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Selection and characterization of a peptide-based complement modulator targeting C1 of the innate immune system

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Analytical HPLC

cL3-Az, cL3-Bt, cL3-inv and cL3-lin were analyzed on a Shimadzu Prominence-I LC2030 system equipped with a Dr Maish ReproSil Gold 120 C18 column (4.6 * 250 mm, 5 µm). Samples were run at 30 °C and UV detection was performed at 214 nm. These flow systems were used: buffer A 95/5 vol% water (ultrapure)/ACN with 0.1% TFA and buffer B 5/95 water/ACN 0.1% TFA. The gradient was set at 0% buffer B for 2 min, then B concentration was ramped to 100% over the course of 25 min and kept there for 2 min. Buffer B concentration was then returned to 0 over the course of a minute and set at 0 for 3 more min. cL3 deletion variants were collected by Genscript. The solvent system was; Solvent A 0.065% TFA in water and solvent B 0.05% TFA in 100% ACN. Generally these were progressed from either a 5 vol% B to 65 or 35 in 25 min and then to 95% solvent B for 5 more min before going back to 5 vol% for 5 min. An Inertsil ODS-SP 4.6 x 250 mm column was used.

HRMS analysis

HRPMS analysis of the peptides was performed using a Shimadzu Nexera X2 UHPLC system equipped with a Waters Acquity HSS C18 column (2.1*100mm, 1.8 µm) and a diode array detector. Samples were measured at 30 °C using the following solvent system: Solvent A, 0.1% formic acid in water; solvent B 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile. Flow rate was set at 0.5 mL/min. Gradient started at 95:5 A:B for one minute, the ramping to 15:85 for 6 minutes and 0.:100 over the course of a minute and kept there for 3 minutes. Mass detection was performed in a Shimadzu 9030 QTOF mass spectrometer that had been calibrated with Agilent's API-TOF reference mass solution kit (5.0 mM purine, 100 mM ammonium trifluoroacetate and 2.5 mM hexakis (1H, 1H, 3H – tetrefluoropropoxy)-phosphazine). These were diluted to obtain a mass count of 10,000. Theoretical masses were calculated using Chemdraw 22.2.0 32-bit.

Figures S7-20: Analytical HPLC analysis of the peptides

HRMS data can be found tabulated in **Table S3** and sequences of the peptides in **Table S2**.

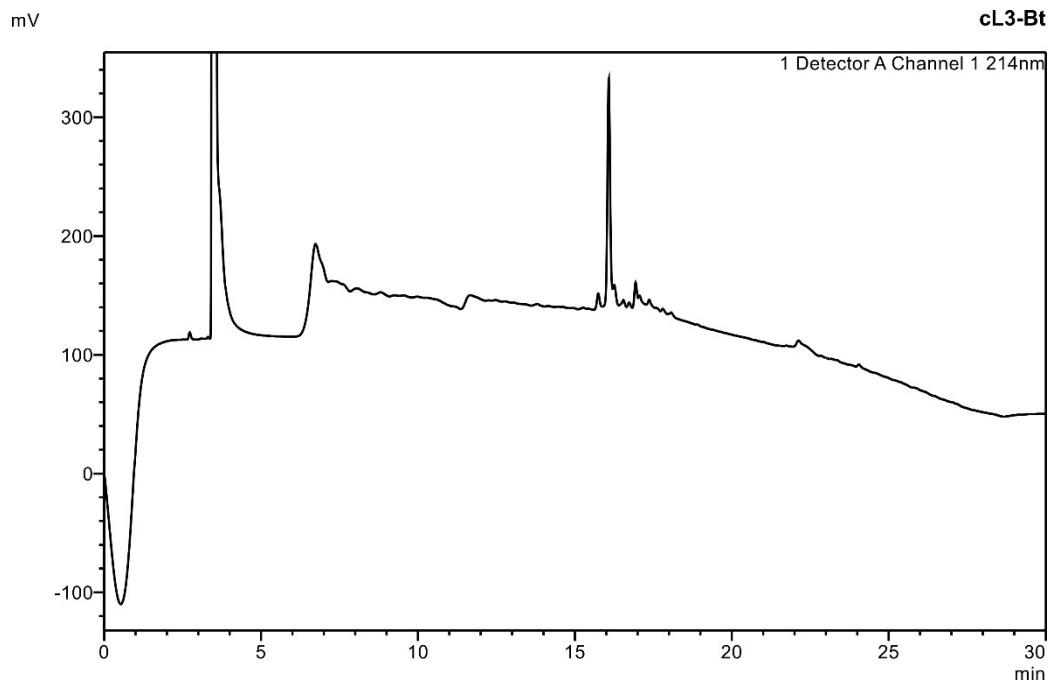
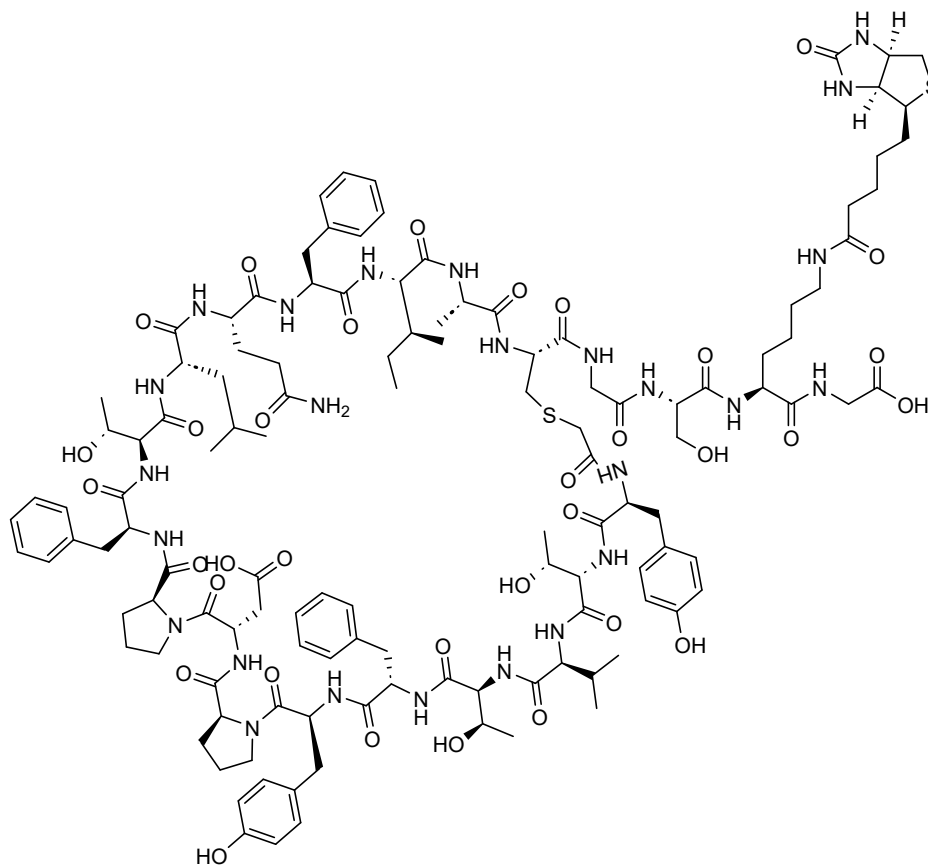


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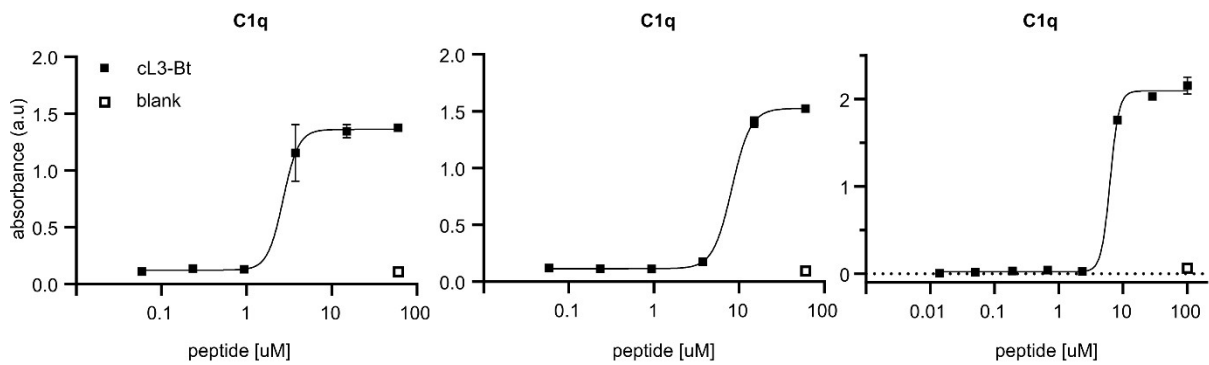


Figure S2: ELISA detecting C1q recruitment from human serum (1% in RPMI medium) using cL3-Bt. cL3-Bt was titrated and allowed to bind streptavidin coated plates, hereafter samples were washed to remove any unbound cL3-Bt and subsequently human serum was incubated on the plate. Each graph displays a technical duplicate collected on a different plate. cL3-Bt concentrations were slightly varied between plates. The datapoints on the right are also shown in **fig 3a**. Datapoints are shown in black squares and the line represents the fitted model. Graphpad Prism version 9.3.1 was used for model fitting using a non-linear dose vs response curve with four parameters least squares fit. Graph on the left: EC50: 2.68, CI confidence interval (%)EC50: not determined (ND), R^2 : 0.98. Graph in the middle: EC50:8.2, CI confidence interval (%)EC50: 7.4-9.1, R^2 : 0.99. Graph on the right: EC50: 6.2, CI confidence interval (%)EC50: ND, R^2 : 0.99. Hence the EC50 as reported in the manuscript of $\sim 6 \mu\text{M}$

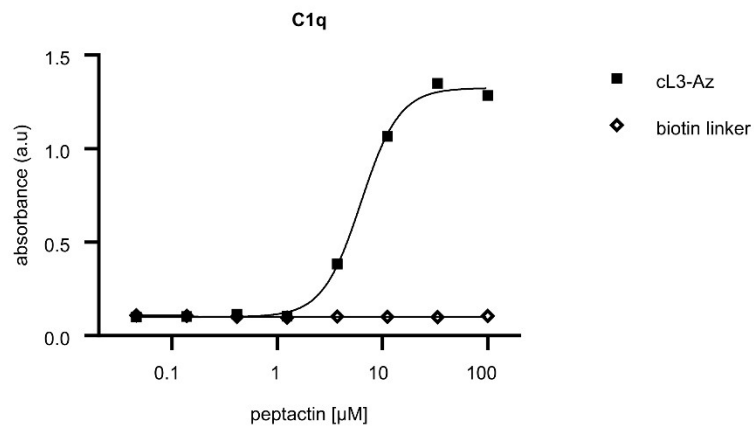


Figure S4: ELISA of cL3-Az conjugated to a biotin-DCBO linker. Linker and cL3-Az were co-incubated on a streptavidin coated plate for 1 hour at 37 °C allowing for conjugation to take place. Hereafter unbound linker and peptide were washed off and human serum (1%, in RPMI medium) was added and subsequently C1q was detected. A single technical replicate is shown here. Datapoints are displayed in the black squares and the fitted model is the black line. Graphpad Prism version 9.3.1 was used for model fitting using a non-linear dose vs response curve with four parameters least squares fit. EC50:6.2, CI confidence interval (%) EC50: 5.2-7.4 , R^2 : 0.99.

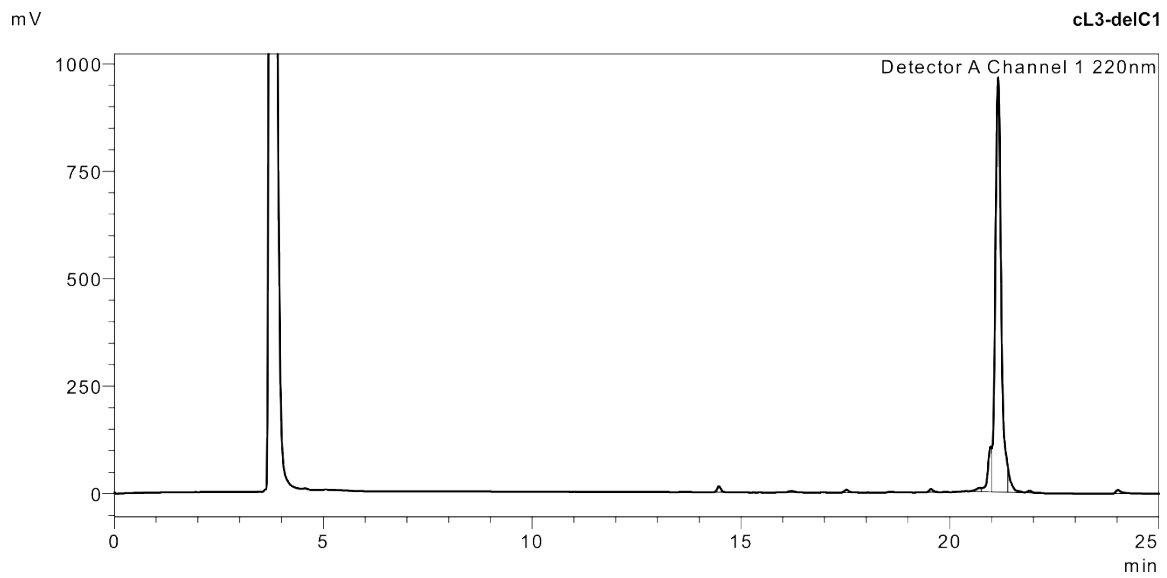
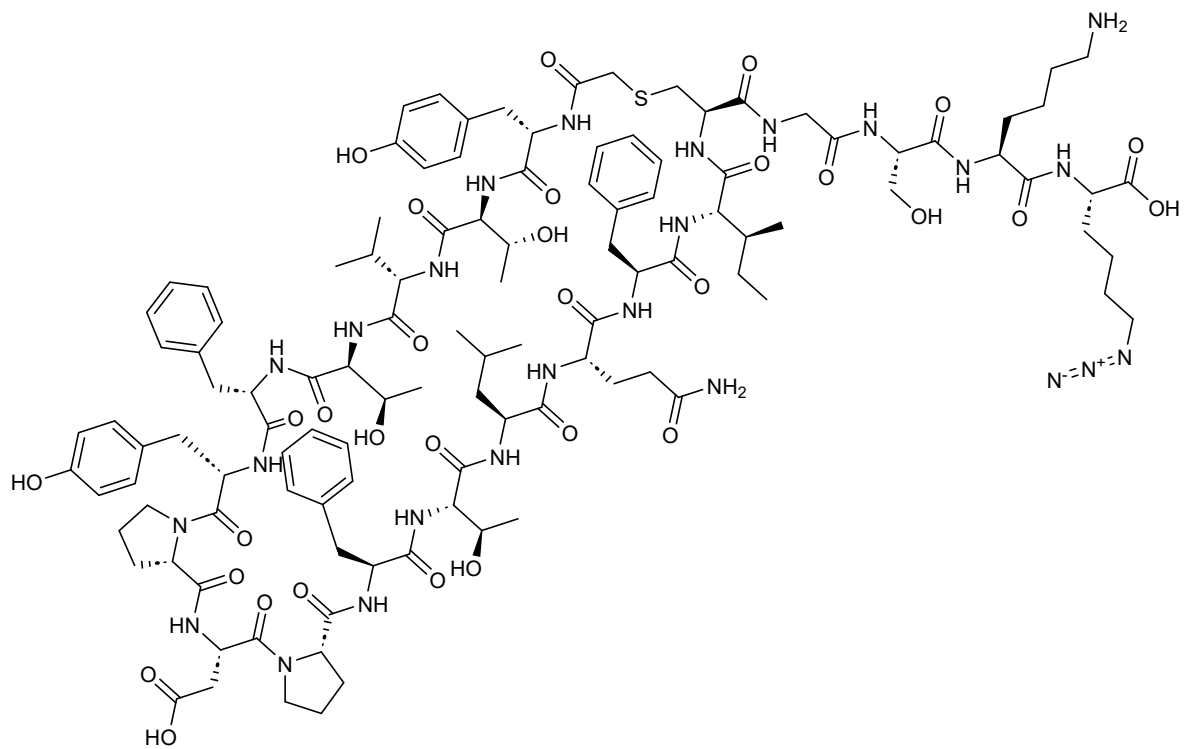


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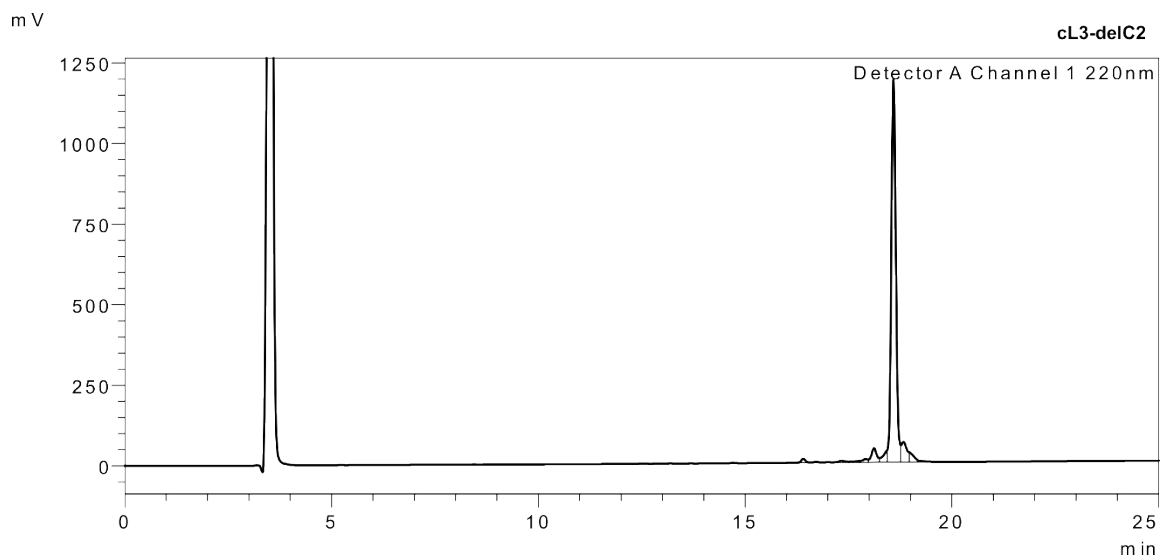
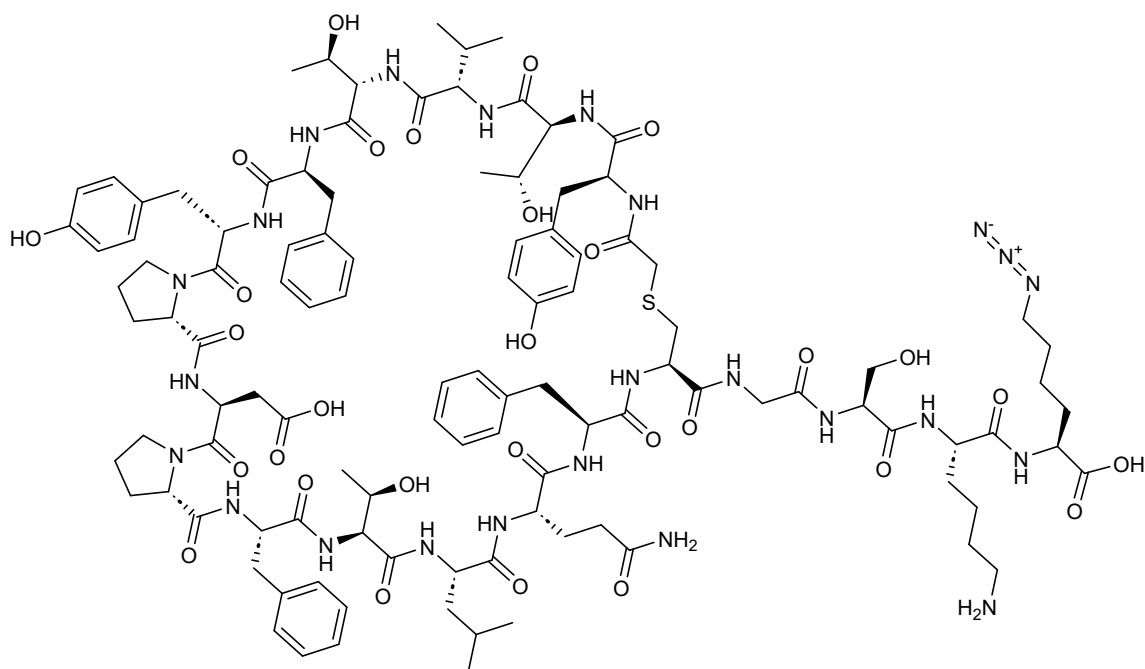


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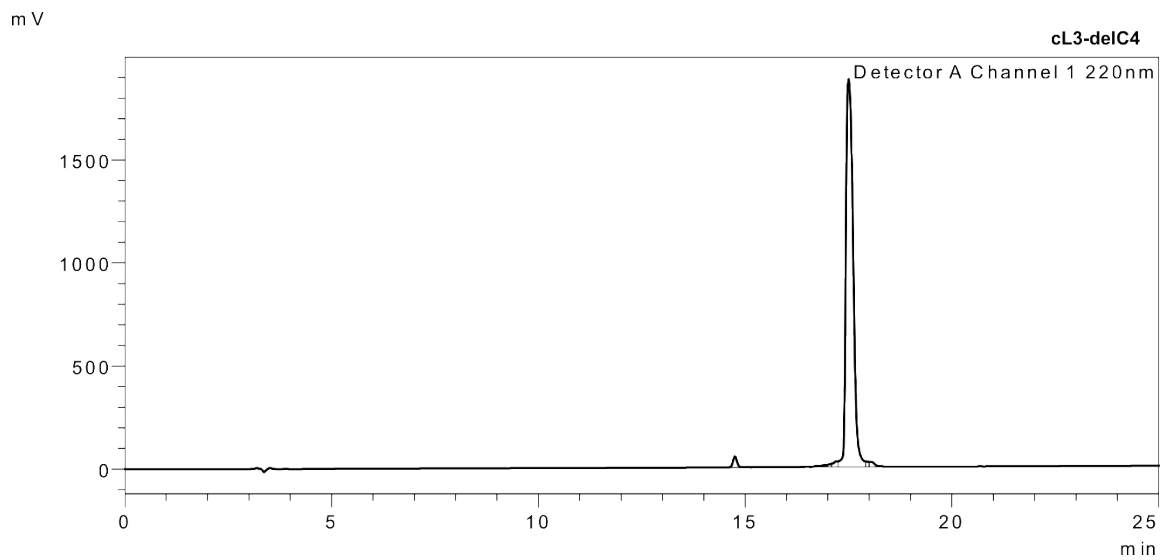
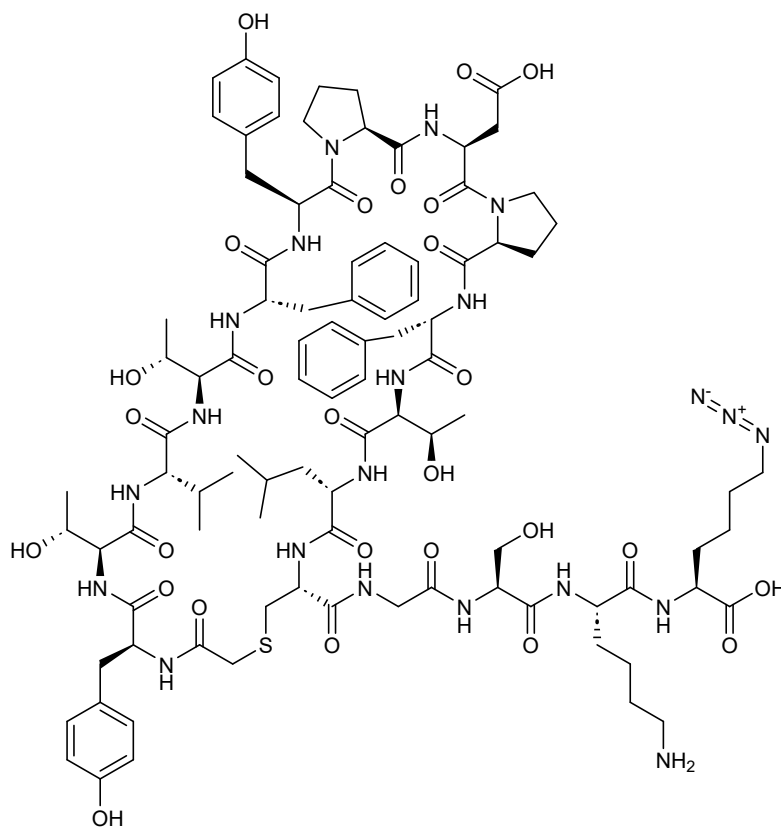


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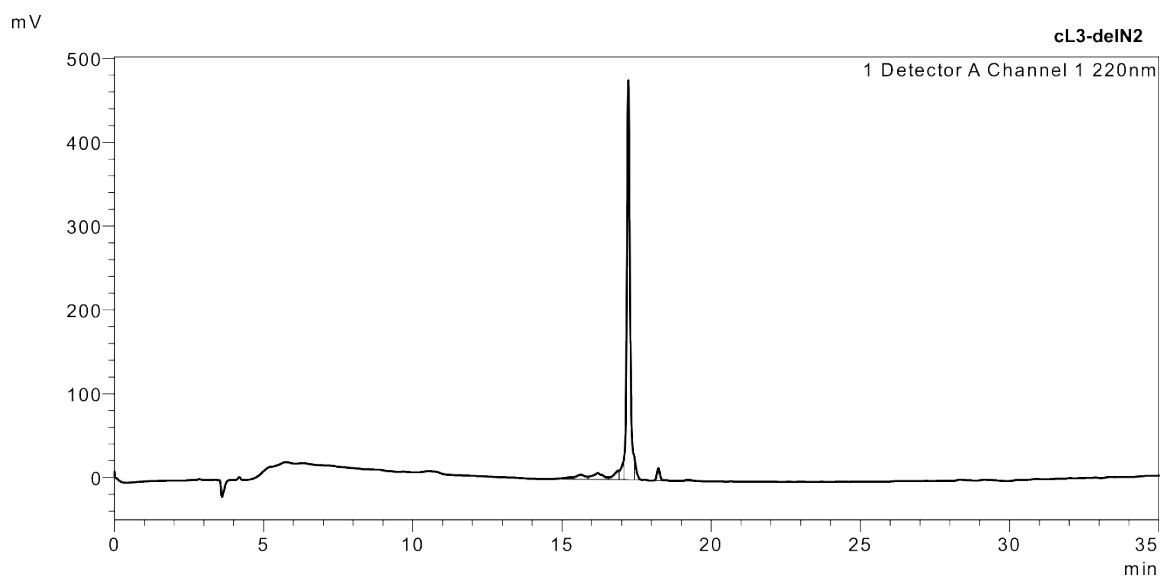
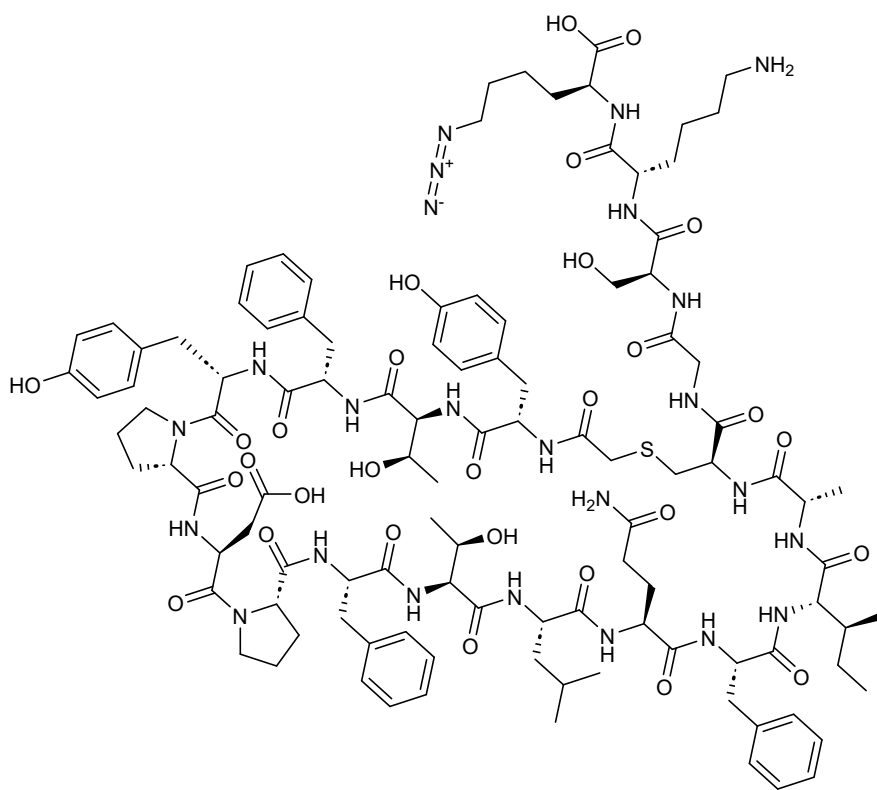


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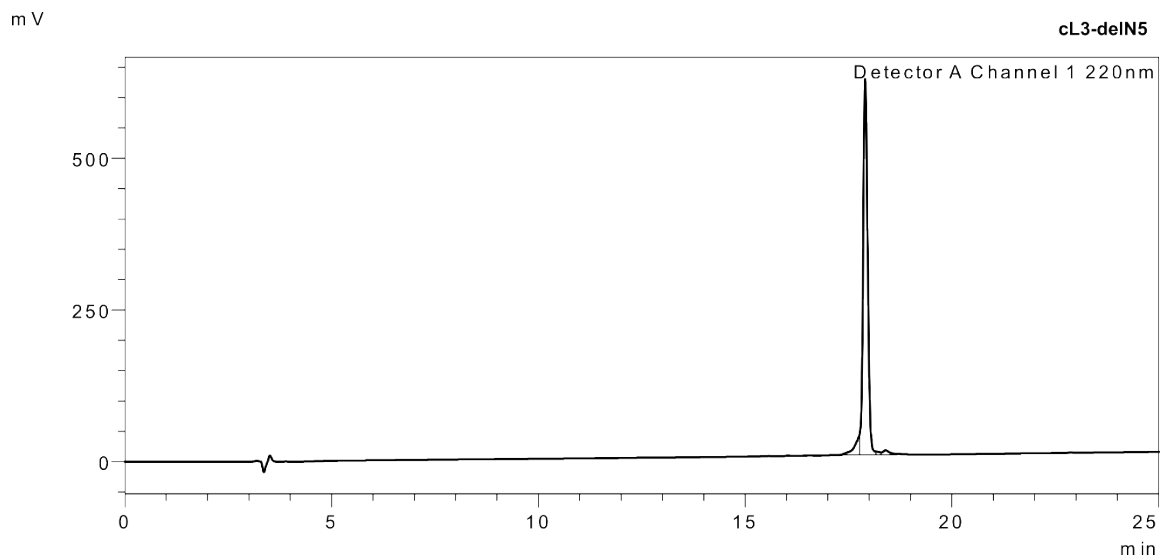
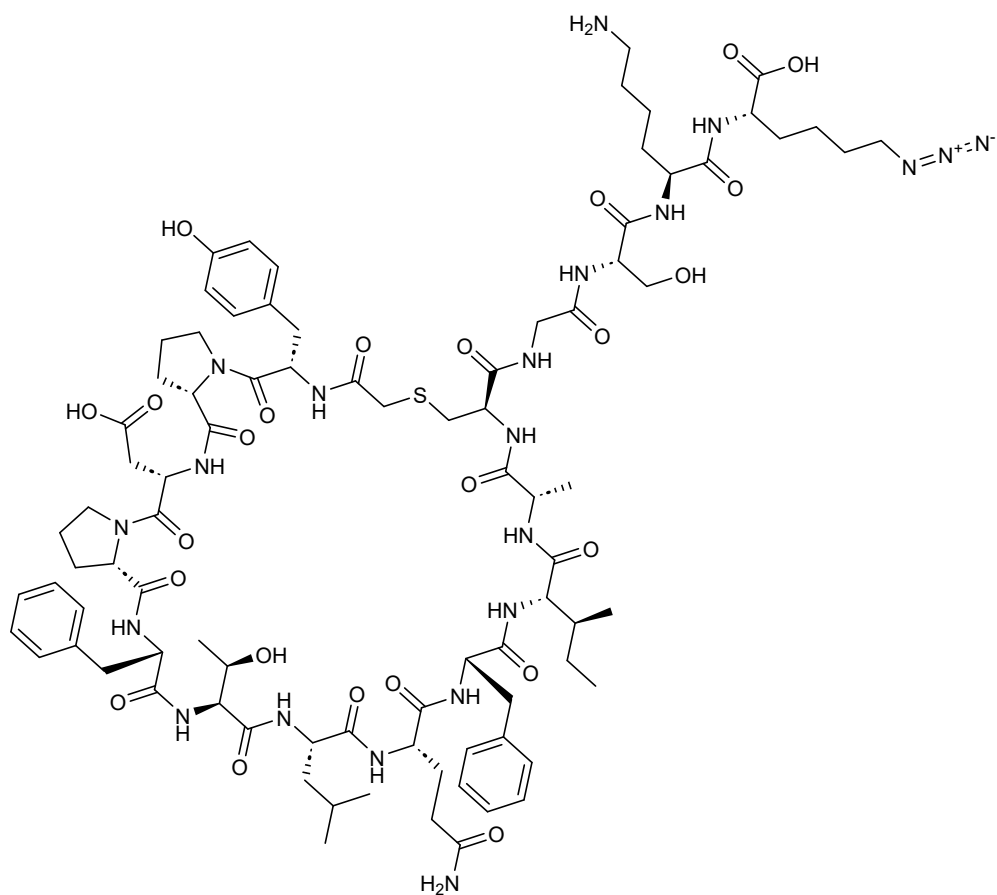


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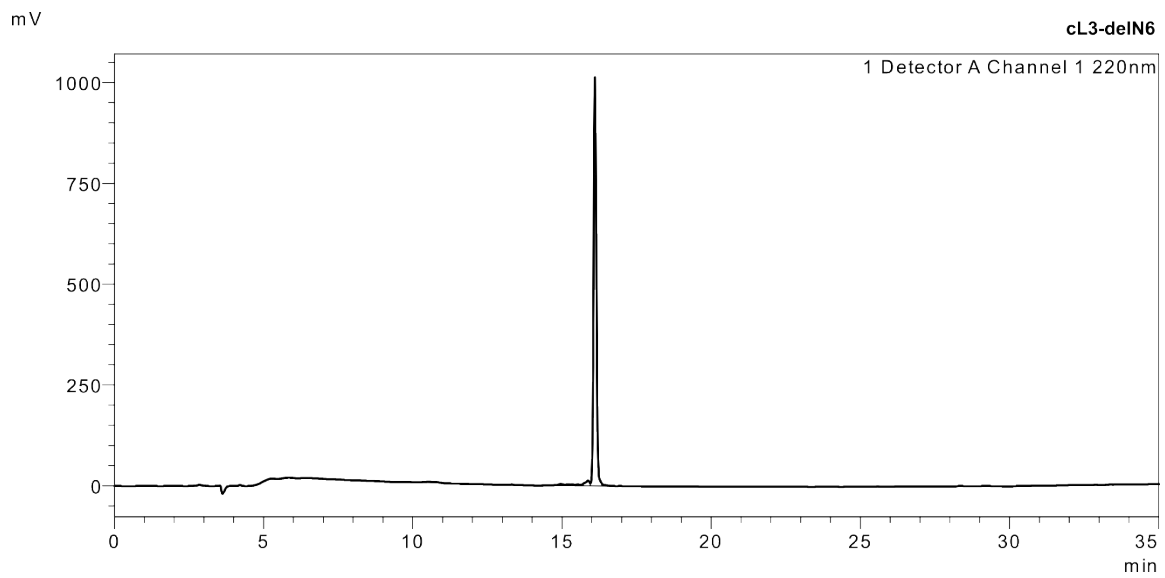
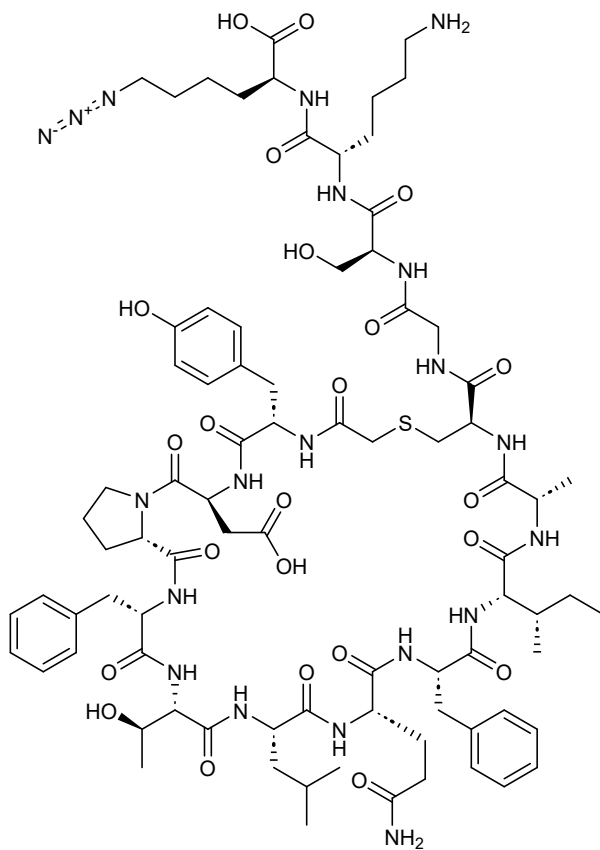


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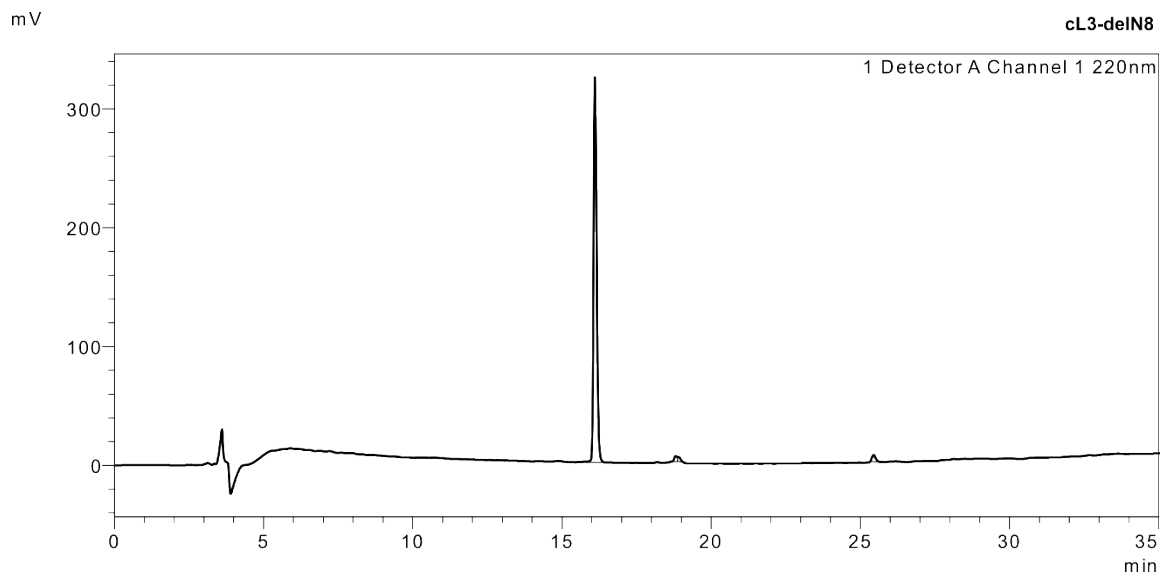
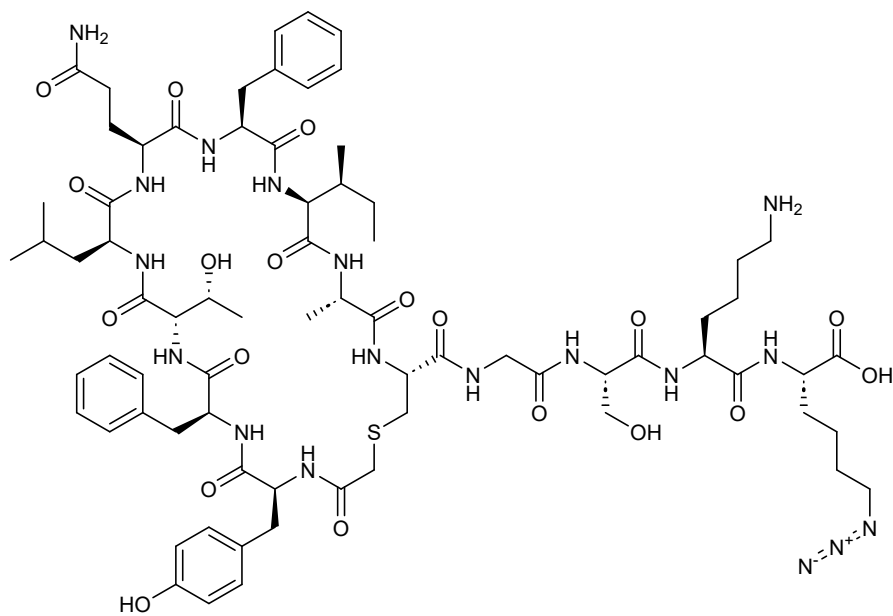


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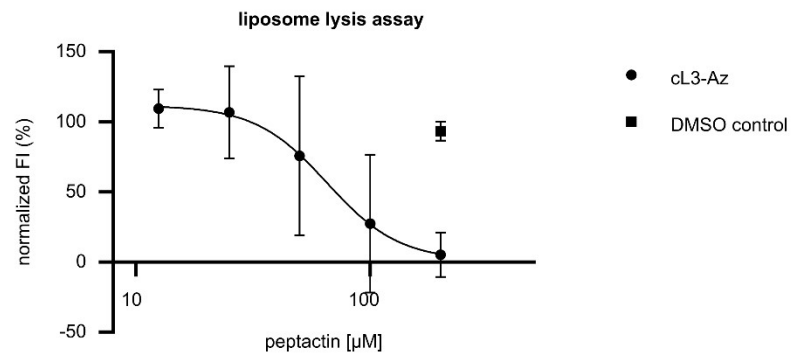


Figure S14: Normalized FI data of the inhibition experiment displayed in **fig 5b**. Datapoints are normalized to the average values of the conditions where no Ab was present (*min*) and only Ab was present (*max*). Data was normalized using $(FI - \text{min}) / (\text{max} - \text{min}) * 100\%$. The DMSO control is to check for activity in the absence of cL3-Az. Datapoints are displayed and the fitted model is the black line. Graphpad Prism version 9.3.1 was used for model fitting using a non-linear dose vs response curve with four parameters least squares fit. IC50: 65, CI confidence interval (%) IC50: ND, R^2 : 0.62.

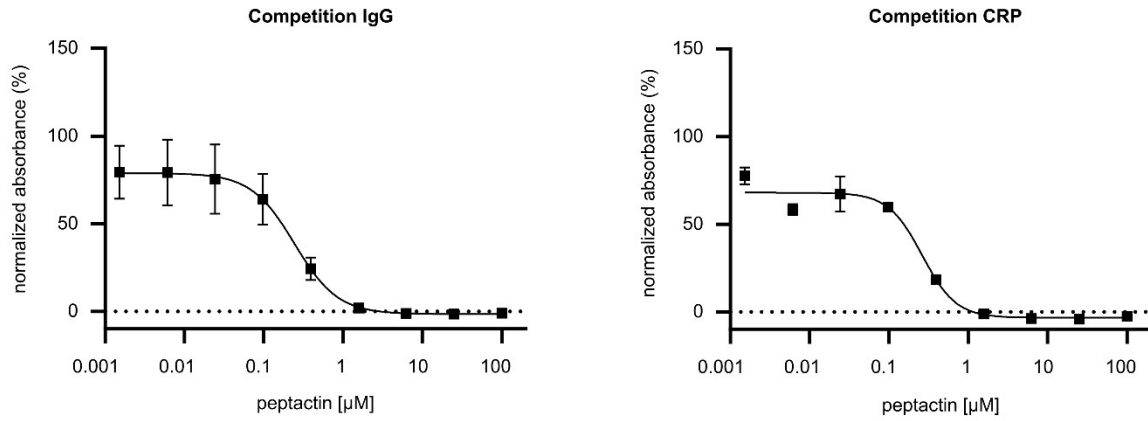


Figure S15: Normalized absorbance data of the ELISA described in **fig 5c** (competition IgG) and **fig 7b** (Competition CRP). The datapoints are displayed and the line is the fitted model (technical duplicates for both). Datapoints are displayed and the fitted model is the black line. Graphpad Prism version 9.3.1 was used for model fitting using a non-linear dose vs response curve with four parameters least squares fit. Competition with IgG: IC50: 0.24 , CI confidence interval (%) IC50: 0.14-0.39 , R²: 0.94. Competition with CRP: IC50: 0.26 , CI confidence interval (%) IC50: ND, R²: 0.97

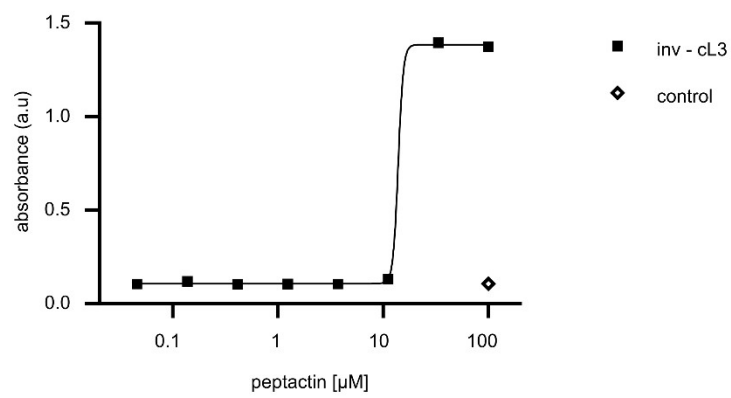


Figure S17: absorbance data as described in **fig 6a**. Datapoints are shown and was fitted (black line) using Graphpad Prism version 9.3.1 for model fitting using a non-linear dose vs response curve with four parameters least squares fit. EC50: 13.9, CI confidence interval (%) EC50: ND, R²: 0.99.

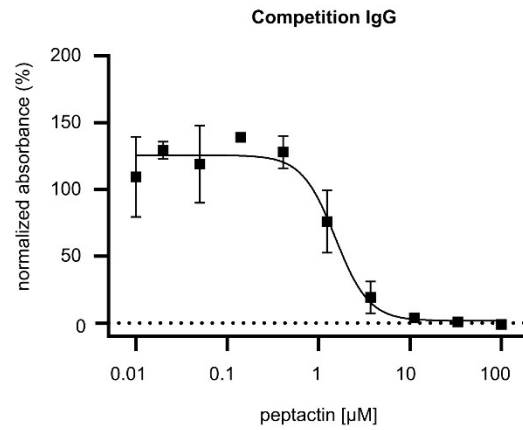


Figure S18: Normalized absorbance data as described in **fig 6b**. Datapoints are shown and was fitted (black line) using Prism version 9.3.1 for model fitting using a non-linear dose vs response curve with four parameters least squares fit. Competition with IgG: IC50: 1.5, CI confidence interval (%) IC50: 1.01-2.13, R^2 : 0.94.

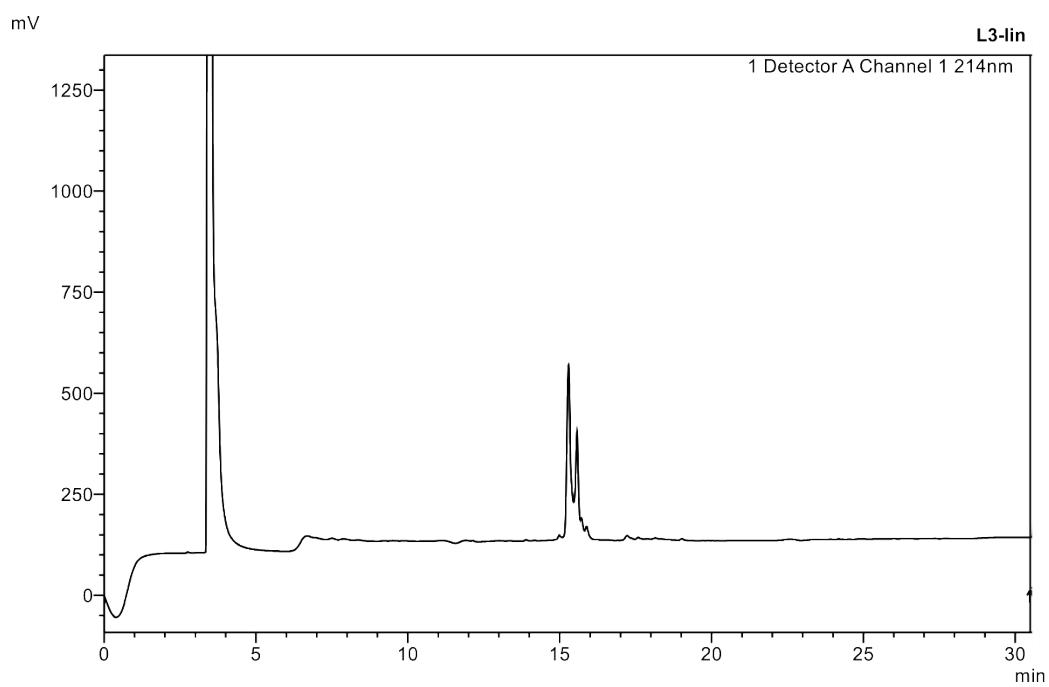
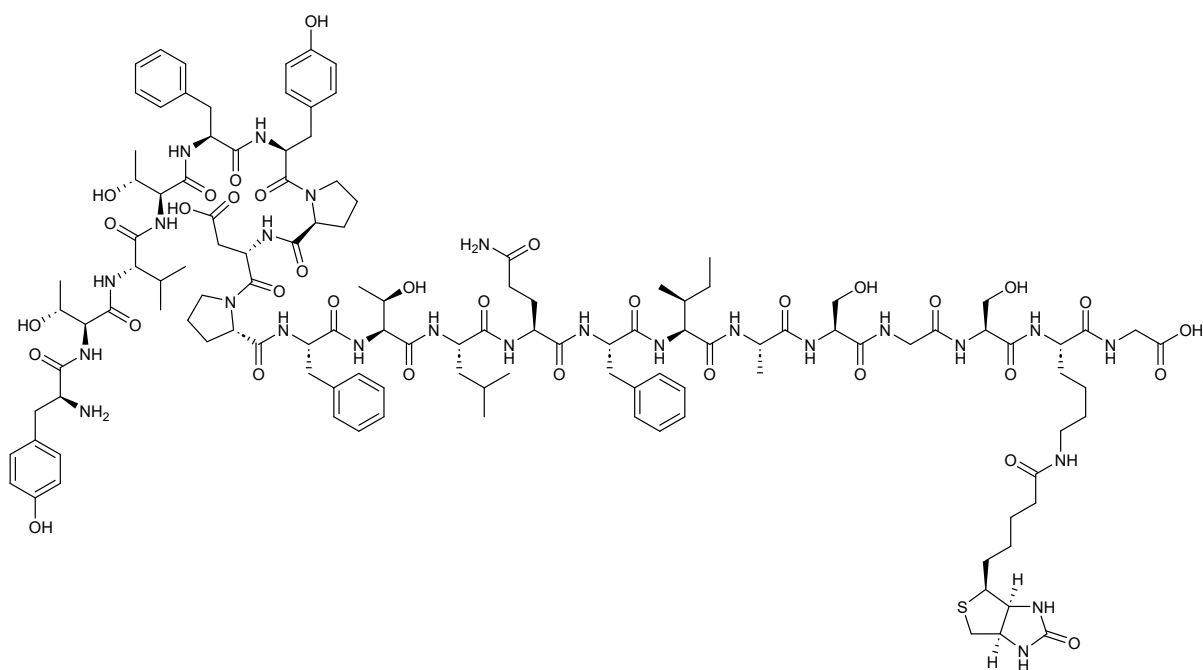


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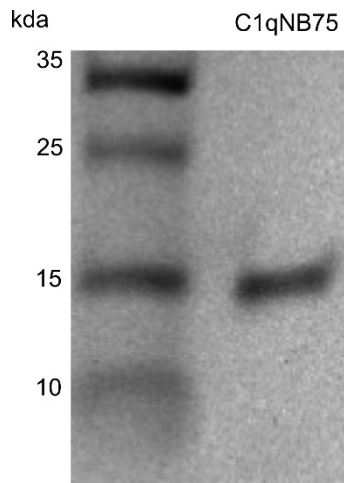


Figure S20. SDS-PAGE of C1qNB75 after purification. (PageRuler™ Plus Prestained Protein Ladder, 10 to 250 kDa (Thermo Scientific™) was used as a reference. See Table S1 for the amino acid sequence of the construct.

Table S1: amino acid sequences of the protein constructs.

	<i>Amino acid sequence</i>
<i>SC-gC1q</i>	MARPLCTLLLLMATLAGALAGSDQPRPAFSAIRRNPPMGGNVVIFDVTITNQEEPYNHSG RFVCTVPGYYYFTFQVLSQWEICLSIVSSSRGQVRRSLGFCDTTNKGLFQVVS GGMVLQLQ QGDQVWVEKDKPKKGIYQGSEADSVFSGFLIFPSAGSGKQKFQSVFTVTRQTHQPPAPNSL IRFNAVLTNPQGDYDTSTGKFTCKVPGLYFVYHASHATANLCVLLYRSGVKVVTFCGHTSK TNQVNSGGVLLRLQVGEEVWLAVNDYDMVGIQGS DSVFSGFLLFPDGS AKATQKIAFSAT RTINVPLRRDQTIREFDHVITNMNNNYEPRSGKFTCKVPGLYFETYHASSRGNLCVNLMRGR ERAQKVVVTFCDYAYNTFQVTTGGMVLKLEQGENVFLQATDKNSL LGMEGANSIFSGFLLFP DMEAAAWSHPQFEKGAAWSHPQFEKGAAWSHPQFEKGA*
<i>C1qNB75</i>	QVQLVETGGGLVQAGGSLRLSCAASGRTFNNDVMAWFRQAPGTEREFVALITAGGGTHYAD SVKGRFVISRDNNDKNMAYLQMNSL KSEDTAIYYCGADENPPGWPSRWSSAYDYWGQGTQVT VSSH HHHHH*

Table S2: amino acid sequences and modifications on the peptides. * denotes the peptide is cyclized by means of chloroacetylation of the N-terminus. The lysine at the c-term position is either modified with an azide (Az) or a biotin (Bt). ' denotes the D-isomer of the tyrosine and is only used in the inv-cL3 peptide.

	<i>Amino acid sequence</i>
<i>cL3-Az</i>	YTVTFY PDPFTLQFIAC*GS {lys (N3) }G
<i>cL3-Bt</i>	YTVTFY PDPFTLQFIAC*GS {lys (Bt) }G
<i>inv-cL3</i>	Y' TVTFY PDPFTLQFIAC*GS {lys (Bt) }G
<i>lin-L3</i>	YTVTFY PDPFTLQFIASGS {Lys (Bt) }G
<i>cL3-delN1</i>	Y-VTFY PDPFTLQFIAC*GSK {Lys (N3) }
<i>cL3-delN2</i>	Y--TFY PDPFTLQFIAC*GSK {Lys (N3) }
<i>cL3-delN5</i>	Y-----PDPFTLQFIAC*GSK {Lys (N3) }
<i>cL3-delN6</i>	Y-----DPFTLQFIAC*GSK {Lys (N3) }
<i>cL3-delN8</i>	Y-----FTLQFIAC*GSK {Lys (N3) }
<i>cL3-delC1</i>	YTVTFY PDPFTLQFI-C*GSK {Lys (N3) }
<i>cL3-delC2</i>	YTVTFY PDPFTLQF--C*GSK {Lys (N3) }
<i>cL3-delC4</i>	YTVTFY PDPFTL----C*GSK {Lys (N3) }
<i>cL3-delC6</i>	YTVTFY PDPF-----C*GSK {Lys (N3) }

Table S3: Theoretical mass and HRMS data of each peptide. Ppm diff is determined by taking the observed m/z displayed in the column: HRMS (m/z) subtracting the appropriate theoretical m/z value either plus 2 or 3 protons and dividing by the theoretical value to quantify the difference between observed and theoretical m/z values.

	<i>theoretical MW</i>	$(M+2H)/2$	$(M+3H)/3$	<i>obsv Mass</i>	<i>ppm diff</i>
<i>cL3-Az</i>	2420.1147	1211.0652		1211.0627	2.06E-06
<i>cL3-Bt</i>	2620.2018		874.4084	874.4066	2.06E-06
<i>inv-cL3</i>	2620.2018		874.4084	874.4560	5.44E-05
<i>lin-L3</i>	2564.2297	1283.1227		1283.1191	2.81E-06
<i>cL3-delN1</i>	2391.3100	1196.0781		1196.0751	2.51E-06
<i>cL3-delN2</i>	2291.0721	1146.5440		1146.5400	3.49E-06
<i>cL3-delN5</i>	1879.8927	940.9542		940.9525	1.81E-06
<i>cL3-delN6</i>	1782.8399	892.4280		892.4262	2.02E-06
<i>cL3-delN8</i>	1570.7602	786.3874		786.3866	1.02E-06
<i>cL3-delC1</i>	2420.1511	1211.0834		1211.0796	3.14E-06
<i>cL3-delC2</i>	2307.0670	1154.5415		1154.5387	2.43E-06
<i>cL3-delC4</i>	2031.9400	1016.9780		1016.9754	2.56E-06
<i>cL3-delC6</i>	1817.8083	909.9121		909.9097	2.64E-06

Table S4: Sequences of the selected peptides from the RaPID screen. Data is provided in fasta format. Abbreviation gC1q-L-tyr-#1_#2 : gC1q corresponds to SCgC1q used in the screen, L-tyr corresponds to the chloro-acetylated tyrosine (L-stereoisomer), #1 corresponds to the position in the list and #2 corresponds to the relative abundance percentage of each sequence within the sequencing data. See also data availability section of the manuscript for the full sequencing dataset or ref 59.

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