## **Supplementary Information**

## **AmPEP:** Sequence-based prediction of antimicrobial peptides using distribution patterns of amino acid properties and random forest

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**Supplementary Table S1.** Pearson correlation coefficients (PCC) of AMP/non-AMP distributions using  $M^{model\_train}$ . A descriptor is named with its *physiochemical property*, *class*, and *distribution* ("first residue" is coded as 001, "25% residues" as 025, "50% residues" as 050, "75% residues" as 075, "last residue" as 100). Descriptors with PCC < 0.5 are shown with boldface; those with PCC < 0.5 also in the two other datasets ( $C^{train}$ ,  $C^{test}$ ) are marked with asterisks.

| Descriptor                   | PCC   | Descriptor                  | PCC   | Descriptor                  | PCC   |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Charge_C1_001                | 0.690 | Polarizability_C3_025       | 0.751 | NormalizedVDWV_C2_075       | 0.632 |
| Charge_C2_001*               | 0.063 | SecondaryStr_C1_025         | 0.797 | NormalizedVDWV_C3_075       | 0.675 |
| Charge_C3_001                | 0.252 | SecondaryStr_C2_025         | 0.711 | Polarity_C1_075             | 0.730 |
| Hydrophobicity_C1_001        | 0.747 | SecondaryStr_C3_025         | 0.571 | Polarity_C2_075*            | 0.311 |
| Hydrophobicity_C2_001        | 0.549 | SolventAccessibility_C1_025 | 0.643 | Polarity_C3_075             | 0.544 |
| Hydrophobicity_C3_001*       | 0.128 | SolventAccessibility_C2_025 | 0.729 | Polarizability_C1_075       | 0.525 |
| NormalizedVDWV_C1_001        | 0.554 | SolventAccessibility_C3_025 | 0.669 | Polarizability_C2_075       | 0.801 |
| NormalizedVDWV_C2_001        | 0.625 | Charge_C1_050               | 0.597 | Polarizability_C3_075       | 0.675 |
| NormalizedVDWV_C3_001*       | 0.301 | Charge_C2_050*              | 0.288 | SecondaryStr_C1_075         | 0.747 |
| Polarity_C1_001*             | 0.130 | Charge_C3_050               | 0.268 | SecondaryStr_C2_075         | 0.807 |
| Polarity_C2_001              | 0.512 | Hydrophobicity_C1_050       | 0.679 | SecondaryStr_C3_075         | 0.627 |
| Polarity_C3_001              | 0.689 | Hydrophobicity_C2_050       | 0.719 | SolventAccessibility_C1_075 | 0.727 |
| Polarizability_C1_001        | 0.584 | Hydrophobicity_C3_050       | 0.683 | SolventAccessibility_C2_075 | 0.609 |
| Polarizability_C2_001        | 0.614 | NormalizedVDWV_C1_050       | 0.628 | SolventAccessibility_C3_075 | 0.613 |
| Polarizability_C3_001*       | 0.301 | NormalizedVDWV_C2_050       | 0.627 | Charge_C1_100               | 0.571 |
| SecondaryStr_C1_001*         | 0.346 | NormalizedVDWV_C3_050       | 0.672 | Charge_C2_100               | 0.484 |
| SecondaryStr_C2_001          | 0.657 | Polarity_C1_050             | 0.710 | Charge_C3_100*              | 0.184 |
| SecondaryStr_C3_001          | 0.768 | Polarity_C2_050*            | 0.357 | Hydrophobicity_C1_100*      | 0.464 |
| SolventAccessibility_C1_001  | 0.432 | Polarity_C3_050             | 0.648 | Hydrophobicity_C2_100       | 0.559 |
| SolventAccessibility_C2_001  | 0.747 | Polarizability_C1_050       | 0.636 | Hydrophobicity_C3_100       | 0.652 |
| SolventAccessibility_C3_001* | 0.296 | Polarizability_C2_050       | 0.684 | NormalizedVDWV_C1_100       | 0.529 |
| Charge_C1_025                | 0.588 | Polarizability_C3_050       | 0.672 | NormalizedVDWV_C2_100       | 0.558 |
| Charge_C2_025                | 0.661 | SecondaryStr_C1_050         | 0.720 | NormalizedVDWV_C3_100       | 0.567 |
| Charge_C3_025                | 0.237 | SecondaryStr_C2_050         | 0.739 | Polarity_C1_100             | 0.645 |
| Hydrophobicity_C1_025        | 0.729 | SecondaryStr_C3_050         | 0.640 | Polarity_C2_100             | 0.521 |

| Hydrophobicity_C2_025 | 0.782 | SolventAccessibility_C1_050 | 0.432 | Polarity_C3_100              | 0.570 |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| Hydrophobicity_C3_025 | 0.640 | SolventAccessibility_C2_050 | 0.679 | Polarizability_C1_100        | 0.503 |
| NormalizedVDWV_C1_025 | 0.703 | SolventAccessibility_C3_050 | 0.629 | Polarizability_C2_100        | 0.565 |
| NormalizedVDWV_C2_025 | 0.617 | Charge_C1_075               | 0.473 | Polarizability_C3_100        | 0.567 |
| NormalizedVDWV_C3_025 | 0.751 | Charge_C2_075               | 0.782 | SecondaryStr_C1_100*         | 0.420 |
| Polarity_C1_025       | 0.636 | Charge_C3_075               | 0.231 | SecondaryStr_C2_100          | 0.723 |
| Polarity_C2_025*      | 0.315 | Hydrophobicity_C1_075       | 0.609 | SecondaryStr_C3_100          | 0.618 |
| Polarity_C3_025       | 0.657 | Hydrophobicity_C2_075       | 0.696 | SolventAccessibility_C1_100  | 0.546 |
| Polarizability_C1_025 | 0.705 | Hydrophobicity_C3_075       | 0.727 | SolventAccessibility_C2_100* | 0.464 |
| Polarizability_C2_025 | 0.731 | NormalizedVDWV_C1_075       | 0.638 | SolventAccessibility_C3_100  | 0.639 |

**Supplementary Table S2.** Datasets generated from  $M^{model\_train}$  for P:N ratio tests of AMP prediction. Size of the positive dataset is 3268.

| P:N ratio | Size of            | Total number of |  |  |  |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
|           | one non-AMP subset | non-AMP subsets |  |  |  |
| 1:1       | 3268               | 51              |  |  |  |
| 1:1.5     | 4902               | 34              |  |  |  |
| 1:2       | 6536               | 26              |  |  |  |
| 1:2.5     | 8170               | 20              |  |  |  |
| 1:3       | 9804               | 17              |  |  |  |
| 1:3.5     | 11438              | 15              |  |  |  |
| 1:4       | 13072              | 13              |  |  |  |
| 1:4.5     | 14706              | 11              |  |  |  |
| 1:5       | 16340              | 10              |  |  |  |
| 1:5.5     | 17974              | 9               |  |  |  |
| 1:6       | 19608              | 9               |  |  |  |
| 1:6.5     | 21242              | 8               |  |  |  |
| 1:7       | 22876              | 7               |  |  |  |
| 1:7.5     | 24510              | 7               |  |  |  |
| 1:8       | 26144              | 6               |  |  |  |
| 1:8.5     | 27778              | 6               |  |  |  |
| 1:9       | 29412              | 6               |  |  |  |
| 1:9.5     | 31046              | 5               |  |  |  |
| 1:10      | 32680              | 5               |  |  |  |

**Supplementary Table S3**. Performance of RF classifiers using different P:N ratios in 10-fold cross validation. Values shown are averages and standard deviations (in brackets) over all corresponding subsets. The optimal model based on C-measure is ratio 1:3.

| P:N ratio | Sn      | Sp      | Acc     | МСС     | AUC-ROC | AUC-PR  | Карра   | C-measure |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| 1:1       | 0.978   | 0.945   | 0.962   | 0.924   | 0.988   | 0.698   | 0.923   | 0.588     |
|           | (0.002) | (0.004) | (0.002) | (0.004) | (0.001) | (0.024) | (0.005) | (0.018)   |
| 1:1.5     | 0.972   | 0.952   | 0.960   | 0.917   | 0.989   | 0.755   | 0.917   | 0.628     |
|           | (0.002) | (0.003) | (0.002) | (0.004) | (0.001) | (0.017) | (0.004) | (0.011)   |
| 1:2       | 0.965   | 0.957   | 0.960   | 0.912   | 0.989   | 0.791   | 0.911   | 0.650     |
|           | (0.003) | (0.002) | (0.002) | (0.004) | (0.001) | (0.014) | (0.005) | (0.009)   |
| 1:2.5     | 0.958   | 0.961   | 0.961   | 0.906   | 0.989   | 0.814   | 0.905   | 0.660     |
|           | (0.003) | (0.002) | (0.002) | (0.004) | (0.001) | (0.015) | (0.004) | (0.010)   |
| 1:3       | 0.950   | 0.965   | 0.962   | 0.900   | 0.989   | 0.830   | 0.899   | 0.665     |
|           | (0.003) | (0.002) | (0.002) | (0.004) | (0.000) | (0.009) | (0.004) | (0.006)   |
| 1:3.5     | 0.943   | 0.968   | 0.962   | 0.893   | 0.989   | 0.840   | 0.893   | 0.663     |
|           | (0.004) | (0.001) | (0.002) | (0.005) | (0.001) | (0.010) | (0.005) | (0.009)   |
| 1:4       | 0.936   | 0.970   | 0.963   | 0.888   | 0.989   | 0.849   | 0.888   | 0.663     |
|           | (0.004) | (0.002) | (0.002) | (0.005) | (0.001) | (0.007) | (0.005) | (0.007)   |
| 1:4.5     | 0.929   | 0.973   | 0.965   | 0.884   | 0.989   | 0.857   | 0.884   | 0.662     |
|           | (0.004) | (0.001) | (0.002) | (0.005) | (0.000) | (0.007) | (0.005) | (0.008)   |
| 1:5       | 0.921   | 0.974   | 0.965   | 0.878   | 0.989   | 0.858   | 0.877   | 0.653     |
|           | (0.004) | (0.001) | (0.001) | (0.003) | (0.001) | (0.004) | (0.003) | (0.005)   |
| 1:5.5     | 0.915   | 0.975   | 0.966   | 0.873   | 0.989   | 0.862   | 0.873   | 0.649     |
|           | (0.006) | (0.001) | (0.001) | (0.004) | (0.000) | (0.006) | (0.004) | (0.007)   |
| 1:6       | 0.908   | 0.977   | 0.967   | 0.868   | 0.989   | 0.862   | 0.867   | 0.642     |
|           | (0.005) | (0.001) | (0.001) | (0.004) | (0.001) | (0.007) | (0.004) | (0.010)   |
| 1:6.5     | 0.902   | 0.978   | 0.968   | 0.863   | 0.989   | 0.864   | 0.863   | 0.637     |
|           | (0.006) | (0.001) | (0.001) | (0.006) | (0.001) | (0.005) | (0.006) | (0.009)   |
| 1:7       | 0.894   | 0.979   | 0.968   | 0.858   | 0.989   | 0.864   | 0.858   | 0.629     |
|           | (0.004) | (0.001) | (0.001) | (0.004) | (0.001) | (0.005) | (0.004) | (0.008)   |
| 1:7.5     | 0.889   | 0.980   | 0.969   | 0.854   | 0.989   | 0.864   | 0.854   | 0.623     |
|           | (0.007) | (0.001) | (0.001) | (0.007) | (0.001) | (0.007) | (0.006) | (0.011)   |
| 1:8       | 0.882   | 0.981   | 0.970   | 0.850   | 0.989   | 0.863   | 0.850   | 0.616     |
|           | (0.009) | (0.001) | (0.002) | (0.008) | (0.001) | (0.004) | (0.008) | (0.013)   |
| 1:8.5     | 0.875   | 0.982   | 0.971   | 0.846   | 0.989   | 0.859   | 0.846   | 0.608     |
|           | (0.009) | (0.001) | (0.001) | (0.007) | (0.000) | (0.005) | (0.007) | (0.012)   |
| 1:9       | 0.869   | 0.982   | 0.971   | 0.841   | 0.989   | 0.858   | 0.841   | 0.601     |
|           | (0.007) | (0.000) | (0.001) | (0.006) | (0.000) | (0.006) | (0.006) | (0.012)   |
| 1:9.5     | 0.861   | 0.983   | 0.972   | 0.837   | 0.989   | 0.857   | 0.836   | 0.593     |
|           | (0.005) | (0.001) | (0.001) | (0.006) | (0.000) | (0.002) | (0.006) | (0.010)   |
| 1:10      | 0.859   | 0.984   | 0.972   | 0.835   | 0.989   | 0.857   | 0.835   | 0.590     |
|           | (0.006) | (0.001) | (0.001) | (0.005) | (0.001) | (0.006) | (0.005) | (0.011)   |

**Supplementary Table S4.** Comparison of RF and SVM classifiers using  $D_F$  features and AMP/non-AMP data ratio of 1:3 in 10-fold cross-validation. Values shown are averages and standard deviations (in brackets) over all corresponding subsets

| Method | Sn               | Sp               | Acc              | МСС              | AUC-ROC          | AUC-PR           | Карра                     | C-measure        |
|--------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| RF     | 0.950 (0.003)    | 0.965<br>(0.002) | 0.962<br>(0.002) | 0.900<br>(0.004) | 0.989<br>(0.000) | 0.830<br>(0.009) | 0.889<br>(0.004)          | 0.665<br>(0.006) |
| SVM    | 0.532<br>(0.042) | 0.949<br>(0.006) | 0.844<br>(0.012) | 0.552<br>(0.038) | 0.813<br>(0.030) | 0.681<br>(0.034) | (0.004)<br>1.0<br>(0.000) | 0.305<br>(0.047) |

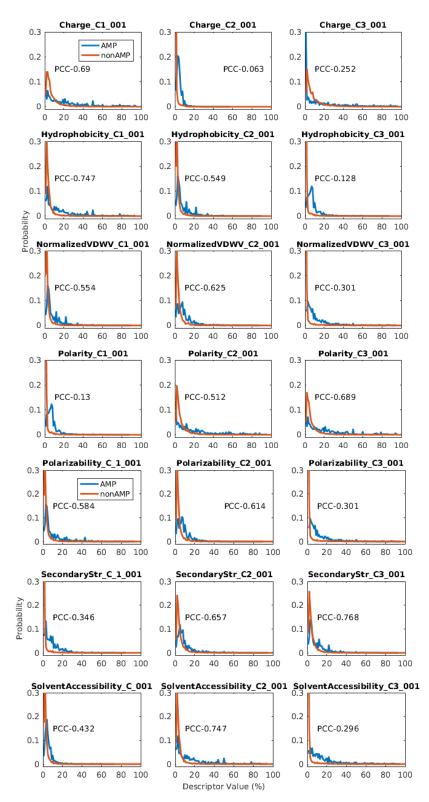
Supplementary Table S5. A comparison of RF classifiers using different descriptors by 10-fold crossvalidation with the AMP data ratio of 1:1. Values shown are averages and standard deviations (in brackets) over 10 times of 10-fold cross validation. The best two results in each performance measure are highlighted.

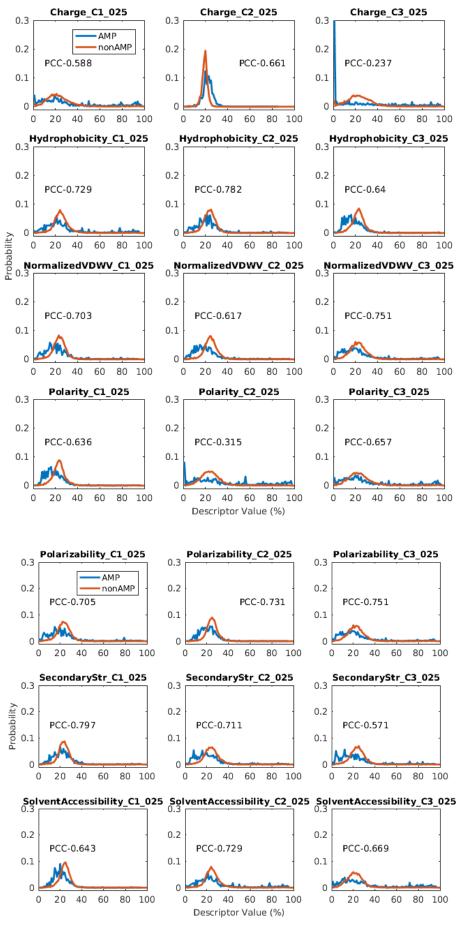
| Feature set {#}                                                                               | Sn                      | Sp                   | Acc                  | МСС                  | AUC-ROC              | AUC-PR               | Kappa                | C-<br>measure        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| AmPEP {105}                                                                                   | <b>0.978</b> (0.002)    | <b>0.945</b> (0.004) | <b>0.962</b> (0.002) | <b>0.924</b> (0.004) | <b>0.988</b> (0.001) | 0.698<br>(0.024)     | <b>0.923</b> (0.005) | 0.588<br>(0.018)     |
| AAC {20}                                                                                      | <b>0.948</b> (0.002)    | <b>0.946</b> (0.001) | <b>0.947</b> (0.001) | <b>0.894</b> (0.002) | <b>0.985</b> (0.000) | 0.77<br>(0.004)      | <b>0.894</b> (0.002) | 0.606<br>(0.004)     |
| PAAC {24}                                                                                     | 0.948<br>(0.001)        | <b>0.945</b> (0.002) | <b>0.947</b> (0.001) | 0.893<br>(0.001)     | 0.984<br>(0.000)     | 0.822<br>(0.006)     | 0.893<br>(0.001)     | <b>0.645</b> (0.006) |
| K-mer {400}                                                                                   | 0.939<br>(0.002)        | 0.944<br>(0.002)     | 0.941<br>(0.001)     | 0.883<br>(0.002)     | 0.983<br>(0.000)     | <b>0.876</b> (0.005) | 0.883<br>(0.002)     | <b>0.671</b> (0.006) |
| Auto Covariance (AC) {6}                                                                      | 0.761<br>(0.002)        | 0.844<br>(0.003)     | 0.802<br>(0.002)     | 0.606<br>(0.004)     | 0.870<br>(0.001)     | 0.814<br>(0.004)     | 0.604<br>(0.004)     | 0.259<br>(0.005)     |
| Cross Covariance (CC) {12}                                                                    | 0.802<br>(0.003)        | 0.85<br>(0.003)      | 0.826<br>(0.003)     | 0.653<br>(0.005)     | 0.897<br>(0.002)     | 0.851<br>(0.002)     | 0.652<br>(0.005)     | 0.325<br>(0.005)     |
| Auto-Cross Covariance (ACC)<br>{18}                                                           | 0.83<br>(0.002)         | 0.863<br>(0.003)     | 0.846<br>(0.002)     | 0.693<br>(0.004)     | 0.914<br>(0.001)     | <b>0.863</b> (0.003) | 0.693<br>(0.004)     | 0.379<br>(0.005)     |
| Parallel Correlation Pseudo<br>Amino Acid Composition<br>(PC-PseAAC) {22}                     | 0.948<br>(0.001)        | <b>0.945</b> (0.002) | <b>0.947</b> (0.002) | 0.893<br>(0.003)     | 0.984<br>(0.000)     | 0.806<br>(0.006)     | 0.893<br>(0.003)     | 0.633<br>(0.007)     |
| Series Correlation Pseudo<br>Amino Acid Composition<br>(SC-PseAAC) {26}                       | <b>0.948</b><br>(0.001) | <b>0.946</b> (0.002) | <b>0.947</b> (0.001) | 0.893<br>(0.002)     | 0.984<br>(0.000)     | 0.805<br>(0.005)     | 0.893<br>(0.002)     | 0.633<br>(0.006)     |
| General Parallel Correlation<br>Pseudo Amino Acid<br>Composition (PC-PseAAC-<br>General) {22} | 0.946<br>(0.001)        | 0.942<br>(0.001)     | 0.944<br>(0.001)     | 0.888<br>(0.002)     | 0.984<br>(0.000)     | 0.823<br>(0.006)     | 0.888<br>(0.002)     | 0.639<br>(0.005)     |
| Parallel Series Correlation<br>Pseudo Amino Acid<br>Composition (SC-PseAAC-<br>General) {26}  | 0.946<br>(0.001)        | 0.943<br>(0.002)     | 0.944<br>(0.001)     | 0.889<br>(0.002)     | 0.983<br>(0.000)     | 0.822<br>(0.005)     | 0.889<br>(0.002)     | 0.639<br>(0.005)     |

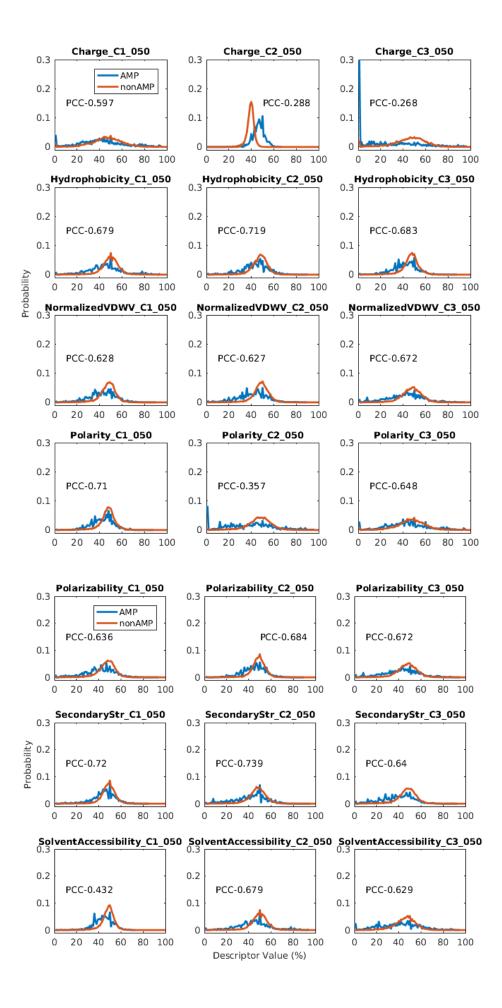
AAC: Amino Acid Composition, PAAC: Pseudo Amino Acid Composition

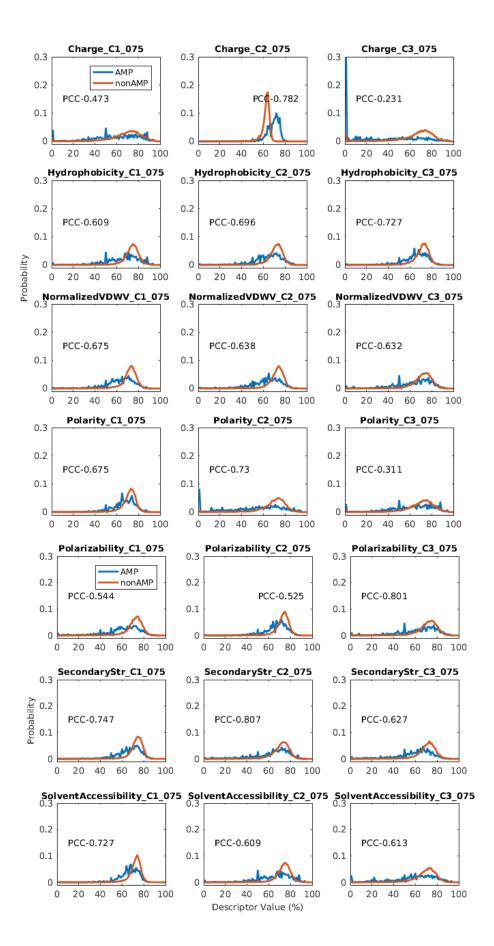
AAC and PseAAC were generated using propy 1.0 package (default parameter of propy is used). Other descriptors, K-mer, AC, CC, ACC, PC-PseAAC, SC-PseAAC, PC-PseAAC-General, SC-PseAAC-General were generated by Pse-in-One-1.0.4 using default parameters.

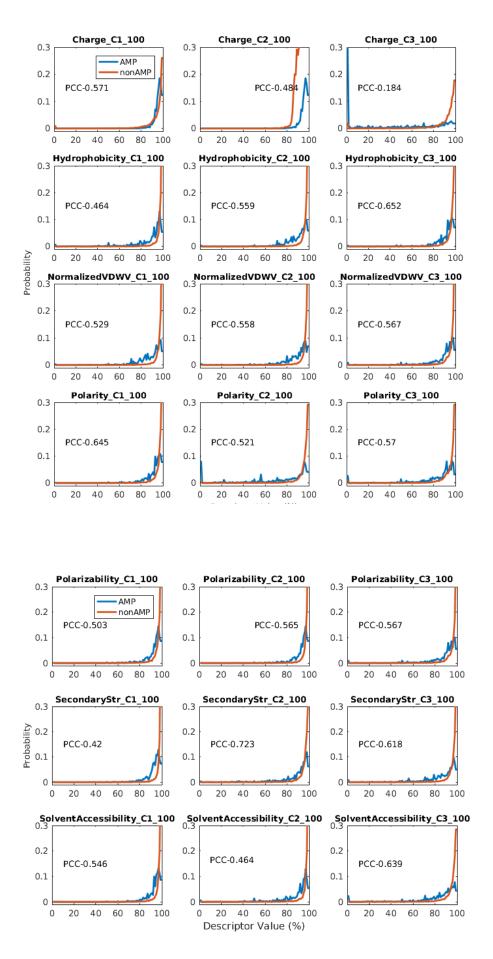
Supplementary Figure S1. Comparison of the AMP and non-AMP statistical distributions of 105 descriptors.

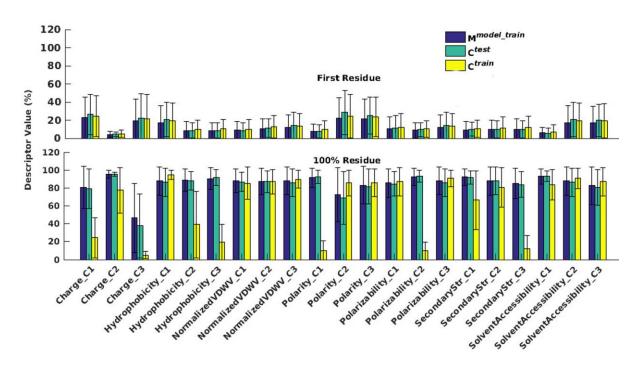












**Supplementary Figure S2.** Comparison of the average descriptor value of "first residue" and "100% residues" computed from the AMP sequences of three datasets (M<sup>model\_train</sup>, C<sup>test</sup> and C<sup>train</sup>). Standard deviations are shown as error bars.