

Antibiotic Potential and Biophysical Characterization of Amphipathic β -Stranded [XZ]_n Peptides
With Alternating Cationic and Hydrophobic Residues

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Supporting Information

TABLE S1. CD results for [XZ]_n peptides in different environments. (Abbreviations for secondary structures: α , α -helical structures; β , β -like structures; AP β , antiparallel β -sheet; Rc, random coil.)

Peptide	Environment							Reference
	Method	Water	PB	Buffer	SDS micelles	Vesicles		
						Neutral	Anionic	
[KL] ₈	CD	β						(Baumruk et al. 1994)
[KL] ₁₀	CD	Rc/β ^a						(Baumruk et al. 1994)
[KL] ₈	IR	AP β						(Baumruk et al. 1994)
[KL] _n	CD	Rc/β ^b						(Brack and Spach 1981)
[KL] _n	IR	AP β						(Brack and Spach 1981)
Dansyl-[KL] ₄ K-NH ₂	IR	AP β				AP β (DMPC monolayer)		(Castano et al. 2000)
Dansyl-[KL] ₅ K-NH ₂	IR	AP β				AP β (DMPC monolayer)		(Castano et al. 2000)
Dansyl-[KL] ₆ K-NH ₂	IR	AP β				AP β (DMPC monolayer)		(Castano et al. 2000)
Dansyl-[KL] ₇ K-NH ₂	IR	AP β				AP β (DMPC monolayer)		(Castano et al. 2000)
C ₁₆ -[VK] ₄	CD	β						(de Almeida et al. 2019)
L[KL] ₃	CD			β (Tris)				(DeGrado and Lear 1985)
L[KL] ₃	IR			β (Tris)				(DeGrado and Lear 1985)
[KW] ₃	CD		Rc			Rc (EYPC/Chol) ^e	Rc+β (EYPE/EYPG) ^f	(Gopal et al. 2011)
[WK] ₃	CD		Rc			Rc (EYPC/Chol) ^e	Rc+β (EYPE/EYPG) ^f	(Gopal et al. 2011)
[KL] ₄ K	CD	Rc		β (PBS)				(Hernández et al. 2006)
[KL] ₇ K	CD	Rc		β (PBS)				(Hernández et al. 2006)
RW-NH ₂	CD		Rc			Rc (POPC in PB) ^g	Rc (POPG in PB) ^h	(Liu et al. 2007)
[RW] ₂ -NH ₂	CD		Rc			Rc (POPC in PB) ^g	Rc (POPG in PB) ^h	(Liu et al. 2007)
[RW] ₃ -NH ₂	CD		Rc			Rc (POPC in PB) ^g	Rc+β (POPG in PB) ^h	(Liu et al. 2007)
[RW] ₄ -NH ₂	CD		Rc			Rc+β (POPC in PB) ^g	Rc+β (POPG in PB) ^h	(Liu et al. 2007)
[RW] ₅ -NH	CD		Rc			β (POPC in PB) ^g	β (POPG in PB) ^h	(Liu et al. 2007)
[VRVK] ₂ -NH ₂	CD	Rc			β			(Ong et al. 2013)
[IRIR] ₂ -NH ₂	CD	Rc			β			(Ong et al. 2013)
[IKIK] ₂ -NH ₂	CD	Rc			β			(Ong et al. 2013)
[IRIK] ₂ -NH ₂	CD	Rc			β			(Ong et al. 2013)
[IRVK] ₂ -NH ₂	CD	Rc			β			(Ong et al. 2013)
[FRFK] ₂ -NH ₂	CD	Rc			β			(Ong et al. 2013)
[WRWK] ₂ -NH ₂	CD	Rc						(Ong et al. 2013)
[VRVK] ₃ -NH ₂	CD	Rc			β			(Ong et al. 2013)
[IRIK] ₃ -NH ₂	CD	Rc			β			(Ong et al. 2013)
[IRVK] ₃ -NH ₂	CD	Rc			β			(Ong et al. 2013)

Ac-[KV] ₂ -NHCH ₃	CD			Rc (Hepes)		Rc (DPPC)	Rc (DPPC/DPPG) ^d	(Ono et al. 1990)
Ac-[KV] ₃ -NHCH ₃	CD			Rc (Hepes)		Rc (DPPC)	α (DPPC/DPPG) ^d	(Ono et al. 1990)
Ac-[KV] ₄ -NHCH ₃	CD			Rc (Hepes)		Rc (DPPC)	β (DPPC/DPPG) ^d	(Ono et al. 1990)
[KL] ₃ -NH ₂	CD	Rc					Rc (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
[KL] ₄ -NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
[KL] ₄ K-NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
L[KL] ₄ -NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
[KL] ₅ -NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
[LK] ₅ -NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
[KL] ₅ K-NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
L[KL] ₅ -NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
[KL] ₆ -NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
[KL] ₆ K-NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
L[KL] ₆ -NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
[KL] ₇ -NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
[KL] ₇ K-NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
L[KL] ₇ -NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
[KL] ₈ -NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
[KL] ₉ -NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
[KL] ₁₀ -NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
[KL] ₁₁ -NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
[KL] ₁₂ -NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
[KL] ₁₃ -NH ₂	CD	Rc					β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Schweigardt 2020)
[KL] ₃ -NH ₂	CD	Rc	Rc			Rc (DMPC)	Rc (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Strandberg et al. 2020)
[KL] ₅ -NH ₂	CD	Rc	β			Rc (DMPC)	β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Strandberg et al. 2020)
[KL] ₇ -NH ₂	CD	Rc	β			Rc (DMPC)	β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Strandberg et al. 2020)
[KL] ₉ -NH ₂	CD	Rc	β			Rc (DMPC)	β (POPC/POPG) ^c	(Strandberg et al. 2020)

^a Random coil at low concentrations up to 3.55 mg/ml, β -structure at high concentrations from 7.1 mg/ml, no salt.

^b Random coil in pure water, β -structure in 0.2 M NaCl.

^c POPC/POPG (1/1 mol/mol) in water, pH $\approx$ 6

^d DPPC/DPPG (3/1) in 5 mM Hepes buffer, pH 7.4

^e Egg yolk-PC/cholesterol (10/1 w/w) in 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer

^f Egg yolk-PE/egg yolk-PG (7/3 w/w) in 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer

^g POPC in 10 mM phosphate buffer, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4. Strong Trp bands makes the secondary structure analysis uncertain. The stated secondary structures are based on our own analysis of the published spectra.

^h POPG in 10 mM phosphate buffer, 100 mM NaCl, pH 7.4. Strong Trp bands makes the secondary structure analysis uncertain. The stated secondary structures are based on our own analysis of the published spectra.

TABLE S2. Overview of antimicrobial and antifungal assay results on XZ peptides. Exact values of MIC and details about the assay used can be found in the references.

Microorganism	Antimicrobial activity (MIC values)			Reference
	High (<10 µg/ml)	Medium (10-100 µg/ml)	Low (>100 µg/ml)	
Gram-negative bacteria				
<i>E. coli</i> DSM 30083		[RW] ₃ , K[RW] ₃ , [RW] ₃ K		(Albada et al. 2012)
<i>A. baumannii</i> DSM 30007		[RW] ₃	K[RW] ₃ , [RW] ₃ K	(Albada et al. 2012)
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> DSM 50071			[RW] ₃ , K[RW] ₃ , [RW] ₃ K	(Albada et al. 2012)
<i>A. laidlawii</i> A-EF22	[KL] ₄ K	[KL] ₅ K, [KL] ₇ K		(Beven et al. 2003)
<i>E. coli</i> ATCC 25922			Acetyl-[KL] ₉ -NH ₂	(Blondelle and Houghten 1992)
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> ATCC 27853			Acetyl-[KL] ₉ -NH ₂	(Blondelle and Houghten 1992)
<i>E. coli</i> KCTC 1682		[KW] ₃	[WK] ₃	(Gopal et al. 2011)
<i>S. typhimurium</i> KCTC 1926		[WK] ₃ , [KW] ₃		(Gopal et al. 2011)
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> KCTC 1637		[WK] ₃ , [KW] ₃		(Gopal et al. 2011)
<i>E. coli</i> D31	[RW] ₄ , [RW] ₅	[RW] ₃	RW, [RW] ₂	(Liu et al. 2007)
<i>E. coli</i>	[IRIR] ₂	[IKIK] ₂ , [IRIK] ₂ , [IRVK] ₂ , [FRFK] ₂ , [WRWK] ₂ , [VRVK] ₃ , [IRVK] ₃	[VRVK] ₂ , [IRIK] ₃	(Ong et al. 2013)
<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	[IRIR] ₂	[IKIK] ₂ , [IRIK] ₂ , [IRVK] ₂ , [FRFK] ₂ , [VRVK] ₃ , [IRVK] ₃	[VRVK] ₂ , [WRWK] ₂ , [IRIK] ₃	(Ong et al. 2013)
<i>E. coli</i> DSM 1116	[KL] ₅ , [LK] ₅ , [KL] ₅ K, L[KL] ₅ , [KL] ₆ , [KL] ₆ K, L[KL] ₆ , [KL] ₇ , [KL] ₇ K,	[KL] ₄ , [KL] ₄ K, L[KL] ₄ , L[KL] ₇ , [KL] ₈ , [KL] ₉ , [KL] ₁₀ , [KL] ₁₁ , [KL] ₁₂ , [KL] ₁₃	[KL] ₃	(Schweigardt 2020; Strandberg et al. 2020)
<i>E. helveticus</i> DSM 18390	[KL] ₄ K, L[KL] ₄ , [KL] ₅ , [LK] ₅ , [KL] ₅ K, L[KL] ₅ , [KL] ₆ , [KL] ₆ K, L[KL] ₆ , [KL] ₇ , [KL] ₇ K, [KL] ₈	[KL] ₄ , L[KL] ₇ , [KL] ₉ , [KL] ₁₀ , [KL] ₁₁ , [KL] ₁₂ , [KL] ₁₃	[KL] ₃	(Schweigardt 2020; Strandberg et al. 2020)
<i>E. coli</i> 2592		[LK] ₇ , [LK] ₉ , [LK] ₁₂ , [LR] ₇	[LK] ₈ , [LK] ₁₀ , [LK] ₁₁ , [LR] ₉ , [LR] ₁₁	(Strom and Brondsema 2006)
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> 10145		[LK] ₉ , [LK] ₁₁ , [LK] ₁₂	[LK] ₇ , [LK] ₈ , [LK] ₁₀ , [LR] ₇ , [LR] ₉ , [LR] ₁₁	(Strom and Brondsema 2006)
<i>E. coli</i> ATCC 25922	[RW] ₃	[WR] ₃ , W[RW] ₂	[RW] ₂ R, [WR] ₂ , WRW, RWR	(Strøm et al. 2003; Strøm et al. 2002)
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> ATCC 27853		[RW] ₃ , W[RW] ₂ , [RW] ₂ R		(Strøm et al. 2002)
Gram-positive bacteria				
<i>S. aureus</i> DSM 20231		[RW] ₃ , K[RW] ₃ , [RW] ₃ K		(Albada et al. 2012)
<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC 43300	[RW] ₃ , K[RW] ₃	[RW] ₃ K		(Albada et al. 2012)
<i>B. subtilis</i> 168 DSM 402	[RW] ₃ , K[RW] ₃ , [RW] ₃ K			(Albada et al. 2012)
<i>M. gallisepticum</i> S6	[KL] ₄ K	[KL] ₅ K, [KL] ₇ K		(Beven et al. 2003)

<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC 29213			Acetyl-[KL] ₉ -NH ₂	(Blondelle and Houghten 1992)
<i>S. aureus</i> KCTC 1621			[WK] ₃ , [KW] ₃	(Gopal et al. 2011)
<i>B. subtilis</i> KCTC 1918			[WK] ₃ , [KW] ₃	(Gopal et al. 2011)
<i>L. monocytogenes</i> KCTC 3710		[KW] ₃	[WK] ₃	(Gopal et al. 2011)
<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC BAA-44	[RW] ₃ , [RW] ₄ , [RW] ₅		RW, [RW] ₂	(Liu et al. 2007)
<i>S. epidermidis</i>	[IRIR] ₂ , [IKIK] ₂ , [IRIK] ₂ , [IRVK] ₂ , [FRFK] ₂ , [WRWK] ₂ , [VRVK] ₃ , [IRIK] ₃ , [IRVK] ₃	[VRVK] ₂		(Ong et al. 2013)
<i>S. aureus</i>		[IRIR] ₂ , [IRIK] ₂ , [WRWK] ₂ , [VRVK] ₃ , [IRIK] ₃ , [IRVK] ₃	[IKIK] ₂ , [VRVK] ₂ , [IRVK] ₂ , [FRFK] ₂	(Ong et al. 2013)
<i>B. subtilis</i> DSM 347	L[KL] ₄ , [KL] ₅ , [LK] ₅ , [KL] ₅ K, L[KL] ₅ , [KL] ₆ , [KL] ₆ K, L[KL] ₆ , [KL] ₇ , [KL] ₇ K	[KL] ₄ , [KL] ₄ K, L[KL] ₇ , [KL] ₈ , [KL] ₉ , [KL] ₁₀ , [KL] ₁₁ , [KL] ₁₂ , [KL] ₁₃	[KL] ₃	(Schweigardt 2020; Strandberg et al. 2020)
<i>S. xylosus</i> DSM 20287	[KL] ₄ , [KL] ₄ K, L[KL] ₄ , [KL] ₅ , [LK] ₅ , [KL] ₅ K, L[KL] ₅ , [KL] ₆ , [KL] ₆ K, L[KL] ₆ , [KL] ₇ , [KL] ₇ K, [KL] ₈ , [KL] ₉ , [KL] ₁₂	L[KL] ₇ , [KL] ₁₀ , [KL] ₁₁ , [KL] ₁₃	[KL] ₃	(Schweigardt 2020; Strandberg et al. 2020)
<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC 25923	[WR] ₃ , [RW] ₃	W[RW] ₂ , [RW] ₂ R	[WR] ₂ , WRW, RWR	(Strøm et al. 2003; Strøm et al. 2002)
Fungal strains				
<i>C. albicans</i> KCTC 7270		[WK] ₃ , [KW] ₃		(Gopal et al. 2011)
<i>T. beigelli</i> KCTC 7707	[KW] ₃	[WK] ₃		(Gopal et al. 2011)
<i>F. solani</i> KCTC 6326	[KW] ₄ , [KW] ₅ , [RW] ₄ , [RW] ₅	[KW] ₃ , [RW] ₃	[KW] ₂ , [RW] ₂	(Gopal et al. 2012)
<i>F. oxysporum</i> KCTC 6076	[KW] ₅ , [RW] ₅	[KW] ₃ , [KW] ₄ , [RW] ₃ , [RW] ₄	[KW] ₂ , [RW] ₂	(Gopal et al. 2012)
<i>C. albicans</i>	[IKIK] ₂ , [IRIK] ₂ , [IRVK] ₂	[VRVK] ₂ , [IRIR] ₂ , [FRFK] ₂ , [VRVK] ₃	[WRWK] ₂ , [IRIK] ₃ , [IRVK] ₃	(Ong et al. 2013)
<i>C. albicans</i> 10231			[LK] ₇ , [LK] ₈ , [LK] ₉ , [LK] ₁₀ , [LK] ₁₁ , [LK] ₁₂ , [LR] ₇ , [LR] ₉ , [LR] ₁₁	(Strom and Brondsema 2006)
<i>Cr. Neoformans</i> 32045	[LK] ₇ , [LR] ₇	[LK] ₈ , [LK] ₉ , [LK] ₁₀ , [LK] ₁₁ , [LK] ₁₂ , [LR] ₉ , [LR] ₁₁		(Strom and Brondsema 2006)
Resistant strains				
<i>E. coli</i> CCARM 1229		[KW] ₃	[WK] ₃ ,	(Gopal et al. 2011)
<i>E. coli</i> CCARM 1238			[WK] ₃ , [KW] ₃	(Gopal et al. 2011)
<i>C. albicans</i> CCARM 14001		[WK] ₃ , [KW] ₃		(Gopal et al. 2011)
<i>C. albicans</i> CCARM 14007		[WK] ₃ , [KW] ₃		(Gopal et al. 2011)
<i>C. albicans</i> CCARM 14020		[WK] ₃ , [KW] ₃		(Gopal et al. 2011)
<i>S. aureus</i> (methicillin resistant) 33591			[LK] ₇ , [LK] ₈ , [LK] ₉ , [LK] ₁₀ , [LK] ₁₁ , [LK] ₁₂ , [LR] ₇ , [LR] ₉ , [LR] ₁₁	(Strom and Brondsema 2006)

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