Supporting Information for Cyclization of two antimicrobial peptides improves their activity

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Tables S1 – **S6** summarize secondary structural results (% α -helix, β -sheet, β -turn and random coil) for CE-03 and CE-05 peptides in three LMMs. R² indicates the goodness of fit.

| G(-) IM/CE-03 | α-helix (%) | β-sheet (%) | β-turn (%) | Random | Adj. R ² |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------|---------------------|
| 0:1 | 2±2 | 39±5 | 0±0 | 60±3 | $0.98{\pm}0.02$ |
| 5:1 | 1±2 | 39±3 | 0 ± 0 | 60±2 | 0.96 ± 0.01 |
| 10:1 | 0±0 | 39±1 | 0±0 | 61±1 | 0.99±0.01 |
| 20:1 | 0±0 | 39±4 | 0±0 | 61±4 | 0.96 ± 0.04 |
| 30:1 | 0±0 | 35±3 | 0±0 | 65±3 | 0.95±0.04 |
| 50:1 | 0±0 | 41±1 | 0±0 | 59±1 | 0.98±0.03 |

Table S1. CE-03 CD results of secondary structure in G(-) IM LMMs

Table S2. CE-03 CD results of secondary structure in G(+) LMMs

| G(+) /E2-53R | α-helix (%) | β-sheet (%) | β-turn (%) | Random | Adj. R ² |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------|---------------------|
| 0:1 | 2±2 | 39±5 | 0±0 | 60±3 | 0.98±0.02 |
| 10:1 | $0{\pm}0$ | 46±0 | $0{\pm}0$ | 55±0 | 0.81±0.02 |
| 20:1 | 1±2 | 43±2 | 1±2 | 55±3 | 0.93±0.09 |
| 30:1 | $0{\pm}0$ | 40±5 | 0±0 | 60±5 | 0.95±0.01 |
| 50:1 | 4±0 | 42±0 | 0±0 | 54±2 | 0.92±0.01 |

| Euk33 /CE-03 | α-helix (%) | β-sheet (%) | β-turn (%) | Random | Adj, R ² |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------|---------------------|
| 0:1 | 2±2 | 39±5 | 0±0 | 60±3 | 0.98±0.02 |
| 5:1 | 0±0 | 36±3 | 0±0 | 64±3 | 0.97±0.01 |
| 10:1 | 1±1 | 33±2 | 0±0 | 66±0 | 0.98±0.01 |
| 20:1 | 1±2 | 36±2 | 0±0 | 63±0 | 0.94±0.05 |
| 30:1 | 0±0 | 32±5 | 0±0 | 68±0 | 0.9±0.09 |
| 50:1 | 0±0 | 44±1 | 0±0 | 56±1 | 0.96±0.01 |

Table S3. CE-03 CD results of secondary structure in Euk33 LMMs

Table S4. CE-05 CD results of secondary structure in G(-) IM LMMs

| G(-) IM/CE-05 | α-helix | β-sheet (%) | β-turn (%) | Random | Adj. R ² |
|---------------|---------|-------------|------------|--------|---------------------|
| 0:1 | 0±0 | 38±1 | 0±1 | 62±1 | 0.98 ± 0.04 |
| 5:1 | 0±0 | 38±1 | 0±0 | 62±1 | 0.96±0.01 |
| 10:1 | 0±0 | 44±1 | 0±0 | 56±1 | 0.98±0.01 |
| 20:1 | 0±0 | 44±4 | 0±0 | 56±2 | 0.96±0.00 |
| 30:1 | 1±0 | 40±3 | 4±2 | 55±1 | 0.96±0.02 |
| 50:1 | 0±2 | 41±1 | 0±0 | 59±1 | 0.97±0.01 |

Table S5. CE-05 CD results of secondary structure in G(+) LMMs

| G(+)/LE-54R | α-helix | β-sheet (%) | β-turn (%) | Random | Adj. R ² |
|-------------|---------|-------------|------------|--------|---------------------|
| 0:1 | 0±0 | 38±1 | 0±1 | 62±1 | $0.98{\pm}0.04$ |
| 10:1 | 1±1 | 30±2 | $0{\pm}0$ | 69±1 | $0.98{\pm}0.02$ |
| 20:1 | 0±0 | 31±3 | 0±0 | 69±3 | 0.95±0.01 |
| 30:1 | 0±0 | 36±2 | 0±0 | 64±2 | $0.92{\pm}0.06$ |
| 50:1 | 0±0 | 31±1 | 0±0 | 69±1 | 0.99±0.01 |

| Euk33/CE-05 | α-helix | β-sheet (%) | β-turn (%) | Random | Adj. R ² |
|-------------|---------|-------------|------------|--------|---------------------|
| 0:1 | 0±0 | 38±1 | 0±1 | 62±1 | $0.98{\pm}0.04$ |
| 5:1 | 0±0 | 41±1 | $0{\pm}0$ | 59±1 | 0.98±0.01 |
| 10:1 | 0±0 | 40±1 | $0{\pm}0$ | 60±1 | 0.98±0.03 |
| 20:1 | 0±0 | 40±1 | $0{\pm}0$ | 60±1 | 0.99±0.03 |
| 30:1 | 1±2 | 33±4 | 0±0 | 66±2 | 0.92±0.02 |
| 50:1 | 0±0 | 38±3 | 0±0 | 61±3 | 0.95±0.02 |

Table S6. CE-05 CD results of secondary structure in Euk33 LMMs



Figure S1. Low-angle x-ray scattering (LAXS) of G(-)/CE-05 (100:1) lipid:peptide molar ratio. A background scan collected at -2 degrees angle of incidence to the sample was subtracted.



Figure S2. Wide-angle x-ray scattering (WAXS) of G(-)/CE-05 (1000:1) lipid:peptide molar ratio centered ~1.4 Å⁻¹ in q_r. The foreground file was collected at 0.3 degrees angle of incidence. A background scan collected at -0.3 degrees was subtracted. A second background scan containing wide-angle scattering of water condensed onto a clean silicon wafer was also subtracted. The faint horizontal lines at ~0.7 and ~1.4 Å⁻¹ in q_z result from attempts to erase the panel partitions in the Eiger 16M Dectris detector.



Figure S3. Neutron reflectivity raw data collected at ISIS at 37 °C. Solvent is D_2O (blue traces) or H_2O (red traces).

| Table S7. | Quantitative r | esults from | Composition- | Space Fi | itting to NR | scattering data |
|-----------|----------------|-------------|--------------|----------|--------------|-----------------|
| | | | | | 0 | 0 |

| Parameter | G(-)IM/CE-05 | G(+)/CE-05 | Euk33/CE-05 |
|--|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Substrate R.M.S. roughness / Å | 5±1 | 4 ± 1 | 4.0 ± 0.6 |
| Bilayer R.M.S. roughness / Å | 3.2 ± 0.9 | 4.8 ± 0.8 | 4.5 ± 0.8 |
| Tether thickness / Å | 9±1 | 9 ± 1 | 11 ± 2 |
| Hydrocarbon thickness inner lipid leaflet / Å | 18 ± 3 | 18 ± 2 | 21 ± 3 |
| Hydrocarbon thickness outer lipid leaflet / Å | 14 ± 3 | 15 ± 3 | 15 ± 4 |
| Area per lipid, outer leaflet / Ų | 80 ± 20 | 70 ± 10 | 58 ± 13 |
| Bilayer completeness / % | 98 ± 2 | 92 ± 2 | 98 ± 1 |
| Peptide | | | |
| Amount of membrane-associated protein / Å ³ /Å ² | 4 ± 2 | 2±1 | 3 ± 2 |
| Fraction of protein sub-membrane | 0.09±0.08 | 0.06±0.06 | 0.03±0.03 |
| Fraction of protein in hydrocarbons | 0.55±0.18 | 0.60±0.16 | 0.74±0.14 |
| Fraction of protein in headgroups | 0.27±0.08 | 0.26±0.08 | 0.22±0.12 |
| Fraction of protein in bulk solvent | 0.10±0.08 | 0.08±0.06 | 0.02±0.02 |
| Peak position from headgroup / solvent interface / Å | -14±5 | -13±7 | -26 ± 15 |
| Goodness of fit, chi-squared (D_2O , H_2O) | 1.0, 1.4 | 3.9, 1.5 | 2.2 |



Figure S4. High-pressure liquid chromatograph of CE-03.

CE-0003_pure_MALDI/TOF mass spectromety



Figure S5. Mass spectrometry (MS) of CE-03.



Figure S6. High-pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC) of CE-05.

Cyclic-CE-0005_Pk-2 Isomer_pure_Bruker MALDI/TOF mass spectrometer



Figure S7. Mass spectrometry (MS) of CE-05.