CLAIMS

1. Use of a peptide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a bacterial infection in a subject, wherein the peptide consists of between 10 to 50 arginine amino acid residues.

2. The use of claim 1, wherein the bacterial infection is caused by a pathogen selected from the group consisting of *Staphylococcus spp.*, e.g. *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*; *Enterococcus* spp., e.g. *Enterococcus faecalis*; *Streptococcus pyogenes*; *Listeria* spp.; *Pseudomonas spp.*; *Mycobacterium* spp., e.g. *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*; *Enterobacter* spp.; *Campylobacter* spp.; *Salmonella* spp.; *Streptococcus* spp., e.g. *Streptococcus* Group A or B, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*; *Helicobacter* spp., e.g. *Helicobacter pylori*; *Neisseria* spp., e.g. *Neisseria gonorrhea, Neisseria meningitidis*; *Borrelia burgdorferi; Shigella* spp., e.g. *Shigella flexneri; Escherichia coli*; *Haemophilus* spp., e.g. *Haemophilus influenzae; Chlamydia* spp., e.g. *Chlamydia trachomatis, Chlamydia pneumoniae, Chlamydia psittaci; Francisella tularensis; Bacillus* spp., e.g. *Bacillus anthracis*; *Clostridia* spp., e.g. *Clostridium botulinum*; *Yersinia* spp., e.g. *Yersinia pestis*; *Treponema* spp.; *Burkholderia* spp., e.g. *Burkholderia mallei*, *B pseudomallei* and *Propionibacterium spp.*.

3. The use of any one of the preceding claims, wherein the subject is a mammal.

4. The use of claim 3, wherein the mammal is a human.

5. The use of claim 1, wherein the bacterial infection is a dermal infection.

6. The use of claim 2, wherein the pathogen is selected from the group consisting of: *Staphylococcus aureus*; and *Staphylococcus epidermidis*.

7. The use of any one of the preceding claims, wherein the medicament is to be administered to the subject by a route selected from the group consisting of: oral, parenteral, rectal, dermal, transdermal, intrathoracic, intrapulmonary, and intranasal routes.

8. The use of claim 7, wherein the medicament is formulated for topical administration.