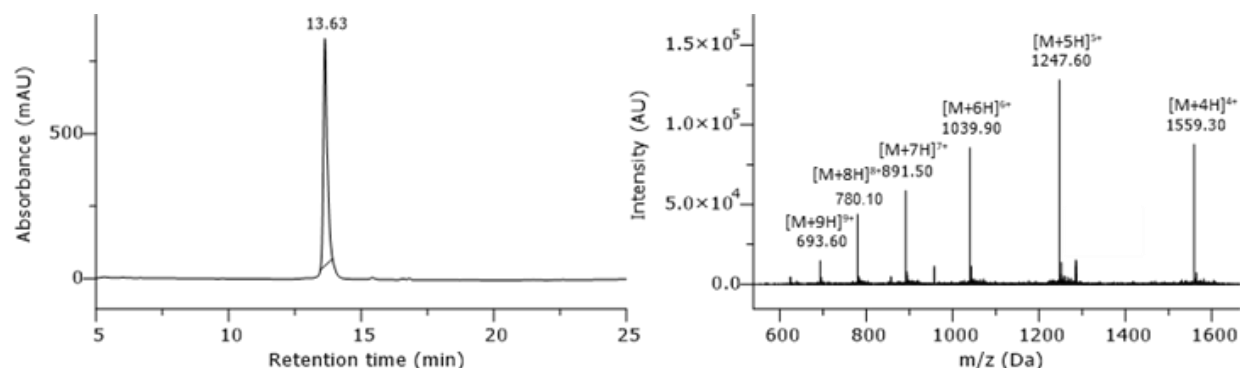
Supplementary Fig. 19: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #15. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MEAFKKKPRLLPLFKVKLTRFLERARGLGSYRIFEFFKFKFVSSLR-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-50% MeCN), the 16 x TFA salt product (3.69 mg, 0.48 μmol, 10 %) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 12.97 min. Purity ≥ 97%. Formula: C₂₈₃H₄₅₃N₇₇O₆₀S. Molecular weight: 5926.16 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+6H]⁶⁺ calcd.: 988.5834; found: 988.5846.



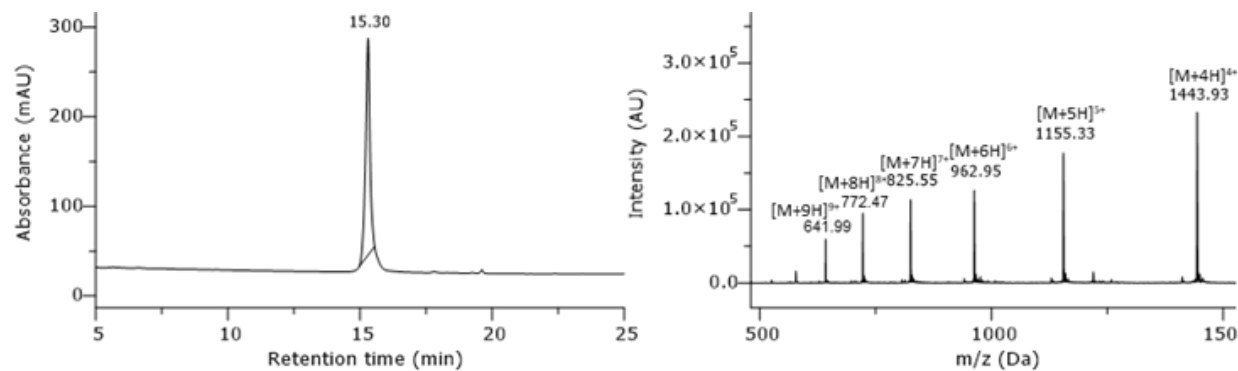
Supplementary Fig. 20: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #16. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MKAKKWFESLFKTFKFKGKGIYPKSSFEKEKKTDKKKKFGGWVWFKK-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-50% MeCN), the 18 x TFA salt product (2.94 mg, 0.38 μmol, 8%) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 11.35 min. Purity ≥ 99%. Formula: C₂₈₁H₄₂₈N₆₈O₆₁S. Molecular weight: 5766.88 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+6H]⁶⁺ calcd.: 962.0454; found: 962.0462.



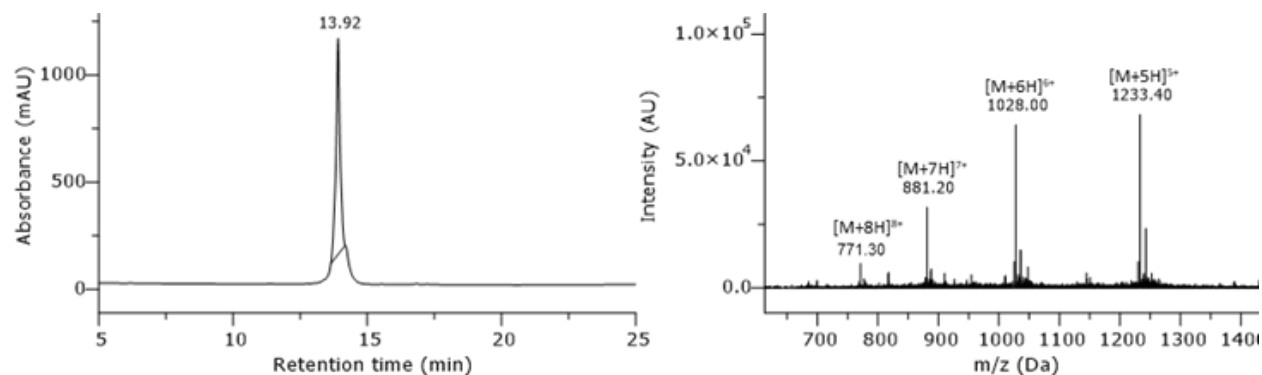
Supplementary Fig. 21: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #17. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MWIKWKKPRKWGRRLKKKEKEELGDYIYLYCKVYRLFGFLPYFISKTA-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-75% MeCN), the 16 x TFA salt product (2.73 mg, 0.34 μmol, 7 %) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 13.63 min. Purity ≥ 99%. Formula: C₃₀₁H₄₆₂N₇₆O₆₄S₂. Molecular weight: 6233.48 HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+7H]⁷⁺ calcd.: 891.3618; found: 891.3609.



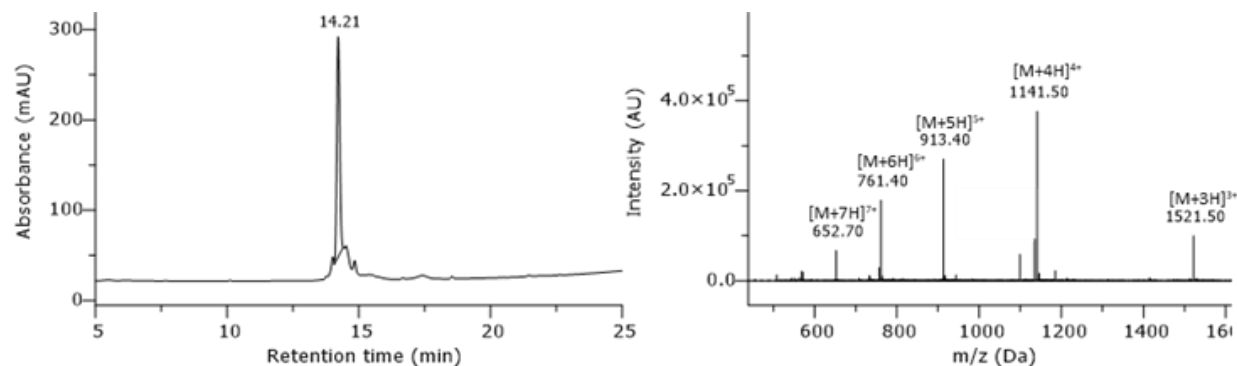
Supplementary Fig. 22: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #18. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MCFFPRRKS₂KVKVKGGLC₂RL₂LIFFK₂TTFCFKAKTKKEIKKGTGKKIVR-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 15-75% MeCN), the 17 x TFA salt product (2.99 mg, 0.39 μmol, 8%) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 15.30 min. Purity ≥ 99%. Formula: C₂₇₀H₄₅₁N₇₅O₅₆S₄. Molecular weight: 5772.19 HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+10H]¹⁰⁺ calcd.: 578.1443; found: 578.1465.



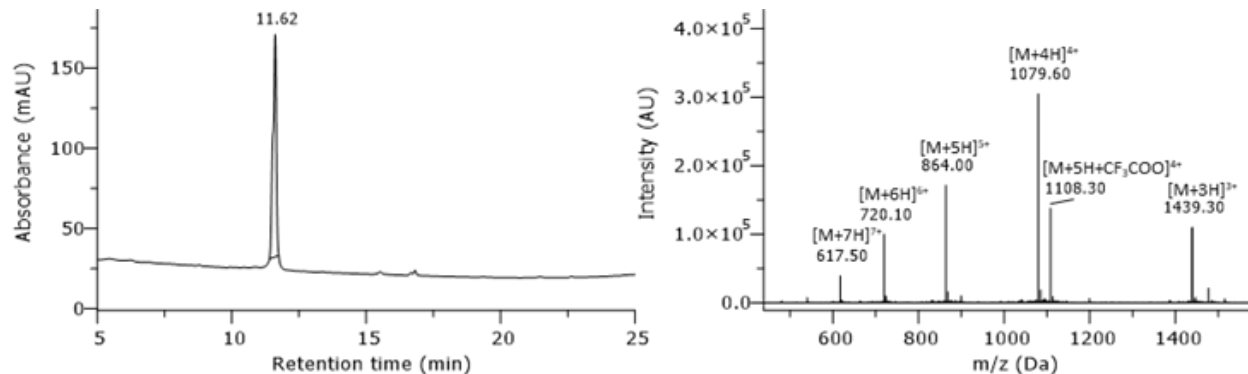
Supplementary Fig. 23: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #19. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MCFCRYRFFFYRRRIRFFK₂WGPYFYVWFGFPFGRK₂AFFLSV₂FRRR₂FC-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-75% MeCN), the 13 x TFA salt product (2.24 mg, 0.29 μmol, 6 %) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 13.92 min. Approximate purity > 90%. Formula: C₃₀₅H₄₁₇N₈₁O₅₁S₄. Molecular weight: 6162.34 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+6H]⁶⁺ calcd.: 1028.0324; found: 1028.0393.



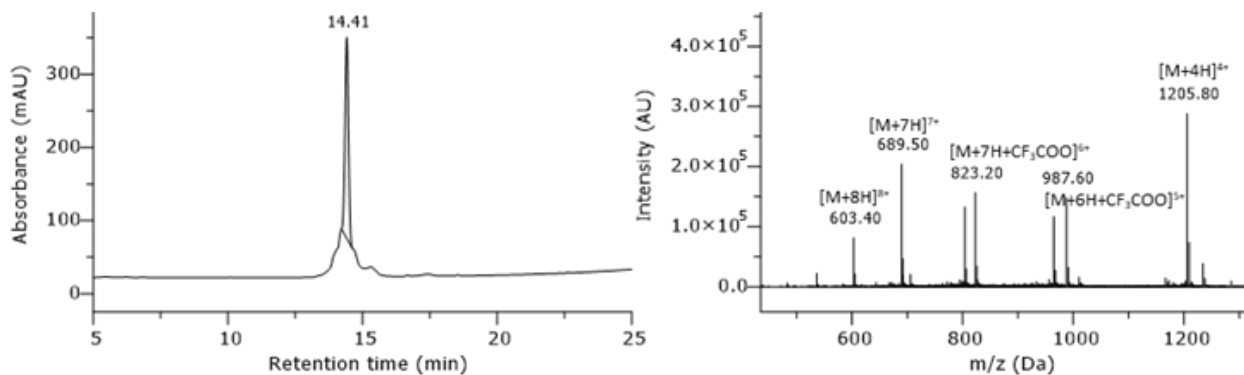
Supplementary Fig. 24: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #20. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MRGRPPKRIRSVIIAQTTTATAKKIVIVLLLIFSSSKRRR-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 15-75% MeCN), the 12 x TFA salt product (0.35 mg, 0.06 μmol, 1 %) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 14.21 min. Approximate purity > 85%. Formula: C₂₀₃H₃₆₇N₆₇O₄₉S. Molecular weight: 4562.57 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+5H]⁵⁺ calcd.: 913.3683; found: 913.3685.



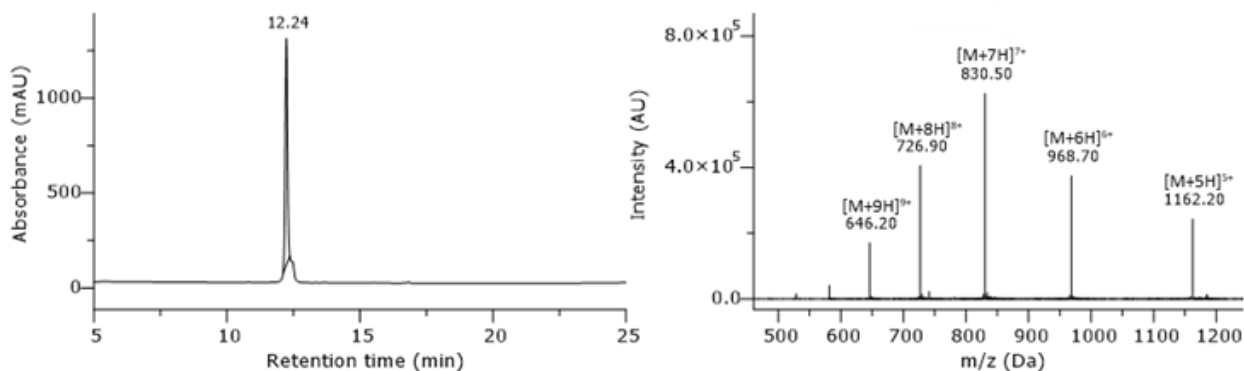
Supplementary Fig. 25: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #21. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MGIGKFQKMRFIGAIRASKGVAKGLLRIAAIRTGRRALTT-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-50% MeCN), the 11 x TFA salt product (2.50 mg, 0.45 μmol, 9 %) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 11.62 min. Approximate purity > 68%. Formula: C₁₉₁H₃₃₈N₆₄O₄₅S₂. Molecular weight: 4315.25 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+7H]⁷⁺ calcd.: 617.3733; found: 617.3767.



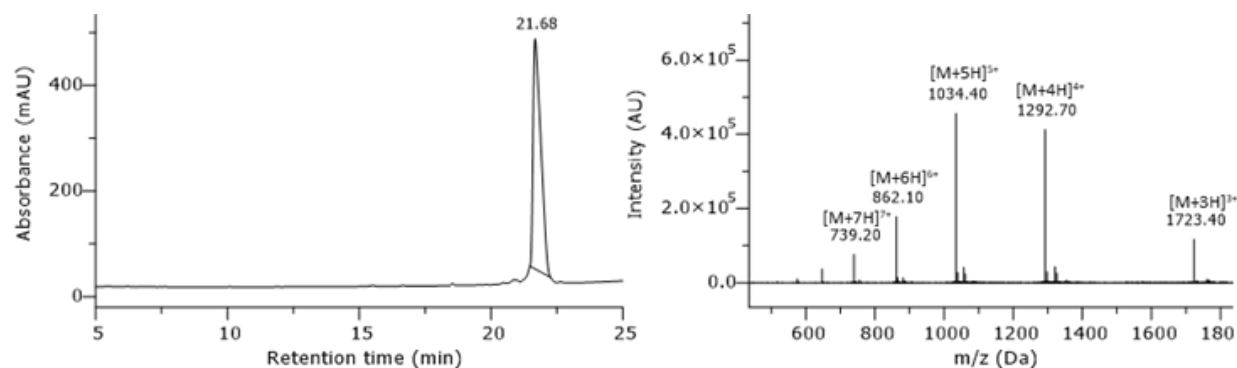
Supplementary Fig. 26: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #23. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MSTRSSSIRRLVEAVRTRFRAALRTVLFFALRTTKRRPRR-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 15-75% MeCN), the 14 x TFA salt product (2.01 mg, 0.31 μmol, 6%) was obtained as a white solid. *t_R* = 14.41 min. Approximate purity 84%. Formula: C₂₀₉H₃₆₆N₇₈O₅₁S. Molecular weight: 4819.69 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+5H]⁵⁺ calcd.: 964.7716; found: 964.7743.



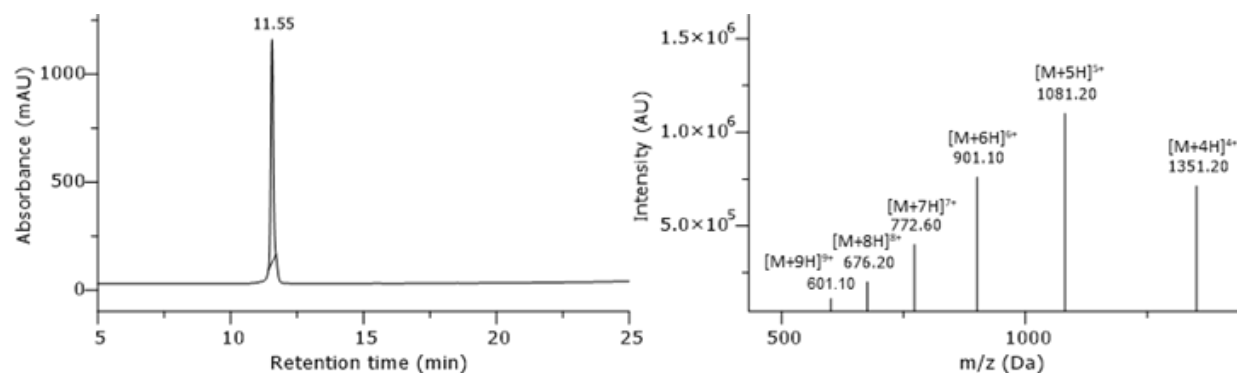
Supplementary Fig. 27: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #24. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MAIRIIGRLARVRARVVARVRSLLADDPEDLLRVARRRKGRRWLFLS-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-50% MeCN), the 16 x TFA salt product (5.74 mg, 0.75 μmol, 15 %) was obtained as a white solid. *t_R* = 12.24 min. Approximate purity > 97%. Formula: C₂₅₅H₄₄₈N₉₄O₅₉S. Molecular weight: 5806.94 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+6H]⁶⁺ calcd.: 968.7530; found: 968.7544.



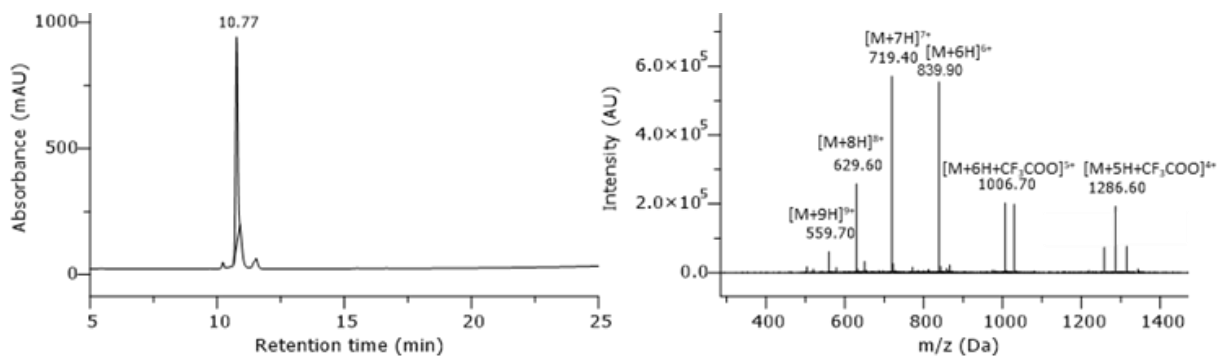
Supplementary Fig. 28: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #26. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MKLRRLRTRMVALLVLGVFLMLFFIIFLRRMLMRRFRA-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 20-95% MeCN), the 12 x TFA salt product (4.25 mg, 0.65 μmol, 13 %) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 21.68 min. Purity 96%. Formula: C₂₄₁H₄₁₅N₇₃O₄₂S₅. Molecular weight: 5167.66 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+5H]⁵⁺ calcd.: 1034.4324; found: 1034.4339.



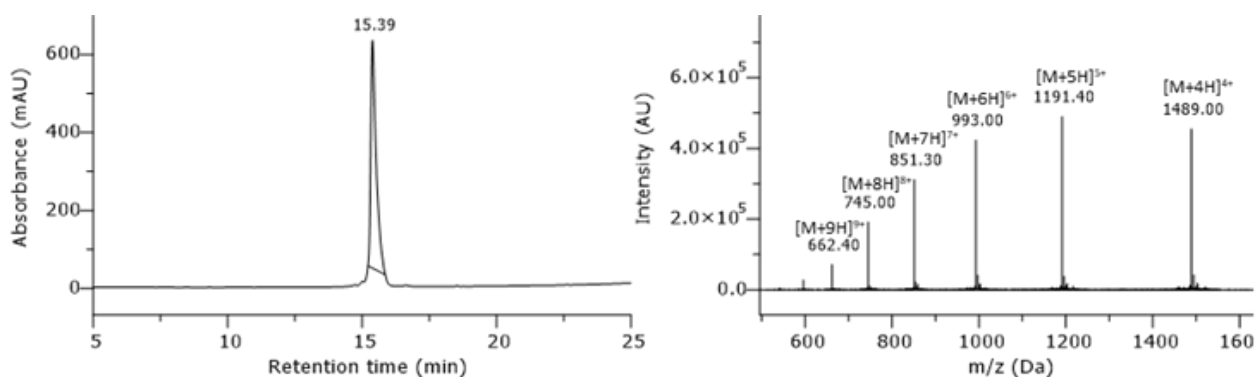
Supplementary Fig. 29: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #27. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MNTTSNMIHRAVQQKRISFRAAKLTVLFLFKRRLRLLRHEN-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-50% MeCN), the 15 x TFA salt product (4.03 mg, 0.57 μmol, 11%) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 11.55 min. Purity ≥ 99%. Formula: C₂₃₉H₄₀₅N₈₃O₅₆S₂. Molecular weight: 5401.42 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+5H]⁵⁺ calcd.: 1081.225; found: 1081.2283.



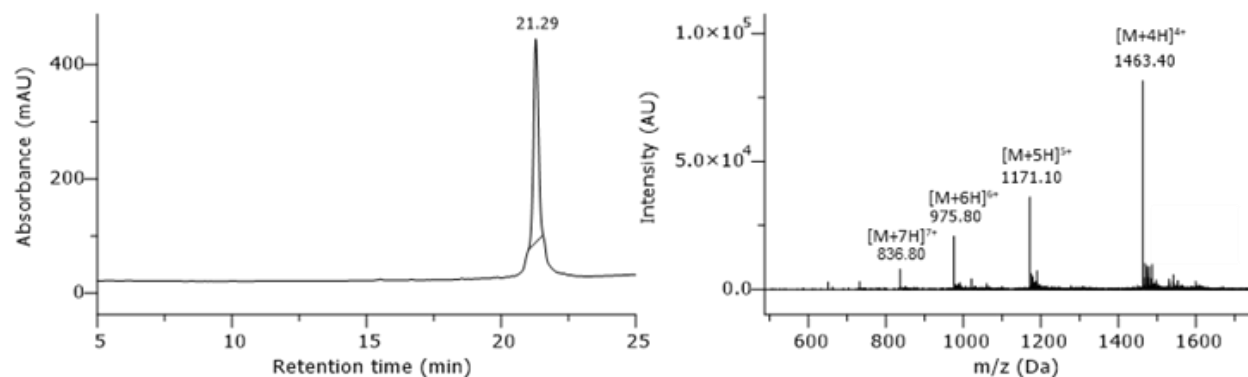
Supplementary Fig. 30: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #28. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MMKIRNTLRSRKEAVRRIFSLRRRSVFTEMARAFRRFKAR-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-50% MeCN), the 16 x TFA salt product (4.53 mg, 0.66 μmol, 13 %) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 10.77 min. Purity 90%. Formula: C₂₁₈H₃₇₇N₈₁O₅₀S₃. Molecular weight: 5029.03 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+7H]⁷⁺ calcd.: 719.4170; found: 719.4181.



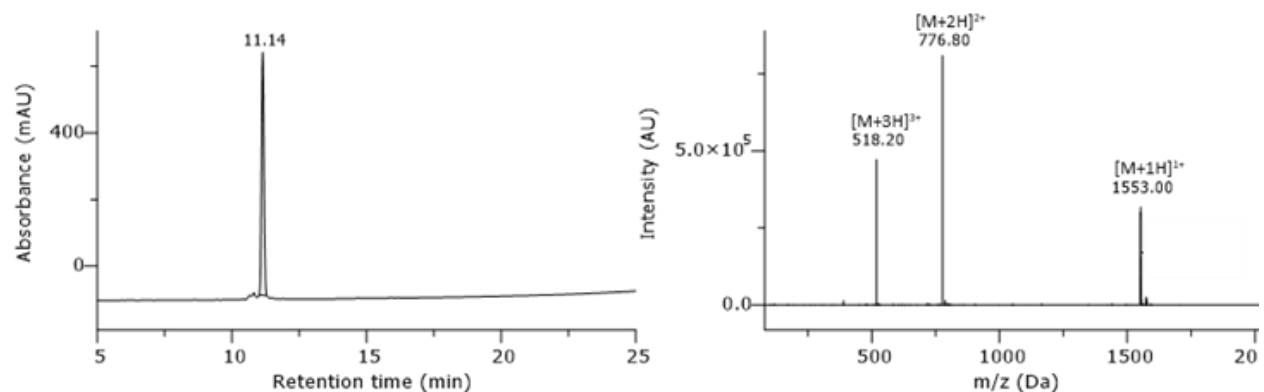
Supplementary Fig. 31: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #29. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MKKKKKGILKQNNKKKYTLFNRMVVFLFLGFIMIFVQKYKKVIYHK-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-75% MeCN), the 17 x TFA salt product (4.80 mg, 0.61 μmol, 12 %) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 15.39 min. Purity ≥ 99%. Formula: C₂₈₇H₄₇₁N₇₃O₅₇S₃. Molecular weight: 5952.45 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+5H]⁵⁺ calcd.: 1191.3161; found: 1191.3205.



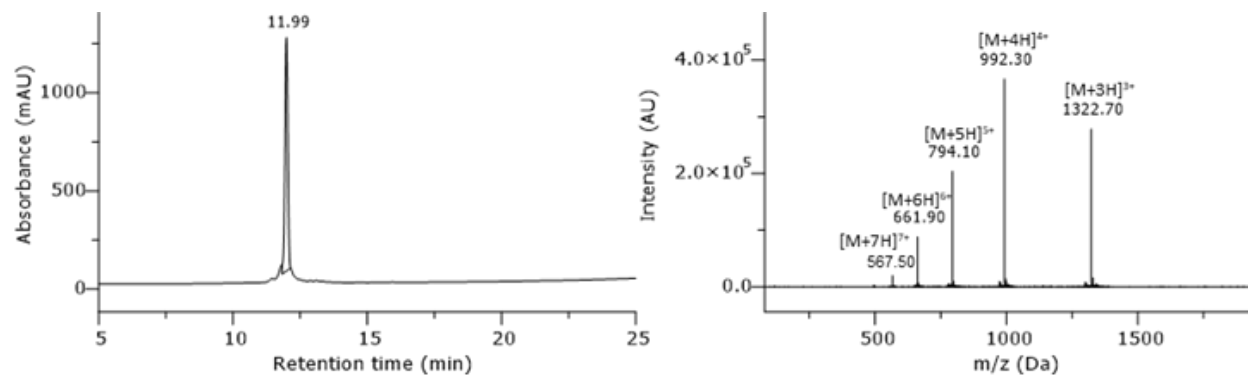
Supplementary Fig. 32: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide AMP #30. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MGFGLWGLFHFKNMNPFLFKNGFIFLIIMIFTVWGLFFGKKKAYIEKFL-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 20-95% MeCN), the 8 x TFA salt product (1.44 mg, 0.21 μmol, 4 %) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 21.29 min. Approximate purity 98%. Formula: C₂₉₅H₄₂₉N₆₃O₅₆S₃. Molecular weight: 5850.14 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+5H]⁵⁺ cacl.: 1170.8453; found: 1170.8442.



Supplementary Fig. 33 HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide BP100. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MKKLFKILKYL-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-50% MeCN), the 6 x TFA salt product (4.03 mg, 1.80 μmol, 36 %) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 11.14 min. Purity 97%. Formula: C₇₇H₁₃₄N₁₈O₁₃S. Molecular weight: 1552.06 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+2H]²⁺ cacl.: 776.5122; found: 776.5110.



Supplementary Fig. 34: HPLC chromatogram of purified peptide Cecropin B. Gradient 5-95% B in column 2, monitored at 220 nm. Absorbance mAU: milli-absorbance unit. Intensity AU: arbitrary unit.

H₂N-MKWKVFKKIEKMGRNIRNGIVKAGPAIAVLGEAKAL-CONH₂; peptide has been synthesized in 5 μmol scale. After purification (column 1, 05-50% MeCN), the 10 x TFA salt product (2.29 mg, 0.45 μmol, 9%) was obtained as a white solid. t_R = 11.99 min. Purity 97%. Formula: C₁₈₁H₃₁₁N₅₃O₄₂S₂. Molecular weight: 3965.86 g/mol. HRMS-ESI+ (m/z): [M+4H]⁴⁺ calcd.: 992.3404; found: 992.3409.

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