

Role of Cys_I-Cys_{III} disulfide bond on structure and activity of α -conotoxins at human neuronal nicotinic acetylcholine receptors

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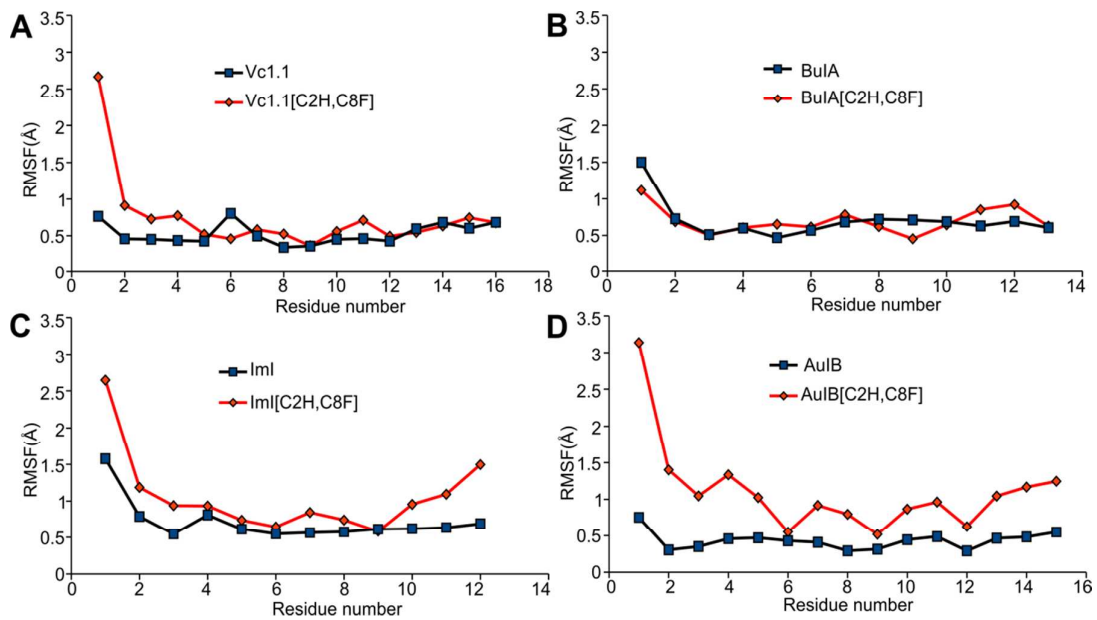


Figure S1. Stability of the wild-type α -conotoxins Vc1.1, BuIA, ImI and AuIB and their disulfide-deleted analogues. (A-D) Backbone RMSF of the wild-type (black line) and mutant (red line) conotoxins.

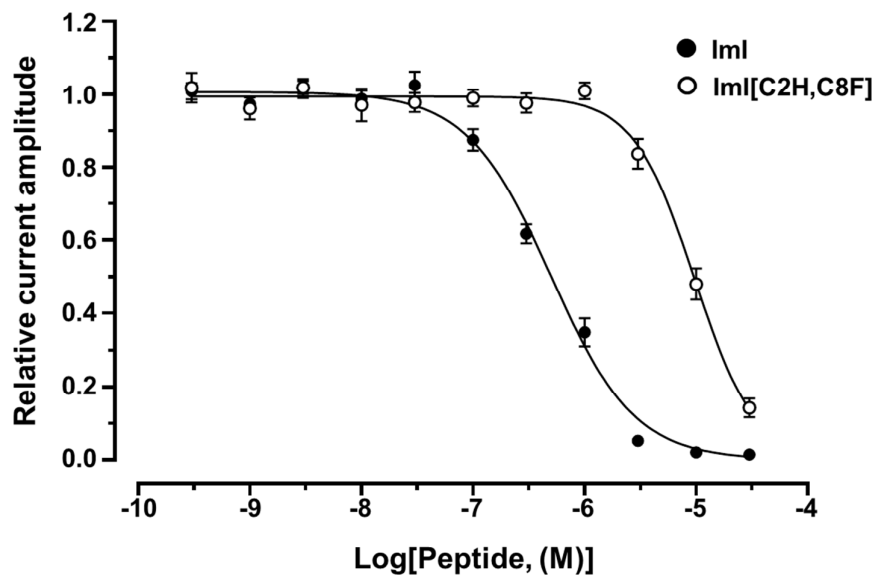


Figure S2. Inhibition of human $\alpha 7$ nAChR subtype by ImI and ImI[C2H,C8F]. Concentration-response curves of ImI and ImI[C2H,C8F] inhibition of ACh-evoked currents mediated by $h\alpha 7$ nAChR. Curves fitted to the concentration–response relationships obtained for ImI and ImI[C2H,C8F] gave IC_{50} values of 497 ± 32 nM and 9.59 ± 0.62 μ M (mean \pm SEM, $n = 5-12$), respectively.

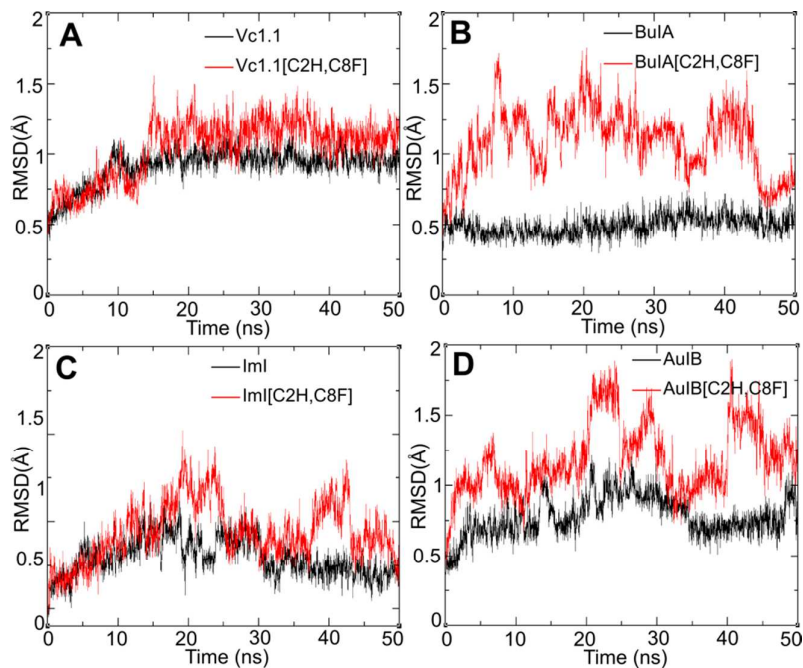


Figure S3. Comparison of the backbone root mean square deviation (RMSD) of the wild type α -conotoxins Vc1.1, BuIA, ImI and AuIB (black line) and their disulphide-deleted analogues (red line) in the nAChR-bound state. A) RMSD of Vc1.1 and Vc1.1[C2H,C8F] calculated on the two $\alpha 10(+)\alpha 9(-)$ binding sites of the $\alpha 9\alpha 10$ nAChR. (B) RMSD of BuIA and BuIA[C2H,C8F] analogue calculated on the two $\alpha 3(+)\beta 2(-)$ binding sites of the $\alpha 3\beta 2$ nAChR. (C) RMSD of ImI and ImI[C2H,C8F] calculated on the five $\alpha 7(+)\alpha 7(-)$ binding sites of the $\alpha 7$ nAChR. (D) RMSD of AuIB and AuIB[C2H,C8F] calculated on the two $\alpha 3(+)\beta 4(-)$ binding sites of the $\alpha 3\beta 4$ nAChR.