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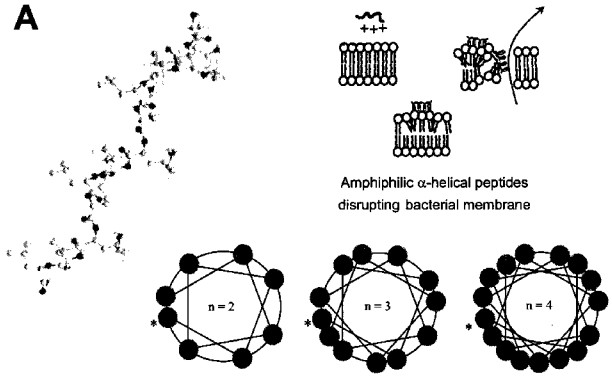
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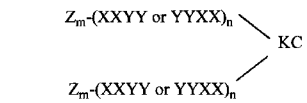
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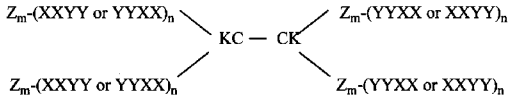
Figure 1 A



Z_m-(XXYY)$_n$-Z_m,



and



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to antimicrobial peptides, to their use as antimicrobial agents and to their use in the treatment of (infectious) diseases, in particular infectious diseases caused by Gram-positive bacteria, Gram-negative bacteria, yeast or fungi. The present invention further relates to pharmaceutical compositions and kits comprising the antimicrobial peptides and to a method of lysing bacterial, yeast or fungal cells. The antimicrobial peptides consist of one of the following general formula: Wherein X is a hydrophobic amino acid, Y is a cationic amino acid, Z is an amino acid having a free thiol or thioether group, n is 2-4 and m is 0 or 1.

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