SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Bronchial epithelium repair by Esculentin-1a-derived antimicrobial peptides: involvement of

metalloproteinase-9 and interleukin-8, and evaluation of peptides' immunogenicity

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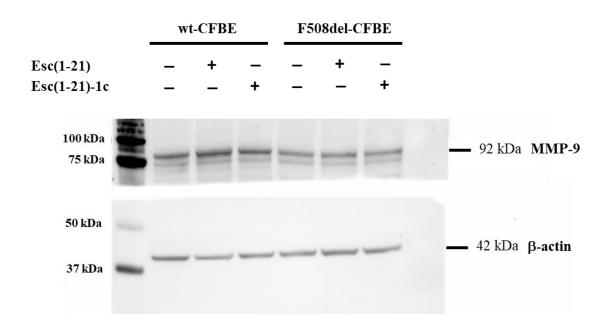
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Supplementary Table S1. Quantitative analysis of cell morphological changes was carried out after 20 h treatment of wt-CFBE and F508del-CFBE with 10 μ M and 1 μ M of Esc(1-21) and Esc(1-21)-1c, respectively, compared to the untreated Ctrl samples. Cells with cytoplasmic protrusions were counted from 10 different fields randomly taken from three different experiments (~ 200 total cells). Results are expressed as percentages mean \pm SEM of elongated cells with respect to the total number.

| Percentages of elongated cells | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Cell type | Ctrl | Esc(1-21)- treated cells | Esc(1-21)-1c- treated cells |
| wt-CFBE | 12.14 ± 1.64 | 60.59 ± 1.73 | 71.34 ± 4.40 |
| F508del-CFBE | 15.05 ± 1.90 | 86.04 ± 1.50 | 80.38 ± 1.92 |

Significance levels between peptide-treated samples versus Ctrl is defined as P value of <0.0001 (****).



Supplementary Figure S1

Western blots showing the expression of MMP-9 and β -actin in untreated (-) samples or in cells treated with Esc(1-21)/Esc(1-21)-1c, at 10 μ M/1 μ M, for 12 h. Molecular weights of MMP-9 and β -actin are also indicated. Samples showed in the gels derive from the same experiment and were processed in parallel. **This represents full-length images of cropped scans of Figure 5**