Supplemental Information

Targeting *Bacillus anthracis* toxicity with a genetically selected inhibitor of the PA/CMG2 protein-protein interaction.

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Supplemental Figure 1. A) The structure of PA bound to CMG2 from PDB 1T6B. The four domains of PA are highlighted in different colours for clarity. **B)** Drop-spotting data from the various RTHS built for this study. We assessed full length PA (I-IV, top row of each plate), PA II-IV (2^{nd} row) and PA III-IV (bottom row). Only PA III-IV was observed to form a functional repressor with CMG2, as illustrated by the loss of growth of the PA III-IV/CMG2 RTHS (loss of 4 spots = 10000 fold) in response to 50 µM IPTG.



Supplemental Figure 2. A) The mechanism of SICLOPPS intein splicing. **B)** Cartoon representation of the truncated SICLOPPS inteins selected in this study. **C)** Graphical representation of the truncated SICLOPPS intein adapted from PDB ID 1ZD7.

Supplemental Table 1 Selected hits

Rank	Sequence
1	CMNHFPA*
1	CLRFT*
1	CLRPT*
2	CPLSLVA*
3	CPIF*
3	CITA*
3	CLIYLI
3	CHSMDL
3	CAHS*

*=STOP codon

Supplementary Experimental procedures and Spectra.

All peptides were synthesized and purified as detailed in the methods section.

CLRFT



The peptide was synthesised using standard solid phase peptide synthesis techniques, with Fmoc-protected amino acids, yielding 54 mg (34%) of the product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 12.62 (1 H, br. s., Thr-COOH) 8.51 (1 H, d, *J*=7.63 Hz, Leu-NH) 8.13 (1 H, d, *J*=8.24 Hz, Thr-NH) 8.12 (1 H, d, *J*=8.24 Hz, Cys-NH) 7.95 (1 H, d, *J*=7.93 Hz, Phe-NH) 7.51 (1 H, br. s., Arg-NH) 7.19 - 7.29 (4 H, m, Phe-ArH) 7.14 - 7.18 (1 H, m, Phe-ArH) 4.96 (1 H, br. s., Cys-SH or Thr-OH) 4.69 (1 H, td, *J*=8.54, 4.27 Hz, Phe-aH) 4.28 - 4.38 (1 H, m, Leu-aH) 4.20 - 4.27 (2 H, m, Thr-aH and Thr- β H) 4.15 - 4.19 (1 H, m, Arg- α H) 3.97 - 4.06 (1 H, m, Cys- α H) 3.35 (br. s., solvent- H₂O) 2.95 - 3.12 (4 H, m, Arg- β H, Arg- δ H or Phe- β H) 2.76 - 2.88 (2 H, m, Arg- β H or Phe- β H) 1.62 (2 H, d, *J*=5.19 Hz, Cys- β H) 1.35 - 1.51 (5 H, m, Leu- β H, Arg- γ H and Leu- γ H) 1.00 - 1.10 (3 H, m, Thr- γ H) 0.81 - 0.91 (6 H, m, Leu- δ H); Analytical HPLC (220 nm) 18.1 min; IR (neat) 3270, 1631, 1525, 1188 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) *m/z* (%) 639.2 ((M + H)⁺, 100), 320.5 ((M + 2H)²⁺ 41.8); HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₈H₄₇N₈O₇S (M + H)⁺ calcd 639.3283, found 639.3270.













COSY:



TOCSY:



CLRPT



The peptide was synthesised using standard solid phase peptide synthesis techniques, with Fmoc-protected amino acids, yielding 21.0 mg (15%) of the product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 12.43 - 12.71 (1 H, m, Thr-COOH) 8.52 (1 H, d, *J*=7.93 Hz, Leu-NH) 8.25 (1 H, d, *J*=7.63 Hz, Arg-NH) 8.20 (3 H br. s., Phe-NH) 7.86 (1 H, d, *J*=8.24 Hz, Pro-NH) 7.53 (1 H, t, *J*=5.49 Hz, Arg-NH_{side-chain}) 4.91 (1 H, br. s., Thr-OH) 4.52 (1 H, dd, *J*=8.39, 3.51 Hz, Pro- α H) 4.45 - 4.50 (1 H, m, Arg- α H) 4.36 (1 H, ddd, *J*=9.84, 7.86, 5.19 Hz, Leu- α H) 4.13 - 4.18 (2 H, m, Thr- α H, Thr- β H) 4.02 - 4.07 (1 H, m, Cys- α H) 3.61 - 3.68 (1 H, m, Pro- β H) 3.02 - 3.15 (3 H, m, Arg- δ H) 2.99 (1 H, d, *J*=5.19 Hz, Cys- β H) 2.88 (1 H, d, *J*=14.04 Hz, Cys- β H) 2.00 - 2.12 (1 H, m, Pro- γ H) 1.82 - 1.96 (3 H, m, Pro- γ H and Pro- δ H) 1.62 - 1.73 (2 H, m, Leu- β H) 1.49 - 1.58 (3 H, m, Arg- γ H and Leu- γ H) 1.42 - 1.49 (2 H, m, Arg- β H) 1.06 - 1.09 (3 H, m, Thr- γ H) 0.89 (6 H, d, *J*=6.71 Hz, Leu- δ H); Analytical HPLC (220 nm) 16.1 min; IR (neat) 3278, 1655, 1182 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) *m/z* (%) 589.2 ((M + H)⁺), 295.2 ((M + 2H)²⁺); HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₄H₄₅N₈O₇S (M + H)⁺ calcd 589.3126, found 589.3125.



HPLC:









CMNHFPA



The peptide was synthesised using standard solid phase peptide synthesis techniques, with Fmoc-protected amino acids, yielding 56 mg (27%) of the product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (600MHz, DMSO) δ ppm 12.57 (1H, br. s., Ala-COOH) 8.93 (2H, br. s., His-NH_{side-chain}) 8.63 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, Met-NH) 8.33 (2H, t, J = 7.9 Hz, Asn-NH and His-NH) 8.09 (1H, d, J = 7.3 Hz, Ala-NH) 8.03 (1H, d, J = 7.3 Hz, Phe-NH) 7.46 (1H, br. s., His-IndH) 7.42 (1H, m, Phe-ArH) 7.24 - 7.33 (4H, m, Phe-ArH) 7.16 - 7.25 (1H, m, His-IndH) 6.97 - 7.06 (1H, m, Cys-SH) 4.57 - 4.64 (1H, dd, His-aH) 4.46 - 4.56 (1H, m, Phe-aH) 4.39 - 4.45 (1H, m, J=8.5 Hz, Asn-aH) 4.37 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, Met-aH) 4.10 - 4.25 (1H, dd, J=7.3 Hz, Ala-aH) 4.03 (1H, t, J=6, Cys-aH) 3.94 (1H, d, J = 6.1 Hz, Pro-aH) 3.53 - 3.64 (1H, m, Pro-\betaH) 3.14 - 3.50 (H, m, Pro-\betaH and Phe-\betaH) 3.03 (2H, d, J = 15.9 Hz, His-\betaH) 2.97 (2H, m, Asn-\betaH) 2.76 - 2.92 (3H, m, Cys-\betaH) 2.35 - 2.49 (4H, m, Met- γ H and Pro- γ H) 1.97 - 2.07 (3H, m, Met- δ H) 1.81 - 1.95 (3H, m, Met- β H) 1.71 - 1.80 (2H, m, Pro- δ H) 1.28 (3H, d, J = 7.3 Hz, Ala- β H); Analytical HPLC (220 nm) 17.6 min; IR (neat) 3279, 1631, 1188 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) *m/z* (%) 819.2 ((M + H)⁺, 100.0), 410.4 ((M + 2H)²⁺ 68.0); HRMS (ESI+) for C₃₅H₅₀N₁₀O₉S₂ (M + H)⁺ calcd 819.3276, found 819.3828.





Mass Spectrum



High resolution mass spectrum:





FCRTL



The peptide was synthesised using standard solid phase peptide synthesis techniques, with Fmoc-protected amino acids, yielding 56 mg (35%) of the product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 8.78 (1 H, d, *J*=9.77 Hz, Cys-NH) 8.39 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Leu-NH) 8.09 - 8.17 (4 H, m, Phe-NH) 7.99 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Arg-NH) 7.82 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Thr-NH) 7.60 (1 H, br. s., Arg-NH_{side-chain}) 7.30 - 7.33 (2 H, m, Phe-ArH) 7.23 - 7.27 (3 H, m, Phe-ArH) 4.83 (1 H, br. s., Cys-SH) 4.50 - 4.54 (1 H, m, Cys- α H) 4.35 (1 H, q, *J*=7.32 Hz, Leu- α H) 4.19 - 4.30 (2 H, m, Thr- α H, Phe- α H) 4.14 (1 H, br. s., Thr-OH) 3.90 - 3.97 (2 H, m, Thr- β H, Arg- α H) 3.04 - 3.13 (4 H, m, Arg- δ H, Phe- β H) 2.88 - 2.95 (1 H, m, Arg- γ H) 2.67 - 2.82 (2 H, m, Arg- γ H, Cys- β H) 2.41 - 2.48 (1 H, m, Cys- β H) 1.72 (1 H, br. s.) 1.61 - 1.68 (1 H, m, Leu- β H) 1.49 - 1.56 (6 H, m, Leu- γ H, Leu- β H) 1.06 (4 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Thr- γ H) 0.88 (5 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Leu- δ H) 0.83 (4 H, d, *J*=4.88 Hz, Leu- δ H); Analytical HPLC (220 nm) 17.4 min; IR (neat) 3280, 1636, 1134 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) *m/z* (%) 639.3 ((M + H)⁺, 61.3), 320.5 ((M + 2H)²⁺ 100.0); HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₈H₄₆N₈O₇S (M + H)⁺ calcd 639.3283, found 639.3271.



Mass Spectrum:









HPCNAMF



The peptide was synthesised using standard solid phase peptide synthesis techniques, with Fmoc-protected amino acids, yielding 45 mg (22%) of the product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 8.92 (1 H, br. s., His-NH_{side-chain}) 8.54 (1 H, d, *J*=4.39 Hz, Pro-NH) 8.23 (2 H, t, *J*=7.32 Hz, His-NH) 8.14 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Cys-NH) 8.04 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Asn-NH) 7.95 - 8.02 (2 H, m, Met-NH and Phe-NH) 7.93 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Ala-NH) 7.45 (2 H, d, *J*=10.25 Hz, His-ArH) 7.23 - 7.28 (3 H, m, Phe-ArH, Asn-NH_{2-side-chain}) 7.16 - 7.22 (4 H, m, Phe-ArH) 6.98 (1 H, br. s. His-ArH) 4.51 - 4.55 (1 H, m, Cys-SH) 4.48 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, His-aH) 4.37 - 4.45 (4 H, m, Pro-aH, Cys-aH, Asn-aH) 4.26 - 4.33 (1 H, m, Met-aH and Phe-aH) 4.21 (1 H, dd, *J*=7.32, 2.93 Hz, Ala-aH) 3.65 - 3.74 (2 H, m, Pro-\deltaH) 3.31 - 3.58 (19 H, m, Pro-\deltaH) 3.17 - 3.23 (2 H, m) 3.02 - 3.16 (4 H, m, Cys-βH, Asn-βH) 2.86 - 2.93 (1 H, m, Asn-βH) 2.77 - 2.86 (2 H, m, Cys-βH) 2.70 - 2.77 (1 H, m) 2.52 - 2.60 (1 H, m, His-βH) 2.46 (2 H, dd, *J*=16.11, 7.32 Hz, Phe-βH) 2.34 - 2.42 (3 H, m) 2.13 - 2.25 (3 H, m, Pro-βH, Met-βH) 2.01 (3 H, s, Met-δH) 1.96 (2 H, s) 1.83 - 1.90 (4 H, m, Pro-γH) 1.74 - 1.81 (1 H, m, Phe-βH) 1.67 - 1.73 (1 H, m) 1.55 - 1.64 (1 H, m, Met-βH) 1.13 - 1.20 (5 H, m, Ala-βH); Analytical HPLC (220 nm) 17.8 min; IR (neat) 3261, 1622, 1132 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) *m/z* (%) 819.4 ((M + H)⁺, 100.0); HRMS (ESI+) for C₃₅H₅₀N₁₀O₉S₂ (M + H)⁺ calcd 819.3276, found 819.3282.





Mass Spectrum:









CMNHAPA



The peptide was synthesised using standard solid phase peptide synthesis techniques, with Fmoc-protected amino acids, yielding 56 mg (30%) of the product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.45 (1 H, s, His-NH_{side-chain}) 9.14 (1 H, d, *J*=7.81 Hz, Asn-NH) 8.82 (2 H, d, *J*=7.81 Hz, His-NH) 8.71 - 8.78 (3 H, m, Ala-NH₂) 8.59 (1 H, d, *J*=7.81 Hz, Ala-NH₁) 8.55 (1 H, d, *J*=7.81 Hz, Met-NH) 7.94 (1 H, br. s., Asn-NH_{side-chain}) 7.87 (1 H, s, His- γ H) 7.48 (1 H, br. s. Asn-NH_{side-chain}) 4.81 - 5.04 (8 H, m, Ala₁- α , Met- α H, Asn- α H, His- α H) 4.66 (2 H, t, *J*=7.81 Hz, Ala₂- α H) 4.53 (2 H, br. s., Cys- α H) 4.05 - 4.12 (1 H, m, Pro- α H) 3.99 - 4.04 (1 H, m, Pro- α H) 3.52 - 3.59 (1 H, m, Met- β H) 3.42 - 3.49 (3 H, m, Cys- β H, Met- β H) 2.88 - 3.02 (8 H, m, Pro- γ H, Met- γ H, His- β H) 2.50 - 2.52 (5 H, m, Asn- β H) 2.32 - 2.46 (6 H, m, Pro- β H, Asn- β H) 2.22 - 2.30 (2 H, m, Pro- γ H) 1.68 - 1.77 (9 H, m, Met- δ H, Ala₁- β H, Ala₂- β H); Analytical HPLC (220 nm) 15.9 min; IR (neat) 3273, 1652, 1133 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) *m/z* (%) 743.3 ((M + H)⁺, 77.1), 372.5 ((M + 2H)⁺, 100.0)); HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₆H₄₆N₁₀O₉S₂ (M + H)⁺ calcd 743.2963, found 743.2953.













CLR(D-F)T



The peptide was synthesised using standard solid phase peptide synthesis techniques, with Fmoc-protected amino acids, yielding 52 mg (33%) of the product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 8.49 (1 H, d, *J*=7.81 Hz, Leu-NH) 8.29 (1 H, d, *J*=9.77 Hz, Thr-NH) 8.15 (3 H, d, *J*=7.81 Hz, Phe-NH) 8.05 - 8.09 (1 H, m, Arg-NH) 7.40 (1 H, t, *J*=5.86 Hz, Arg-NH_{side-chain}) 7.25 - 7.30 (2 H, m, Phe-ArH) 7.19 - 7.25 (2 H, m, Phe-ArH) 7.13 - 7.19 (1 H, m, Phe-ArH) 4.96 (1 H, br. s., Cys-SH) 4.72 (1 H, td, *J*=9.77, 3.91 Hz, Thr- α H) 4.24 - 4.34 (1 H, m, Leu- α H) 4.11 - 4.23 (2 H, m, Arg- α H, Phe- α H) 4.02 (1 H, br. s., Cys- α H) 3.35 (7 H, br. s. Phe- β H) 3.13 (2 H, d, *J*=9.77 Hz, Thr- β H) 2.83 - 3.01 (3 H, m, Cys- β H, Thr- β H) 2.66 - 2.76 (2 H, m, Arg- δ H) 1.59 - 1.70 (1 H, m, Leu- β H) 1.32 - 1.50 (3 H, m, Leu- β H, Leu- γ H, Arg- β H) 1.22 - 1.30 (1 H, m-Arg- γ H) 1.08 - 1.18 (1 H, m, Arg- γ H) 1.00 (3 H, d, *J*=5.86 Hz, Thr- γ H) 0.82 - 0.91 (6 H, m, Leu- δ H); Analytical HPLC (220 nm) 17.7 min; IR (neat) 3278, 1643, 1133 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) *m/z* (%) 639.3 ((M + H)⁺, 65.8), 320.5 ((M + 2H)⁺, 100.0)); HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₈H₄₆N₈O₇S (M + H)⁺ calcd 639.3283, found 639.3281.











CLR(hPhe)T



The peptide was synthesised using standard solid phase peptide synthesis techniques, with Fmoc-protected amino acids, yielding 63 mg (37%) of the product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 8.54 (1 H, d, *J*=7.81 Hz, Leu-NH) 8.30 (1 H, d, *J*=7.81 Hz, Phe-NH) 8.11 (2 H, d, *J*=7.81 Hz, Arg-NH) 7.82 - 7.89 (1 H, m, Thr-NH) 7.58 (1 H, br. s., Arg-NH_{side-chain}) 7.22 - 7.30 (2 H, m, Phe-ArH) 7.11 - 7.22 (3 H, m, Phe-ArH) 4.87 - 5.06 (1 H, m, Cys-SH, Thr-OH) 4.29 - 4.46 (3 H, m, Leu-aH, Arg-aH) 4.11 - 4.24 (2 H, m, Thr-aH) 4.00 - 4.05 (1 H, m, Cys-aH) 3.25 - 3.40 (9 H, m, Thr-\betaH) 3.09 (2 H, d, *J*=5.86 Hz, Arg-\deltaH) 2.98 - 3.03 (1 H, m, Cys-\betaH) 2.81 - 2.90 (1 H, m, Cys-\betaH) 2.52 - 2.69 (3 H, m Arg-\betaH) 1.90 - 2.01 (1 H, m, Arg-\gammaH) 1.77 - 1.87 (1 H, m, Arg-\gammaH) 1.60 - 1.74 (2 H, m, Leu-\betaH,) 1.44 - 1.57 (6 H, m, Leu- β H,) 1.05 (3 H, d, *J*=5.86 Hz, Thr- γ H) 0.84 - 0.88 (6 H, m, Leu- δ H); Analytical HPLC (220 nm) 18.2 min; IR (neat) 3272, 1631, 1134 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) *m/z* (%) 653.4 ((M + H)⁺, 70.8), 327.5 ((M + 2H)⁺, 100.0)); HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₉H₄₈N₈O₇S (M + H)⁺ calcd 653.3439, found 653.3430.



HPLC:





High resolution mass spectrum:



¹H NMR:



CLR(Phg)T



The peptide was synthesised using standard solid phase peptide synthesis techniques, with Fmoc-protected amino acids, yielding 55 mg (35%) of the product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 8.54 (1 H, d, *J*=7.81 Hz, Leu-NH) 8.34 (2 H, br. s., Thr-NH, Phe-NH) 8.29 (1 H, d, *J*=7.81 Hz, Arg-NH) 7.55 - 7.74 (1 H, m, Arg-NH_{side-chain}) 7.44 (2 H, d, *J*=7.81 Hz, Phe-ArH) 7.25 - 7.34 (3 H, m, Phe-ArH) 5.66 (1 H, d, *J*=7.81 Hz, Cys-SH) 4.84 - 5.08 (1 H, m Thr- α H) 4.32 - 4.45 (2 H, m, Leu- α H, Arg- α H) 4.21 (1 H, d, *J*=5.86 Hz, Phe- α H) 4.09 - 4.17 (1 H, m, Cys- α H) 3.99 - 4.06 (1 H, m Thr- β H) 3.33 (8 H, br. s., Phe- β H, Phe- γ H) 3.04 - 3.16 (2 H, m, Arg- δ H) 2.96 - 3.03 (1 H, m, Cys- β H) 2.81 - 2.91 (1 H, m, Cys- β H) 1.72 (1 H, br. s., Arg- β H) 1.60 - 1.69 (1 H, m, Leu- β H) 1.42 - 1.58 (5 H, m, Leu- γ H, Leu- β H, Arg- γ H, Arg- β H) 1.05 (3 H, d, *J*=5.86 Hz, Thr- γ H) 0.85 - 0.90 (6 H, m, Leu- δ H); Analytical HPLC (220 nm) 17.4 min; IR (neat) 3270, 1630, 1137 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) *m/z* (%) 625.4 ((M + H)⁺, 74.4), 313.5 ((M + 2H)⁺, 100.0)); HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₇H₄₄N₈O₇S (M + H)⁺ calcd 625.3126, found 625.3133.













CLR(4-Bz-F)T



The peptide was synthesised using standard solid phase peptide synthesis techniques, with Fmoc-protected amino acids, yielding 59 mg (32%) of the product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 12.64 (1 H, br. s., Thr-COOH) 8.50 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Leu-NH) 8.23 (2 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Thr-NH, Arg-NH) 8.03 (1 H, d, *J*=9.77 Hz, Phe-NH) 7.67 - 7.72 (2 H, m, Phe-ArH) 7.63 (2 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Phe-ArH) 7.56 (2 H, t, *J*=7.32 Hz, Phe-ArH) 7.47 - 7.52 (1 H, m, Arg-NH_{side-chain}) 7.45 (2 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Phe-ArH) 4.89 - 5.11 (1 H, m, Cys-SH) 4.76 - 4.81 (1 H, m, Phe- α H) 4.30 - 4.35 (1 H, m, Leu- α H) 4.21 - 4.30 (2 H, m, Thr- α H, Arg- α H) 4.18 (1 H, d, *J*=4.88 Hz, Cys- α H) 4.02 (1 H, br. s., Thr-OH) 3.18 (1 H, d, *J*=9.77 Hz, Phe- β H) 3.02 - 3.08 (3 H, m, Thr- β H, Arg- δ H, Cys- β H) 2.89 - 3.01 (2 H, m, Arg- δ H, Phe- β H) 2.79 - 2.88 (1 H, m, Arg- β H) 2.54 - 2.65 (1 H, m, Arg- β H) 1.55 - 1.69 (2 H, m, Leu- β H) 1.34 - 1.52 (6 H, m, Leu- γ H, Arg- γ H) 1.04 - 1.08 (4 H, m, Thr- γ H) 0.77 - 0.81 (5 H, m, Leu- δ H); Analytical HPLC (220 nm) 18.9 min; IR (neat) 3277, 1639, 1135 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) *m*/*z* (%) 745.4 ((M + H)⁺, 45.5), 372.5 ((M + 2H)⁺, 54.3); HRMS (ESI+) for C₃₅H₅₀N₈O₈S (M + 2H)⁺ calcd 372.1809, found 372.1818.



HPLC:





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High resolution mass spectrum:
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¹H NMR:



CLRYT



The peptide was synthesised using standard solid phase peptide synthesis techniques, with Fmoc-protected amino acids, yielding 63 mg (37%) of the product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.16 (1 H, br. s., Tyr-OH) 8.52 (1 H, d, *J*=7.81 Hz, Leu-NH) 8.17 (1 H, d, *J*=7.81 Hz, Thr-NH) 8.04 (1 H, d, *J*=7.81 Hz, Tyr-NH) 7.86 (1 H, d, *J*=9.77 Hz, Arg-NH) 7.55 (1 H, br. s., Arg-NH_{side-chain}) 7.01 - 7.06 (2 H, m, Tyr-ArH) 6.61 (2 H, d, *J*=7.81 Hz, Tyr-ArH) 4.94 (1 H, br. s., Cys-SH) 4.55 - 4.64 (1 H, m, Arg- α H) 4.31 - 4.38 (1 H, m, Leu- α H) 4.24 - 4.29 (1 H, m, Tyr- α H) 4.19 - 4.23 (1 H, m, Thr-OH) 4.16 (1 H, d, *J*=5.86 Hz, Thr- α H) 4.01 - 4.05 (1 H, m, Cys- α H) 3.28 - 3.50 (8 H, m, Solvent-H₂O) 3.02 - 3.10 (3 H, m, Thr- β H, Tyr- β H) 2.91 - 3.01 (2 H, m, Cys- β H) 2.86 (1 H, dd, *J*=13.67, 3.91 Hz, Arg- β H) 2.70 (1 H, dd, *J*=13.67, 7.81 Hz, Arg- β H) 1.57 - 1.69 (2 H, m, Leu- β H) 1.37 - 1.52 (7 H, m, Leu- γ H, Arg- γ H, Thr- β H) 1.04 (3 H, d, *J*=7.81 Hz, Thr- γ H) 0.83 - 0.91 (4 H, m, Leu- δ H) ; Analytical HPLC (220 nm) 18.9 min; IR (neat) 3280, 1638, 1134 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) *m/z* (%) 655.3 ((M + H)⁺, 68.1), 328.4 ((M + 2H)⁺, 100.0)); HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₈H₄₅N₉O₉S (M + H)⁺ calcd 655.3232, found 655.3225.









High resolution mass spectrum:





$\underline{\text{CLR}(4-\text{NO}_2\text{F})\text{T}}$



The peptide was synthesised using standard solid phase peptide synthesis techniques, with Fmoc-protected amino acids, yielding 65 mg (40%) of the product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 8.51 (1H, d, *J*=7.81, Leu-NH) 8.26 (d, *J*=7.81 Hz, 1 H, Thr-NH) 8.15 (d, *J*=7.81 Hz, 1 H, Phe-NH) 8.10 (d, *J*=7.81 Hz, 2 H, Phe-ArH) 8.03 -8.07 (m, 1 H, Arg-NH) 7.56 (d, *J*=7.81 Hz, 2 H, Phe-ArH) 5.03 (br. s., 1 H, Cys-SH) 4.75 - 4.85 (m, 1 H, Arg-\alphaH) 4.32 (t, *J*=11.72 Hz, 1 H, Leu- α H) 4.15 - 4.26 (m, 3 H, Phe- α H, Thr- α , Thr- β H) 4.03 (br. s., 1 H, Cys- α H) 3.21 (d, *J*=13.67, 3.91 Hz, 2 H, Arg- β H) 3.02 - 3.08 (m, 2 H, Phe- β H) 2.93 (dd, *J*=13.67, 9.77 Hz, 1 H, Thr- β H) 1.60 (d, *J*=5.86 Hz, 3 H, Arg- δ H, Leu- β H) 1.37 - 1.51 (m, 5 H, Leu- γ H, Cys- β H, Leu- β H) 1.29 - 1.36 (m, 2 H, Arg- γ H) 1.05 (d, *J*=5.86 Hz, 3 H, Thr- δ H) 0.82-0.85 (d, *J*=7.81 Hz, 6 H, Leu- δ H); Analytical HPLC (220 nm) 19.8 min; IR (neat) 3275, 1637, 1135 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) *m/z* (%) 684.3 ((M + H)⁺, 100.0); HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₈H₄₅N₉O₉S (M + H)⁺ calcd 684.3134, found 684.3133.







High resolution mass spectrum:





CLR(4-CN-F)T



The peptide was synthesised using standard solid phase peptide synthesis techniques, with Fmoc-protected amino acids, yielding 60 mg (36%) of the product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 12.65 (1 H, br. s., Thr-COOH) 8.51 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Leu-NH) 8.22 (1 H, d, *J*=9.77 Hz, Thr-NH) 8.19 (3 H, br. s., Arg-NH) 8.15 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Phe-NH) 8.02 (1 H, d, *J*=9.77 Hz, Phe-ArH) 7.68 (1 H, d, *J*=9.77 Hz, Phe-ArH) 7.48 (3 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Phe-ArH, Arg-NH_{side-chain}) 5.02 (1 H, br. s., Cys-SH) 4.73 - 4.80 (1 H, m, Phe-aH) 4.30 - 4.37 (1 H, m, Leu-aH) 4.16 - 4.26 (3 H, m, Thr-aH, Thr-βH, Arg-aH) 3.99 - 4.09 (1 H, m, Cys-aH) 3.12 - 3.19 (1 H, m, Phe-βH) 2.97 - 3.08 (3 H, m, Cys-βH, Arg-\deltaH) 2.82 - 2.91 (2 H, m, Arg-βH, Phe-βH) 2.58 - 2.66 (1 H, m, Arg-βH) 1.55 - 1.68 (2 H, m, Leu-βH) 1.31 - 1.50 (6 H, m, Leu-γH, Arg-γH) 1.05 (3 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Thr-γH) 0.83 - 0.91 (6 H, m, Leu-\deltaH); Analytical HPLC (220 nm) 17.6 min; IR (neat) 3278, 1642, 1134 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) *m/z* (%) 664.1 ((M + H)⁺, 76.8), 333.0 ((M + 2H)⁺, 100.0)); HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₉H₄₅N₉O₇S (M + 2H)⁺ calcd 332.6654, found 332.6660.













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The peptide was synthesised using standard solid phase peptide synthesis techniques, with Fmoc-protected amino acids, yielding 27 mg (53%) of the product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 12.64 (1 H, br. s., Thr-COOH) 9.66 (1 H, br. s. Tyr-OH) 8.50 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Leu-NH) 8.27 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Thr-NH) 8.19 (3 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Tyr-NH) 7.84 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Arg-NH) 7.48 (2 H, s, Tyr-ArH) 5.02 (1 H, br. s., Cys-SH) 4.64 (1 H, br. s. Arg-aH) 4.31 - 4.38 (1 H, m, Leu-aH) 4.15 - 4.25 (3 H, m, Thr-aH, Tyr-aH) 4.02 (1 H, br. s., Cys-aH) 3.06 (3 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Arg-\betaH, Cys-\betaH) 2.98 (2 H, d, *J*=12.21 Hz, Arg-\betaH, Arg-\gammaH) 2.85 (1 H, d, *J*=12.21 Hz, Arg-\deltaH) 2.66 (1 H, dd, *J*=14.65, 9.77 Hz, Arg- \deltaH) 1.58 - 1.70 (2 H, m, Leu-\betaH, Thr-\betaH) 1.40 - 1.54 (7 H, m, Leu-\betaH, Leu-\gammaH, Arg-\gammaH) 1.04 (3 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Thr-\gammaH) 0.81 - 0.90 (6 H, m, Leu-\deltaH); Analytical HPLC (220 nm) 19.8 min; IR (neat) 3271, 1643, 1134 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) *m/z* (%) 813.1 ((M + H)⁺, 100.0), 407.1 ((M + 2H)⁺, 78.1); HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₈H₄₄Br₂N₈O₈S (M + H)⁺ calcd 811.1452, found 811.1443.



HPLC:











CLR(4-Cl-F)T



The peptide was synthesised using standard solid phase peptide synthesis techniques, with Fmoc-protected amino acids, yielding 19 mg (11%) of the product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 8.51 (1 H, d, *J*=7.93 Hz, Leu-NH) 8.15 - 8.19 (2 H, m, Arg-NH and Thr-NH) 7.97 (1 H, d, *J*=7.93 Hz, Phe-NH) 7.50 - 7.58 (1 H, m, Arg-NH_{side-chain}) 7.23 - 7.31 (5 H, m, Phe-ArH) 4.99 (1 H, br. s., Thr-OH or Ser-OH) 4.68 (1 H, td, *J*=8.54, 4.27 Hz, Phe- α H) 4.31 - 4.36 (1 H, m, Leu- α H) 4.24 (1 H, q, *J*=7.43 Hz, Arg- α H) 4.18 - 4.22 (1 H, m) 4.17 (1 H, br. s., Thr- α H) 4.03 (1 H, t, *J*=5.04 Hz, Cys- α H) 3.33 (12 H, br. s., Solvent-H₂O) 3.03 - 3.08 (4 H, m, Phe- β H, Arg- δ H) 2.99 (1 H, dd, *J*=14.34, 5.80 Hz, Cys- β H) 2.85 (1 H, dd, *J*=14.34, 4.58 Hz, Cys- β H) 2.79 (1 H, dd, *J*=14.04, 9.16 Hz, Phe- β H) 1.59 - 1.66 (3 H, m, Arg- β H and Leu- β H) 1.35 - 1.51 (7 H, m, Leu- γ H and Arg- γ H) 1.04 (4 H, d, *J*=6.41 Hz, Thr- β H and Thr- γ H) 0.89 (3 H, d, *J*=6.71 Hz, Leu- γ H) 0.85 (4 H, d, *J*=6.41 Hz, Leu- δ H); Analytical HPLC (220 nm) 18.6 min; IR (neat) 3271, 1629, 1133 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) *m/z* (%) 673.3 ((M + H)⁺, 99.9), 337.2 ((M + 2H)⁺, 100.0)); HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₈H₄₅CIN₈O₇S (M + H)⁺ calcd 673.2887, found 673.2888.















CLRF(4-F)T



The peptide was synthesised using standard solid phase peptide synthesis techniques, with Fmoc-protected amino acids, yielding 48 mg (29%) of the product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 12.63 (1 H, br. s., Thr-COOH) 8.51 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Leu-NH) 8.19 (2 H, br. s., Arg-NH) 8.15 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Thr-NH) 7.92 - 7.98 (1 H, m, Phe-NH) 7.50 (1 H, br. s., Arg-NH_{side-chain}) 7.25 - 7.32 (2 H, m, Phe-ArH) 7.02 (2 H, t, *J*=7.32 Hz, Phe-ArH) 4.99 (1 H, br. s., Cys-SH) 4.66 - 4.71 (1 H, m, Phe- α H) 4.30 - 4.35 (1 H, m, Leu- α H) 4.14 - 4.27 (3 H, m, Thr- α H, Arg- α H) 4.03 (1 H, br. s., Cys- α H) 3.36 (6 H, br. s., Solvent-H₂O) 2.96 - 3.10 (5 H, m, Phe- β H, Arg- δ H, Thr- β H) 2.85 (1 H, d, *J*=12.21 Hz, Arg- β H) 2.78 (1 H, dd, *J*=14.65, 9.77 Hz, Arg- β H) 1.62 (2 H, d, *J*=4.88 Hz, Leu- β H, Thr- β H) 1.33 - 1.51 (6 H, m, Leu- β H, Leu- γ H, Arg- γ H) 1.05 (4 H, d, *J*=4.88 Hz, Thr- γ H) 0.83 - 0.89 (6H, m, Leu- δ H); Analytical HPLC (220 nm) 18.1 min; IR (neat) 3272, 1632, 1188 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) *m/z* (%) 657.3 ((M + H)⁺, 51.3), 304.4 ((M + 2H)⁺, 100.0)); HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₈H₄₅FN₈O₇S (M + H)⁺ calcd 657.3199, found 657.3171.













<u>CLR (3-NO₂-Y)T</u>



The peptide was synthesised using standard solid phase peptide synthesis techniques, with Fmoc-protected amino acids, yielding 66 mg (38%) of the product as an orange solid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 10.77 (1 H, br. s., Thr-COOH) 9.23 - 9.30 (1 H, m, Tyr-OH) 8.49 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Leu-NH) 8.17 - 8.25 (4 H, m, Thr-NH) 8.15 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Tyr-NH) 7.93 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Arg-NH) 7.84 (1 H, s, Tyr-ArH) 7.52 (1 H, br. s., Arg-NH_{side-chain}) 7.47 (1 H, d, *J*=9.77 Hz, Tyr-ArH) 7.00 (1 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Tyr-ArH) 5.01 (1 H, br. s., Cys-SH) 4.65 - 4.73 (1 H, m, Arg- α H) 4.28 - 4.36 (1 H, m, Leu- α H) 4.16 - 4.26 (3 H, m, Thr- α H, Tyr- α H) 4.03 (1 H, br. s., Cys- α H) 2.94 - 3.10 (5 H, m, Arg- β H, Leu- β H, Tyr- β H) 2.82 - 2.89 (1 H, m Cys- β H) 2.75 (1 H, dd, *J*=14.65, 9.77 Hz, Arg- γ H) 2.56 - 2.62 (1 H, m, Cys- β H) 1.61 (2 H, br. s., Leu- δ H, Leu- γ H) 1.34 - 1.52 (6 H, m, Arg- δ H, Leu- γ H, Thr- β H) 1.04 (3 H, d, *J*=7.32 Hz, Thr- γ H) 0.82 - 0.88 (6 H, m, Leu- δ H); Analytical HPLC (220 nm) 17.6 min; IR (neat) 3284, 1627, 1182 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI+) *m/z* (%) 700.2 ((M + H)⁺, 91.0), 350.9 ((M + 2H)⁺, 100.0)); HRMS (ESI+) for C₂₈H₄₅N₉O₁₀S (M + H)⁺ calcd 700.3083, found 700.3072.







High resolution mass spectrum:





Fluorescein-tagged CLR(4-Cl-F)T



CLR(4-Cl-F)T was synthesized as detailed above. The peptide (4.2 mg, 5.8 μ M) was dissolved in a 1:1 solution of DMF/H₂O (1 mL). Fluorescein-5-maleimide (4.2 mg, 11.6 μ M) was added, and the solution stirred overnight, with the flask protected from light. The solvent was remover in vacuo, and the product purified by column chromatography, using a DCM/MeOH (85:15) to remove excess fluorescein-5-maleimid, followed by 100% methanol to elute the product. The solvent was removed in vacuo to yield 2.6 mgs of the product (41% yield) as a yellow solid. MS (ESI+) *m/z* (%) 550.7 ((M + 2H)⁺, 35.0), 367.7 ((M + 3H)⁺, 100.0)).





Fluorescein-tagged (4-Cl-F)CRTL



Fluorescein-tagged (4-Cl-F)CRTL was prepared as detailed above for fluorescein-tagged CLR(4-Cl-F)T. 2.2 mgs of the product (35% yield) was isolated as a yellow solid. MS (ESI+) m/z (%) 551.0 ((M + 2H)⁺, 71.0), 367.6 ((M + 3H)⁺, 100.0)).



