## **Supplementary materials**

## Identification of ε-Poly-L-lysine as an Antimicrobial Product from an Epichloë Endophyte

## and Isolation of Fungal E-PL Synthetase Gene

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Figure S9. Fungal growth inhibition by ε-PL against *Drechslera erythrospila* and *Phytophthora capsici*.

	MID (µg/disk)		
Fungi	Standard E-PL	ε-PL (DP = 8–25	$\epsilon$ -PL (DP = 8–23) <sup>c</sup>
	(DP = 25 - 35)	and 26–34) <sup>b</sup>	
D. erythrospila	300	300	300
P. capsici	300	300	300
C. orbiculare	>300	>300	>300
F. oxysporum	>300	>300	>300
B. cinerea	>100	>100	>100
M. oryzae	>100	>100	>100
A. alternata	>100	>100	>100
A. niger	>100	>100	>100

**Table S1** Antifungal activity of  $\varepsilon$ -PL<sup>*a*</sup>

 $\overline{a}$  Expressed as minimum inhibitory dose (MID) that induces a definite inhibitory zone between paper disk and pathogen colony.

<sup>b</sup> Isolated from Ptef::Epls (E437) transformant. Degree of polymerization (DP) is indicated in parenthesis.

<sup>c</sup> Isolated from Ptef::Epls (Fl1) transformant.



**Figure S1**| <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of ε-PL from Ptef::VibA (E437) (400 Hz, D<sub>2</sub>O)



Figure S2| <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of ε-PL from Ptef:: VibA (E437) (100 Hz, D<sub>2</sub>O)



Figure S3| DQF-COSY spectrum of ε-PL from Ptef::VibA (E437) (400 Hz, D<sub>2</sub>O)



Figure S4| HSQC spectrum of ε-PL from Ptef::VibA (E437) (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)



Figure S51| HMBC spectrum of ε-PL from Ptef::VibA (E437) (400 Hz, D<sub>2</sub>O)



**Figure S6** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of standard  $\varepsilon$ -PL from (400 Hz, D<sub>2</sub>O)



**Figure S7** Determination of absolute configuration of  $\varepsilon$ -PL by the advanced Marfey's method. Extracted ion chromatograms obtained by LC/MS analysis of L- and D-DLA derivatives of acid hydrolysate of  $\varepsilon$ -PL from *Ptef::VibA* (E437) (**A**) and L-lysine (**B**).



**Figure S8** Alignment of the deduced amino acid sequences of adenylation domain of *E. festucae*  $\varepsilon$ -PL synthetase (EfEpls) and the first adenylation domain of *Bacillus licheniformis* bacitracin synthetase 2 (BlBacB, accession No. AAC06347). Amino acid residues for the lysine-binding pocket in the first A domain of BlBacB are indicated by asterisks.



**Figure S9** Fungal growth inhibition by ε-PL against (**A**) *Drechslera erythrospila* and (**B**) *Phytophthora capsici*. Effects of the ε-PL was observed 3 (**A**) or 5 days (**B**) after applying sample-containing disks. Inhibition zones between paper disk edge and colony front (in mm) around the paper disk ("pd") were observed through a stereo microscope.