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Bifunctional peptides as alternatives to copper-based formulations to control citrus canker

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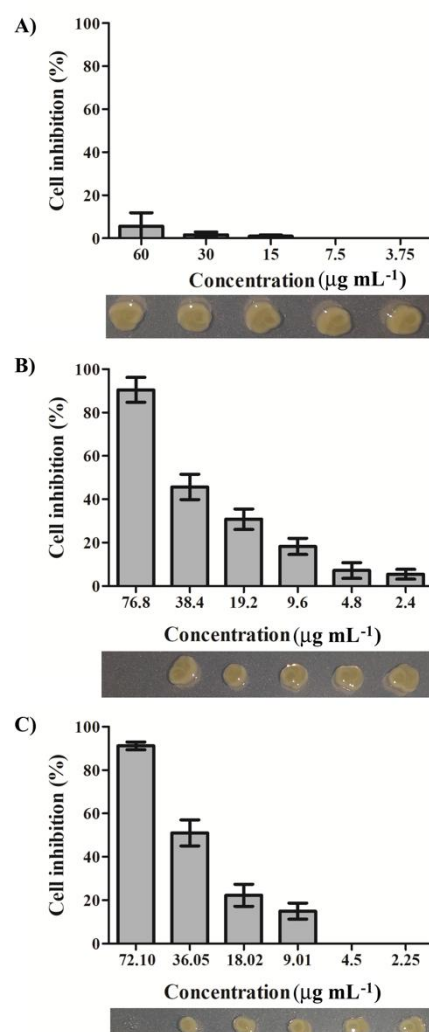


Fig. S1. Evaluating the antibacterial action of the BiFuProt modules used to construct Mel-CgDEF. The respiratory activity of *X. citri* cells was monitored by REMA following 16 hours of exposure to the BiFuProt modules at various concentrations. **A)** eGFP-CgDEF; **B)** eGFP-Mel, and **C)** Mel-eGFP. The average percentages of cells inhibited by the peptide are represented as bars and the standard deviation of the means by the vertical lines above the bars. Underneath the graph is shown a section of a NYG-plate in which samples from REMA were inoculated in order to evaluate if the BiFuProt modules had bactericidal or bacteriostatic effect. Yellow cell mass (colonies) indicate growth.

Table S1. Amino acid sequences, PDB and UniProt entries for all the peptides used.

Peptide	Abbr.	Amino acid sequence (from N- to C-terminus)	PDB	UniProt
Androctonin	Andt	RSVCRQIKICRRRGCCYYKCTNRPY	1CZ6	P56684
LCI	LCI	AIKLVQSPNGNFAASFVLDGTKWIFKSKYYDSSKGYWVGIYEVWDRK	2B9K	P82243
Plantaricin A	PlnA	KSSAYSLQMGATAIKQVKKLFKKWGW	1YTR	P80214
Tachystatin A2	TA2	YSRCQLQGFCVVRSYGLPTIPCCRGLTCRSYFPGSTYGRQCQRY	1CIX	Q9U8X3
Defensin	CgDEF	GFGCPGNQLKCNHCKSISCRAGYCDAAATLWLRCTCTDCNGKK	2B68	Q4GWV4
MBP-1	MPB1	RSGRGECRRQCLRRHEGQPWETQECMRRRCRRRG		P28794
Melittin	Mel	GIGAVLKVLTTGLPALISWIKRKRQQ	2MLT	P01501

Table S2. Amino acid and DNA sequence of the bifunctional peptide and its five elements: melittin, 3xGGGS, StrepII-tag, domain Z, and CgDEF (from N- to C-terminus).

	N-Melittin-	-3xGGGS-	-StrepII-tag-	-Domain Z-	- CgDEF -C
AA	MGIGAVLKVL TGLPALISWIK KRQQ	GGGSG GGGSG GGS	SAWSHPQF EK	ADNKFNKEQQNAFYELHLPNLNEEQ RNGFIQSLKDDPSQSANLLAEAKKL DAQAPK	GFGCPGNQL KCNNHCKSIS CRAGYCDAA TLWLRCTCT DCNGKK
DNA	ATGGGAATTG GTGCTGTGTTG AAGGTTCTTAC TACCGGCCTGC CAGCGTTAATT TCCTGGATTAA ACGTAAGCGG CAA	CAGGGT GGTGGT GTAGTG TGGCGGT GGTTCAG GCGGTG GCGGTA GC	TCTGCATG GAGCCATC CGCAGTTC GAAAAG	GCCGACAACAAGTTTAAACAAAGAA CAGCAGAACGCCTTCTATGAAATTC TGCATCTGCCGAATCTGAATGAAGA ACAGCGTAATGGTTTATCCAGAGC CTGAAAGATGATCCGAGCCAGAGC GCAAAATCTGCTGGCCGAAGCAAAA AAACTGAATGATGCGCAGGCACCG AAA	GGTTTGGT TGTCGGGT AATCAGCTG AAATGTAAC AATCATTGC AAAAGCATT AGCTGCCGT GCAGGTTAT TGTGATGCA GCAACCCTG TGGCTGCGT TGTACCTGT ACCGATTGT AATGGCAAA AAA

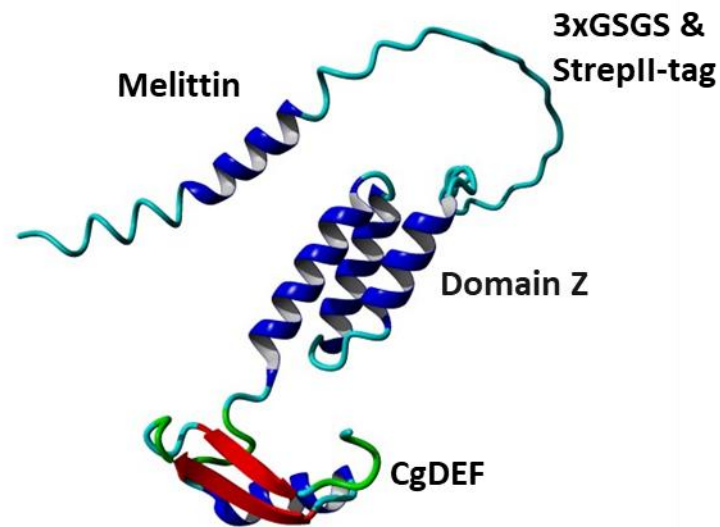


Fig. S2. 3D Protein Structure Model of the BiFuProt Mel-CgDEF. The model was generated using the established AlphaFold 2.0¹ structure database using the amino acid sequence from Tab. S2. The best ranked model is shown.

¹ Jumper J, Evans R, Pritzel A, Green T, Figurnov M, Ronneberger O, Tunyasuvunakool K, Bates R, Žídek A, Potapenko A, et al. (2021) Highly accurate protein structure prediction with AlphaFold. Nature 596:583–589.