Cholesterol-terminated cationic lipidated oligomers (CLOs) as a new class of antifungals

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Supplementary Information



SI Scheme 1: Synthesis of Cholesterol Initiator (Chol-Br).



Figure SI 1: ¹ H NMR spectra of Cholesterol Initiator (Chol-Br). ¹ H NMR was conducted in CDCl₃.



Figure SI 2: (A) ¹ H NMR spectra of precursor oligomer Chol-VDM. ¹ H NMR was conducted in CDCl₃. (B) Molecular weight distribution over the time (min) for Cholesterol oligomers (DP-10).



Figure SI 3: ¹H NMR spectra of Chol-VDM ring-opened utilizing A) *N*,*N*-dimethylethylenediamine (DMEN); B) *N*-Boc-ethylenediamine (BEDA); C) 1-(3-aminopropyl) imidazole (IMID); D) 2-(2-aminoethyl)-1,3-di-Boc-guanidine (BG). ¹H NMR spectra were recorded in D₂O for A, CDCl₃ for B and D, and DMSO-d₆ for C.



Figure SI 4: ¹H NMR spectra of deprotected oligomers; A) Chol-VDM(BEDA)-D; B) Chol-VDM(BG)-D. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded in MeOD.



Figure SI 5: Checkerboards depicting fungal (*C. albicans, C. tropicalis,* and dual sp.) % biomass survival. a) Chol-DMEN-25(128 μ g/mL - 0.125 μ g/mL) vs Fluconazole (8 μ g/mL - 0.125 μ g/mL) against *C. albicans* planktonic cells. b) Chol-DMEN-25(32 μ g/mL - 0.031 μ g/mL) vs Fluconazole (8 μ g/mL - 0.125 μ g/mL) against *C. tropicalis* planktonic cells. c) Chol-DMEN-25(32 μ g/mL - 0.031 μ g/mL) vs Fluconazole (8 μ g/mL) against dual sp. planktonic cells. d) Chol-BEDA-10 (128 μ g/mL - 0.125 μ g/mL) vs Fluconazole (8 μ g/mL) against *C. albicans* planktonic cells. d) Chol-BEDA-10 (128 μ g/mL) vs Fluconazole (8 μ g/mL - 0.125 μ g/mL) against *C. albicans* planktonic cells. e) Chol-BEDA-10 (32 μ g/mL) vs Fluconazole (8 μ g/mL - 0.125 μ g/mL) against *C. tropicalis* planktonic cells. e) Chol-BEDA-10 (32 μ g/mL) vs Fluconazole (8 μ g/mL - 0.125 μ g/mL) against *C. tropicalis* planktonic cells. f) Chol-BEDA-10 (128 μ g/mL) vs Fluconazole (8 μ g/mL) against dual sp. planktonic cells. g) Planktonic cells. f) chol-BEDA-10 (128 μ g/mL) vs Fluconazole (8 μ g/mL) against dual sp. planktonic cells. f) Chol-BEDA-10 (128 μ g/mL) vs Fluconazole (8 μ g/mL) against dual sp. planktonic cells. f) Chol-BEDA-10 (128 μ g/mL) vs Fluconazole (8 μ g/mL) against dual sp. planktonic cells. f) Chol-BEDA-10 (128 μ g/mL) vs Fluconazole (8 μ g/mL) against dual sp. planktonic cells.



Figure SI 6: Checkerboards depicting fungal (*C. albicans, C. tropicalis,* and dual sp.) mature biofilm % biomass survival. a) Chol-DMEN-25(128 μ g/mL - 0.125 μ g/mL) vs Fluconazole (8 μ g/mL - 0.125 μ g/mL) against *C. albicans* biofilm. b) Chol-DMEN-25 (32 μ g/mL - 0.031 μ g/mL) vs Fluconazole (8 μ g/mL - 0.125 μ g/mL) against *C. tropicalis* biofilm. c) Chol-DMEN-25(32 μ g/mL - 0.031 μ g/mL) vs Fluconazole (8 μ g/mL) against *dual* sp. biofilm. d) Chol-BEDA-10 (128 μ g/mL - 0.125 μ g/mL) vs Fluconazole (8 μ g/mL - 0.031 μ g/mL) against *C. albicans* biofilm. e) Chol-BEDA-10 (32 μ g/mL - 0.031 μ g/mL) vs Fluconazole (8 μ g/mL - 0.125 μ g/

	Table SI 1:	Solvents	used for	NMR
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CLOs Series	¹ H NMR Solvents					
	Synthesis	Ring Opening	Deprotection			
Chol-OVDM(DMEN)	CDCl ₃	D ₂ O	-			
Chol-OVDM(BEDA)	CDCl ₃	CDCl ₃	CH ₃ OD			
Chol-OVDM(IMID)	CDCl ₃	DMSO-d ₆	-			
Chol-OVDM(BG)	CDCl ₃	CDCl ₃	CH ₃ OD			

Table SI 2: Solvents used for dialysis

CLOs Series	Dialysis Solvents
Chol-OVDM(DMEN)	Deionized water
Chol-OVDM(BEDA)	Acetone
Chol-OVDM(IMID)	Methanol
Chol-OVDM(BG)	Acetone
Chol-OVDM(IMID) Chol-OVDM(BG)	Methanol Acetone

				Cytotoxicity (µg/mL)	Haemolysis	
					(µg/mL)	
K. pneumoniae	A. baumannii	P. aeruginosa	S. aureus	CC ₅₀	HC ₁₀	HC ₅₀
>640	320	>640	640	32-126*	4	3-9
>640	160	>640	>640	8-86	1	3
>640	320	>640	>640	3-103	1	3-5
>640	>640	>640	>640	38-109	1 to 2	5-9
>640	>640	>640	>640	5->128*	2 to 3	9-33
>640	>640	>640	>640	53->128	5	8-15
>640	>640	>640	320	8->128*	3	8->128*
>640	>640	>640	>640	35->128*	1 to 3	126->128
>640	>640	>640	>640	>128	<1	>128
>640	>640	>640	>640	>128	79-96	>128
>640	>640	>640	>640	125->128	86->128	31-120*
			0.25			
				5 to 29		
					1 to 13	8
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Table SI 3: Antibacterial and toxicity profile of CLOs against *E. coli* ATCC 25922, *K. pneumoniae* ATCC 700603, *A. baumannii* ATCC 19606, *P. aeruginosa* ATCC 27853, and *S. aureus* ATCC 43300 MRSA.

Table SI 4: Selectivity indices for the CLOs against *C. tropicalis, C. glabrata, C. deuterigattii* and *C. auris*. The selectivity index is calculated by dividing the HC_{10} by the MIC value for a given microbe.

	HC ₁₀	Selectivity index value			
CLOs	(µg/mL)	C. tropicalis	C. glabrata	C. deuterigattii	C. auris
Chol-OVDM(DMEN)-5	4	0.4-3.2	0.05	0.0062-0.2	0.0062-0.8
Chol-OVDM(DMEN)-10	1	0.8-1.58	0.025-0.05	0.2-0.4	0.0015-12.5
Chol-OVDM(DMEN)-15	1	0.8-1.58	0.0125-0.025	0.2-0.4	0.025-0.4
Chol-OVDM(DMEN)-20	1-2	1.58-1.6	0.00625	0.1-0.2	0.0031-0.1
Chol-OVDM(DMEN)-25	2-3	2.4-3.1	0.0093-0.0125	0.3-0.4	0.004-0.4
Chol-OVDM(BEDA)-5	5	0.25-0.5	0.0078-0.015	0.007125	0.007-2
Chol-OVDM(BEDA)-10	3	1.2-2.4	0.018	0.25-0.3	0.004-0.6
Chol-OVDM(IMID)-5	1-3	0.6-0.8	0.0093-0.025	0.004-0.1	0.004-0.2
Chol-OVDM(IMID)-10	<1	0.8-3.2	0.0062-0.05	0.05-0.2	0.0015-0.2
Chol-OVDM(BG)-5	79-96	0.15-1.9	0.15-7.9	0.1-0.12	0.15-3.95

Chol-OVDM(BG)-10	86≥128	0.8-17.2	0.13-0.2	0.13-0.2	0.2-17.2

Table SI 5: Selectivity indices for the oligomer library against *E. coli*, *K. pneumoniae*, *A. baumannii*, *P. aeruginosa* and *S. aureus*. The selectivity index is calculated by dividing the HC_{10} by the MIC value for a given microbe.

	HC ₁₀	Selectivity index value				
CLOs	(µg/mL)	E. coli	K. pneumoniae	A. baumannii	P. aeruginosa	S. aureus
Chol-OVDM(DMEN)-5	4	>0.006	>0.006	0.013	>0.006	0.006
Chol-OVDM(DMEN)-10	1	>0.002	>0.002	0.006	>0.002	>0.002
Chol-OVDM(DMEN)-15	1	>0.002	>0.002	0.003	>0.002	>0.002
Chol-OVDM(DMEN)-20	1-2	>0.001-0.003	>0.001-0.003	>0.001-0.003	>0.001-0.003	>0.001-0.003
Chol-OVDM(DMEN)-25	2-3	>0.003-0.004	>0.003-0.004	>0.003-0.004	>0.003-0.004	>0.003-0.004
Chol-OVDM(BEDA)-5	5	>0.008	>0.008	>0.008	>0.008	>0.008
Chol-OVDM(BEDA)-10	3	>0.005	>0.005	>0.005	>0.005	0.009
Chol-OVDM(IMID)-5	1-3	>0.001-0.004	>0.001-0.004	>0.001-0.004	>0.001-0.004	>0.001-0.004
Chol-OVDM(IMID)-10	<1	>0.002	>0.002	>0.002	>0.002	>0.002
Chol-OVDM(BG)-5	79-96	>0.12-0.15	>0.12-0.15	>0.12-0.15	>0.12-0.15	>0.12-0.15
Chol-OVDM(BG)-10	86≥128	>0.13-0.2	>0.13-0.2	>0.13-0.2	>0.13-0.2	>0.13-0.2