### Supplementary Material

## 'Artilysation' of endolysin $\lambda$ Sa2lys strongly improves its enzymatic and antibacterial activity against streptococci

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**Supplementary Figures** 

Supplementary file 1. Purification and stability of  $\lambda$ Sa2lys endolysin and its derivative Artilysin, Art-240. Electrophoretic profile of proteins A) endolysin  $\lambda$ Sa2lys and B) Art-240. Lane 1, PeqLab Protein Marker I standard; lane 2, total fraction; lane 3, cytoplasmic fraction; lane 4, column flow through and lane 5 purified protein. C) Melting curves of both  $\lambda$ Sa2lys endolysin (triangle) and Art-240 (circle) performed by monitoring loss of  $\alpha$ -helicity of proteins by CD spectroscopy at 222 nm. Cooperative melting is observed for each protein in a similar way. Tm values are 63.9°C and 61.1°C for Art-240 and  $\lambda$ Sa2lys, respectively.



B)

A)

Temperature (°C)

Supplementary file 2. Plate lysis assay of endolysin  $\lambda$ Sa2lys and Art-240 against *S. agalactiae* LiCC S461. Spots were dropped with 1, 2, and 5  $\mu$ M of each protein. Control spots are the stock buffer of  $\lambda$ Sa2lys and Art-240 (20 mM HEPES 500 mM NaCl pH 7.4). +++ very high, ++ high, + moderate, +/- low, --- no activity.



#### Supplementary file 3. Effect of pH on enzymatic activity of $\lambda$ Sa2lys endolysin and Art-240. The

activity was determined by a turbidity reduction assay with equimolar amounts (0.1  $\mu$ M) of  $\lambda$ Sa2lys (grey) and Art-240 (white), and reported as the slopes derived from a 60-min curves from both *S*. *uberis* LiCC S648 performed under various pH conditions. Data are means  $\pm$  standard deviations of three replicated. Student *t*-test was performed to compare the activity of  $\lambda$ Sa2lys and Art-240 within each pH value. *P*<0.01; *P*<0.001.



#### Supplementary file 4. Effect of NaCl on enzymatic activity of λSa2lys endolysin and Art-240.

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# Movie S1. Real-time movie of *S. uberis* LiCC S648 exposed to equimolar amounts (0.1 $\mu$ M) of Art-240, $\lambda$ Sa2lys, PCNP and buffer. Exponentially growing cells were washed three times with buffer and subsequently mixed (1:1) with 0.2 $\mu$ M of the corresponding enzyme/peptide. The mixture was dropped on agarose pads and cells were monitored in real-time.