

## *Supporting information*

# Unveiling the mechanism of action of Acylated Temporin L analogues against multidrug-resistant *Candida albicans*

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**Table S1.** Analytical and ESIMS data of peptides **Pent-1B**, **Dec-1B** and **Dec-1B-K(Fam)**.

Peptide	Ritention time ( <i>t</i> <sub>R</sub> )	Mass calculated	Mass found
<b>Pent-1B</b>	14.4	1779.2	[M+3H] <sup>+</sup> /3=594.2
<b>Dec-1B</b>	15.9	1848.2	[M+3H] <sup>+</sup> /3=617.6
<b>Dec-1B-K(Fam)</b>	15.1	2334.3	[M+3H] <sup>+</sup> /3=779.9

**Table S2.** Proton chemical shifts (ppm) of **Pent-1B** in H<sub>2</sub>O/D<sub>2</sub>O 90/10 at 298 K referred to TSP.

Residue	NH	$\alpha$ H	$\beta$ H	$\gamma$ H	others
<b>Phe<sup>1</sup></b>	--	4.29	3.19, 3.09		HD 7.18, HE 7.37*
<b>Val<sup>2</sup></b>	8.32	4.34	1.81	0.83	
<b>Pro<sup>3</sup></b>	--	4.28	1.94, 1.69	2.14	$\delta$ CH <sub>2</sub> 3.54, 3.66
<b>Trp<sup>4</sup></b>	7.75	4.57	3.27, 3.21		2H 7.19; 4H 7.56; 5H 7.25; 6H 7.14; 7H 7.51; NH 10.16
<b>Phe<sup>5</sup></b>	7.58	4.49	2.87		HD 7.07, HE 7.30
<b>Ser<sup>6</sup></b>	7.99	4.30	3.81, 3.74		
<b>Lys<sup>7</sup></b>	8.16	4.23	1.67	1.21	$\delta$ CH <sub>2</sub> 1.62; $\epsilon$ CH <sub>2</sub> 2.90
<b>Phe<sup>8</sup></b>	8.02	4.56	3.11, 2.99		HD 7.25, HE 7.37
<b>DLeu<sup>9</sup></b>	8.01	4.19	1.49	1.16	$\delta$ CH <sub>3</sub> 0.82, 0.76
<b>DLys<sup>10</sup></b>	8.25	4.23	1.45	1.38	$\delta$ CH <sub>2</sub> 1.79; $\epsilon$ CH <sub>2</sub> 2.97
<b>Arg<sup>11</sup></b>	8.00	4.32	1.81, 1.70	1.54	$\delta$ CH <sub>2</sub> 3.13; $\epsilon$ NH 7.14
<b>Ile<sup>12</sup></b>	8.23	4.13	1.84	1.45	$\gamma$ CH <sub>3</sub> 1.16, $\delta$ CH <sub>3</sub> 0.88
<b>Leu<sup>13</sup></b>	8.26	4.32	1.60	1.60	$\delta$ CH <sub>3</sub> 0.86

\* Side chain modified NH-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>: 9.72, 2.31, 1.61, 1.33, 0.89 ppmCONH<sub>2</sub> ter 7.49, 7.04 ppm.

**Table S3.** Proton chemical shifts (ppm) of **Pent-1B** in DPC R67 at 298 K referred to TSP.

Residue	NH	$\alpha$ H	$\beta$ H	$\gamma$ H	others
<b>Phe<sup>1</sup></b>	--	--	3.14, 3.04		HD 7.21, HE 7.57*
<b>Val<sup>2</sup></b>	--	4.31	1.92	0.85	
<b>Pro<sup>3</sup></b>	--	4.52	2.31, 1.88	2.01	$\delta$ CH <sub>2</sub> 3.68, 3.86
<b>Trp<sup>4</sup></b>	--	4.43	3.34, 3.17		2H 7.42; 4H 7.34; 5H 6.90; 6H 7.03; 7H 7.46; NH 10.78
<b>Phe<sup>5</sup></b>	--	4.34	2.96, 2.87		HD 7.22, HE 7.13
<b>Ser<sup>6</sup></b>	8.30	4.16	3.95, 3.90		
<b>Lys<sup>7</sup></b>	8.09	4.19	1.76	1.27	$\delta$ CH <sub>2</sub> 1.58; $\epsilon$ CH <sub>2</sub> 2.90
<b>Phe<sup>8</sup></b>	8.06	4.45	3.06		HD 7.22, HE 7.14
<b>DLeu<sup>9</sup></b>	8.60	3.82	1.69	1.46	$\delta$ CH <sub>3</sub> 0.85, 0.75
<b>DLys<sup>10</sup></b>	8.41	3.91	1.98, 1.80	1.40	$\delta$ CH <sub>2</sub> 1.68; $\epsilon$ CH <sub>2</sub> 2.95
<b>Arg<sup>11</sup></b>	8.10	4.12	1.93	1.69	$\delta$ CH <sub>2</sub> 3.25, 3.19
<b>Ile<sup>12</sup></b>	7.70	4.00	1.89	1.36, 1.18	$\gamma$ CH <sub>3</sub> 0.87, $\delta$ CH <sub>3</sub> 0.77

\*Side chain methylated NH 8.00, 11.26O-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>; 19.48, 2.24, 1.57, 18.0H, 0.89 ppm.CONH<sub>2</sub> ter 7.25 ppm.

**Table S4.** Proton chemical shifts (ppm) of **Dec-1B** in H<sub>2</sub>O/D<sub>2</sub>O 90/10 at 298 K referred to TSP.

Residue	NH	αH	βH	γH	others
<b>Phe<sup>1</sup></b>	--	4.29	3.23, 3.06		HD 7.18, HE 7.38*
<b>Val<sup>2</sup></b>	8.30	4.33	1.80	0.82	
<b>Pro<sup>3</sup></b>	--	4.29	2.14, 1.94	1.71	δCH <sub>2</sub> 3.56, 3.66
<b>Trp<sup>4</sup></b>	7.74	4.56	3.26, 3.20		2H 7.18; 4H 7.50; 5H 7.24; 6H 7.14; 7H 7.57; NH 10.17
<b>Phe<sup>5</sup></b>	7.58	4.50	2.87		HD 7.07, HE 7.29
<b>Ser<sup>6</sup></b>	7.99	4.31	3.82, 3.75		
<b>Lys<sup>7</sup></b>	8.17	4.21	1.66	1.20	δCH <sub>2</sub> 1.58; εCH <sub>2</sub> 2.89
<b>Phe<sup>8</sup></b>	8.03	4.56	3.11, 2.98		HD 7.24, HE 7.37
<b>DLeu<sup>9</sup></b>	8.00	4.20	1.49	1.18	δCH <sub>3</sub> 0.82, 0.76
<b>DLys<sup>10</sup></b>	8.27	4.24	1.66	1.44, 1.37	δCH <sub>2</sub> 1.79; εCH <sub>2</sub> 2.96
<b>Arg<sup>11</sup></b>	8.01	4.34	1.81, 1.69	1.54	δCH <sub>2</sub> 3.12; εNH 7.15
<b>Ile<sup>12</sup></b>	8.24	4.14	1.84	1.46, 1.15	γCH <sub>3</sub> 0.88, δCH <sub>3</sub> 0.85
<b>Leu<sup>13</sup></b>	8.26	4.32	1.57	1.22	δCH <sub>3</sub> 0.89, 0.82

\* Side chain modified NH-CO(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>8</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>: 9.73, 2.29, 1.61, 1.27, 0.83 ppm

CONH<sub>2</sub> ter 7.50, 7.05 ppm.

**Table S5.** Proton chemical shifts (ppm) of **Dec-1B** in DPC R67 at 298 K referred to TSP.

Residue	NH	$\alpha$ H	$\beta$ H	$\gamma$ H	others
<b>Phe<sup>1</sup></b>	--	4.25	3.32, 3.02		HD 7.18, HE 7.58*
<b>Val<sup>2</sup></b>	8.32	4.30	1.88	0.89, 0.83	
<b>Pro<sup>3</sup></b>	--	4.58	2.30	1.95, 1.83	$\delta$ CH <sub>2</sub> 3.65, 3.83
<b>Trp<sup>4</sup></b>	--	4.45	3.24, 3.05		2H 7.35; 4H 7.34; 5H 6.88; 6H 7.03; 7H 7.46; NH 10.70
<b>Phe<sup>5</sup></b>	7.61	4.10	3.22, 3.15		HD 7.10, HE 7.19
<b>Ser<sup>6</sup></b>	8.38	4.10	3.89, 3.84		
<b>Lys<sup>7</sup></b>	8.13	4.16	1.75	1.24	$\delta$ CH <sub>2</sub> 1.59; $\varepsilon$ CH <sub>2</sub> 2.88; $\varepsilon$ NH 7.61
<b>Phe<sup>8</sup></b>	8.07	4.45	3.08, 3.04		HD 7.08, HE 7.18
<b>DLeu<sup>9</sup></b>	8.56	3.78	1.66	1.41	$\delta$ CH <sub>3</sub> 0.80, 0.70
<b>DLys<sup>10</sup></b>	8.42	3.87	1.94, 1.76	1.37	$\delta$ CH <sub>2</sub> 1.64; $\varepsilon$ CH <sub>2</sub> 2.92 $\varepsilon$ NH 7.69
<b>Arg<sup>11</sup></b>	8.06	4.09	1.91	1.67	$\delta$ CH <sub>2</sub> 3.16
<b>Ile<sup>12</sup></b>	7.68	3.96	1.86	1.32, 1.14	$\gamma$ CH <sub>3</sub> 0.84, $\delta$ CH <sub>3</sub> 0.75
<b>Leu<sup>13</sup></b>	7.95	4.23	1.67	1.61	$\delta$ CH <sub>3</sub> 0.88

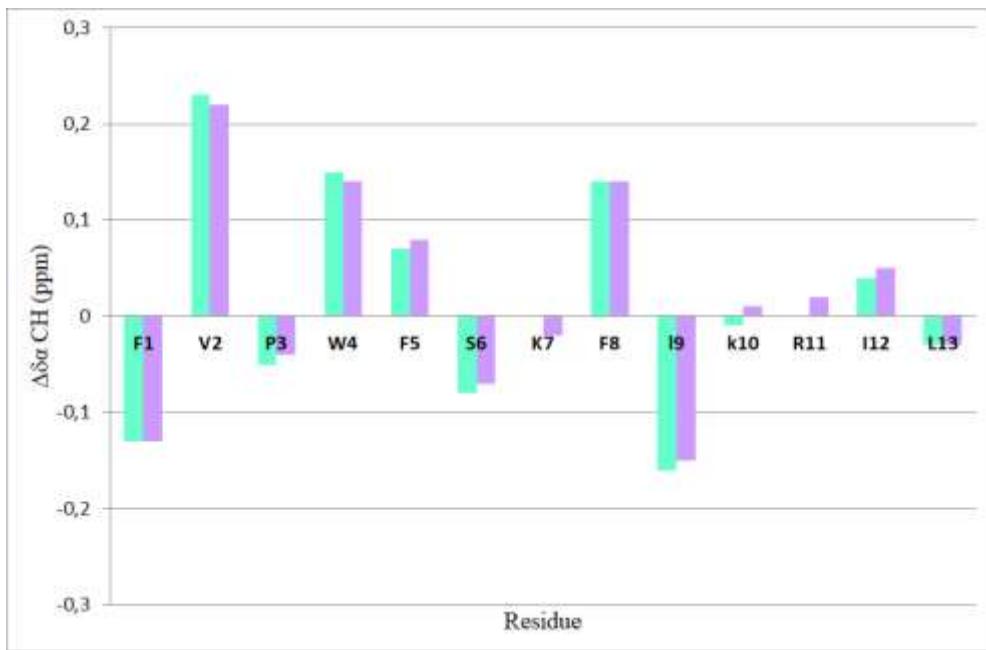
\*Side chain modified NH-CO(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>8</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>: 9.94, 2.01, 1.42, 1.11 1.08, 0.82 ppm.

CONH<sub>2</sub> ter 7.22 ppm.

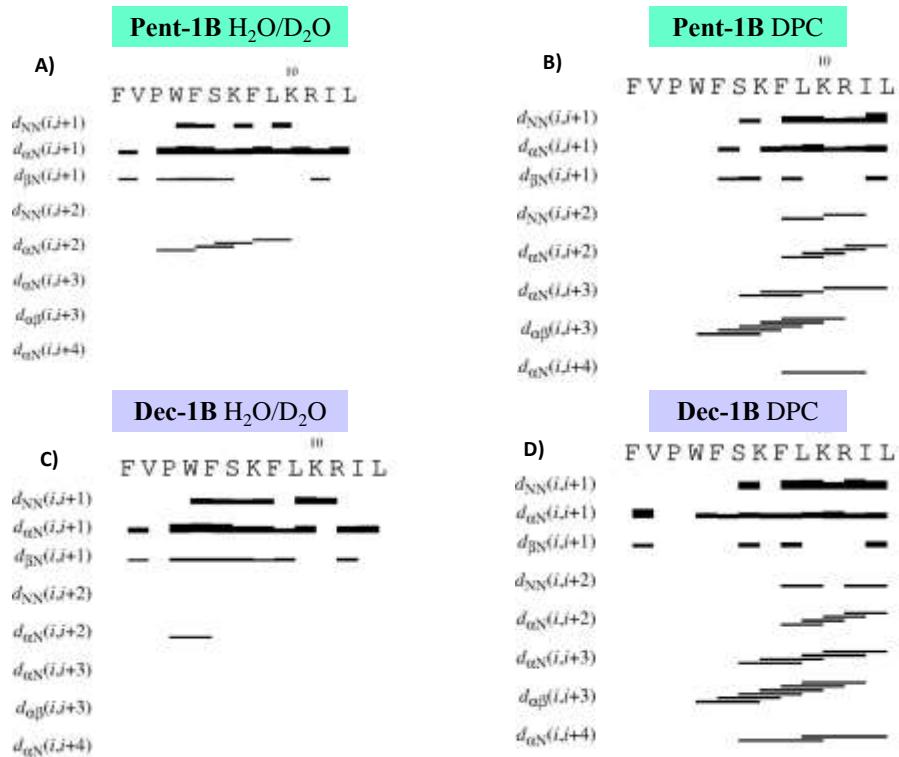
**Table S6.** CYANA structural statistic of **Pent-1B** and **Dec-1B** in free and micelle bound forms

	<b>Pent-1B in water</b>	<b>Pent-1B in DPC*</b>	<b>Dec-1B in water</b>	<b>Dec-1B in DPC*</b>
distance restraints	169	191	169	246
intraresidue	128	127	138	156
sequential ( $ i - j  = 1$ )	33	33	29	45
medium-range ( $1 <  i - j  \leq 4$ )	8	31	2	45
<b>Violation statistics (100 structures)</b>				
CYANA TF ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )	$0.30 \pm 0.39$	$2.20 \pm 1.76$	$0.037 \pm 0.0.26$	$0.30 \pm 0.34$
<b>Residual Distance Constraint Violations (<math>\text{\AA}</math>)</b>				
number $> 0.2 \text{ \AA}$	0	0	0	0
mean global backbone RMSD	$2.98 \pm 0.46 \text{ \AA}$	$1.43 \pm 0.48 \text{ \AA}$	$2.94 \pm 0.59 \text{ \AA}$	$0.74 \pm 0.75 \text{ \AA}$
mean global heavy atom	$4.74 \pm 0.44 \text{ \AA}$	$2.50 \pm 0.66 \text{ \AA}$	$4.78 \pm 0.55 \text{ \AA}$	$1.68 \pm 0.94 \text{ \AA}$

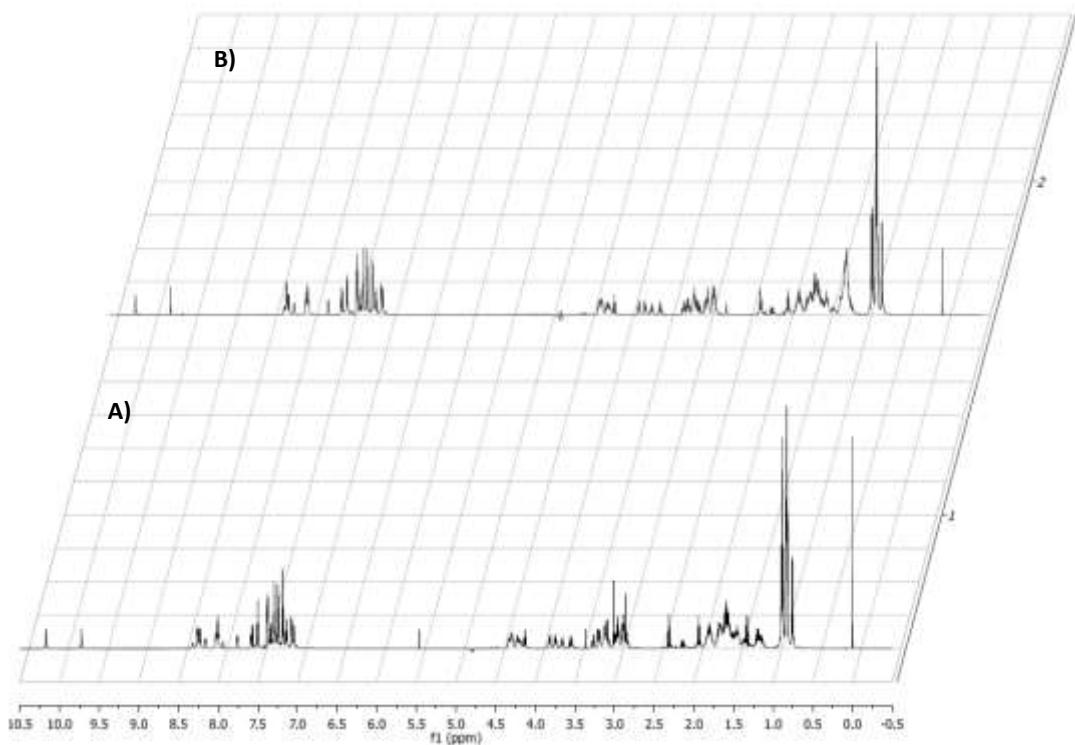
\*R DPC/peptide = 67.



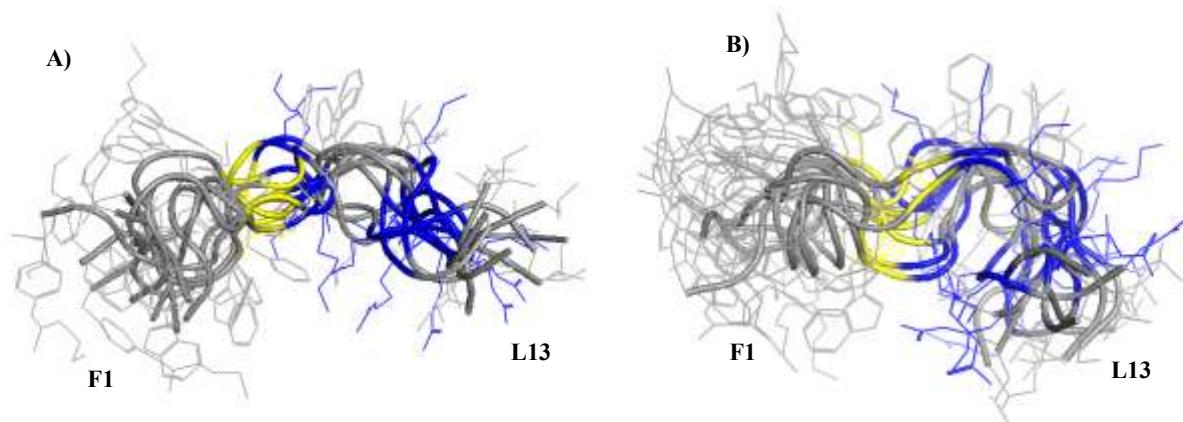
**Figure S1.** Chemical shift deviations from random coil values of  $\alpha\text{CH}$  protons of **Pent-1B** (pale cyan bars) and **Dec-1B** (violet bars) in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (90/10, v/v).



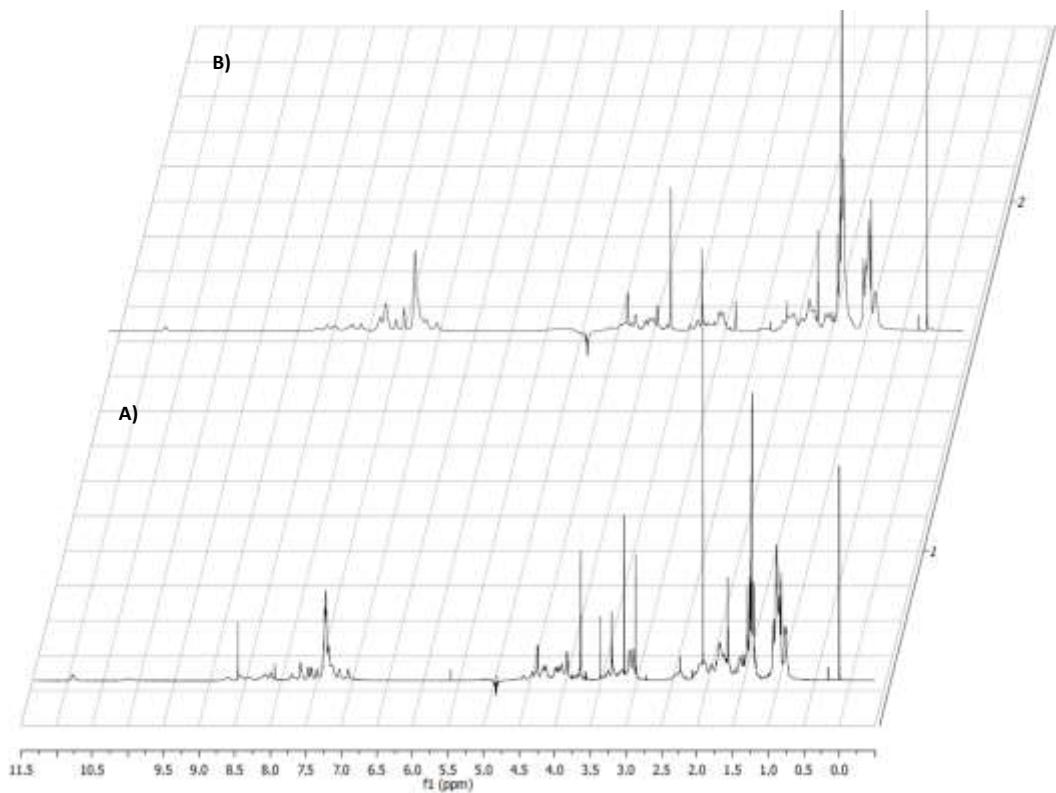
**Figure S2.** Most relevant NOE contacts of peptides in different media: A) **Pent-1B**  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{D}_2\text{O}$  90/10 v/v; B) **Pent-1B** in DPC 20 mM, DPC/peptide ratio R: 67; C) **Dec-1B**  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{D}_2\text{O}$  90/10 v/v; D) **Dec-1B** in DPC 40 mM, DPC/peptide ratio R: 67.



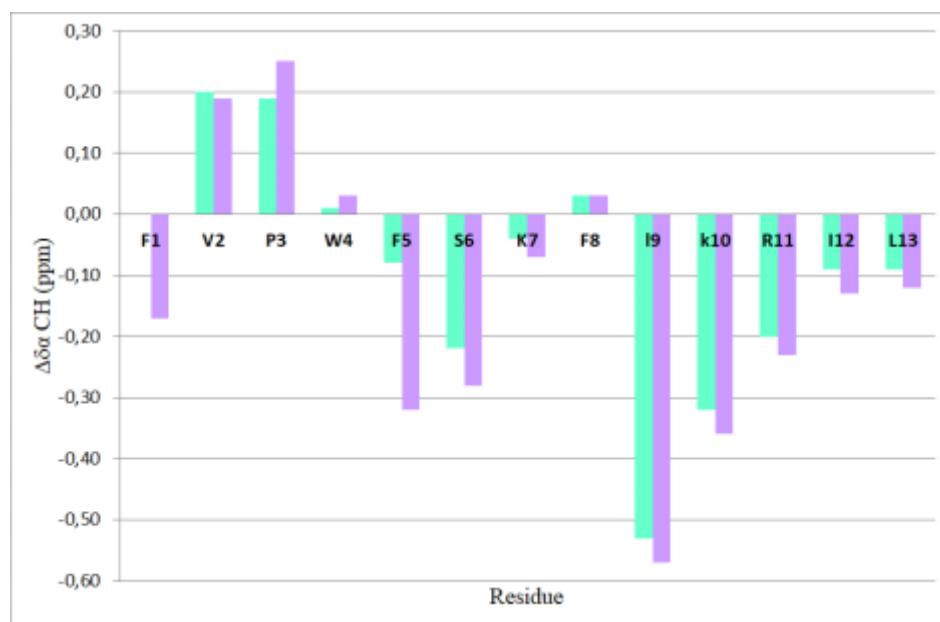
**Figure S3.** 700 MHz 1D <sup>1</sup>H spectra of A) **Pent-1B** (black) and B) **Dec-1B** (dark grey) in H<sub>2</sub>O/D<sub>2</sub>O (90:10, v:v)



**Figure S4.** Cartoon representation of the best 10 NMR/CYANA structures in H<sub>2</sub>O/D<sub>2</sub>O (90/10, v:v) of A) **Pent-1B** and B) **Dec-1B**, visualized by PYMOL. Side-chains are shown as sticks coloured by amino acid type: grey, hydrophobic; blue, basic; yellow, polar.



**Figure S5.** 700 MHz 1D <sup>1</sup>H spectra of A) **Pent-1B** (black) and B) **Dec-1B** (dark grey) in DPC, DPC/peptide molar ratio equal to 67.



**Figure S6.** Chemical shift deviations from random coil values of  $\alpha$ CH protons of **Pent-1B** in DPC 20 mM, DPC/peptide ratio R: 67 (pale cyan bars) and **Dec-1B** in DPC 40 mM, DPC/peptide ratio R: 67 (violet bars).