

Table S1. pH-sensitive peptide-based hydrogels designed previously.

peptide	G' (pH), wt%	Self- heal ing	Antimicrobi al properties	Potential application	cytocompati bility	Reference
CKIKIKIK-IPPT- KIOIKIKC- NH ₂	1500 Pa (7.4), 1.5 wt%	Yes	–	Anti-tumor drug delivery	Yes	¹
EKAIQIAF	1500 Pa (7.4), 2 wt %	–	–	Anti-tumor drug delivery	Yes	²
SSSGGK*GGHHH Where * = palmitoyl tail	3500 Pa (9.0), 0.2 wt%	–	–	3D tissue scaffold	Yes	³
Lauryl-FFAGHH	–	–	–	–	–	⁴
FEFEFRFK	700 Pa (7.4), 2 wt%	–	–	Anti-tumor drug delivery	Yes	⁵
Nap-FEFK	10000 Pa (7), 2.6 wt%	Yes	–	Cell-supporting scaffold	Yes	⁶
VKVKVOVK-V ^D PPT- KVEVKVKV	4000 Pa (7.4), 1.5 wt%	Yes	–	Anti-tumor drug delivery	Yes	⁷
Palmitoyl- VVAEEE	–	–	–	Anti-tumor activity	Yes	⁸
VKVKVKVK-V ^D PPT- KVVKVKVKV	1200 Pa (9), 2 wt%	–	–	–	–	⁹
LKELAKV LHELAKL VKEALHA	350 Pa, 0.35 wt%	–	–	Tissue engineering	Yes	¹⁰
(KIGAKI)3-TDPPG- (KIGAKI)3	13-20 Pa at 20°C, 0.5 wt%	–	Yes	Tissue engineering	–	¹¹
FHHFRFRFHHF	~50,000 Pa (8), 1 wt%	Yes	Yes	Wound healing, drug delivery	Yes	This work

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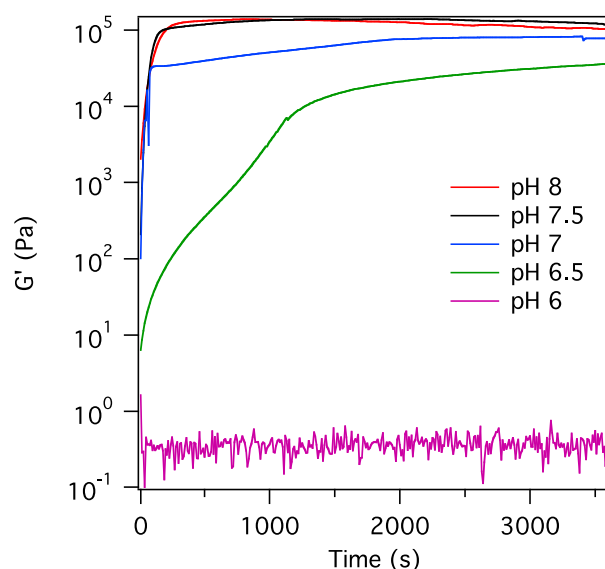


Figure S1. Rheology runs on FHFF-K peptide showing traces at different pH values. The hydrogel samples were assembled to make a final 1 wt% peptide in buffer 50 mM Hepes and 50 mM MOPS (pH 6.0/6.5/7.0/7.5/8.0) and running at 37°C for 1 hr.

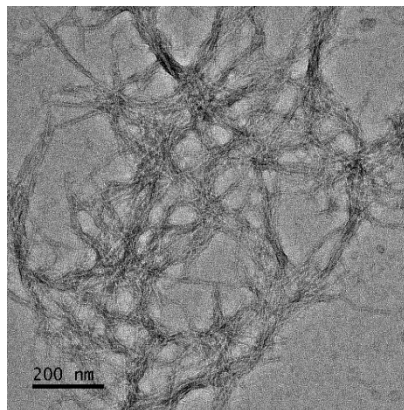
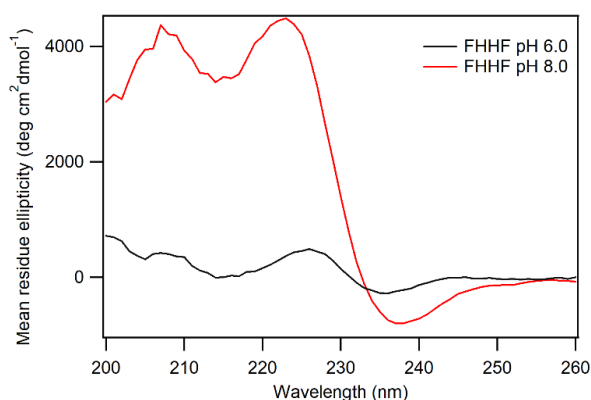


Figure S2. Peptide FHFF-11 assembles into fibrils at pH 8 as can be seen by CD (left) and TEM (right). Left figure shows CD spectra of FHFF-11 peptide in buffer mixture at pH 6 and 8. The positive signal at 210-230 nm is due to exciton coupling of Phe residues.¹²⁻¹⁵ Samples were prepared by incubating FHFF-11 peptide (3 mM, 0.25 wt%) in buffer (12.5 mM HEPES 12.5 mM MOPS, pH 6 and 8) overnight at 37°C. CD spectra were collected with the pathlength of 0.1 mm and 10 scans for each sample.

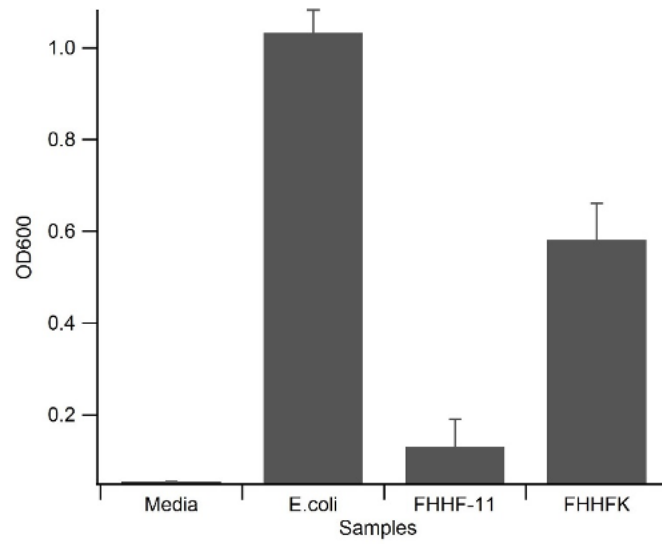


Figure S3. Inhibition of bacterial growth. Hydrogel samples were formed from 1 wt%. All samples except the first one (media) contained *E. coli* culture.

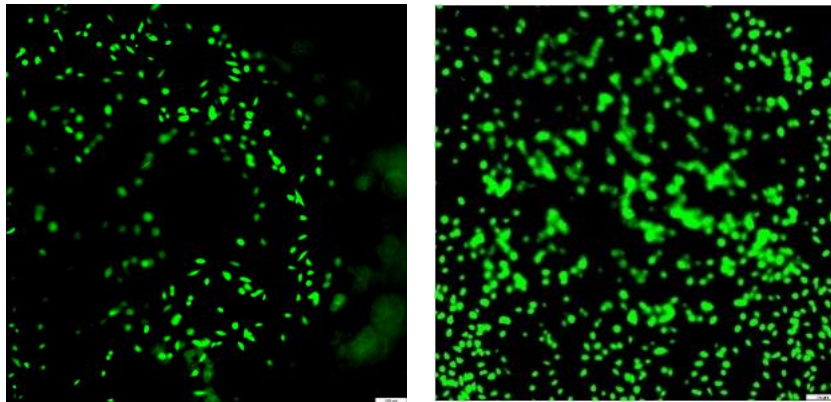


Figure S4. Live/dead assay for the fibroblast cells: fibroblasts on the surface of FHHF-11 hydrogel (left) and its GRGD derivative (right) showing live cells.

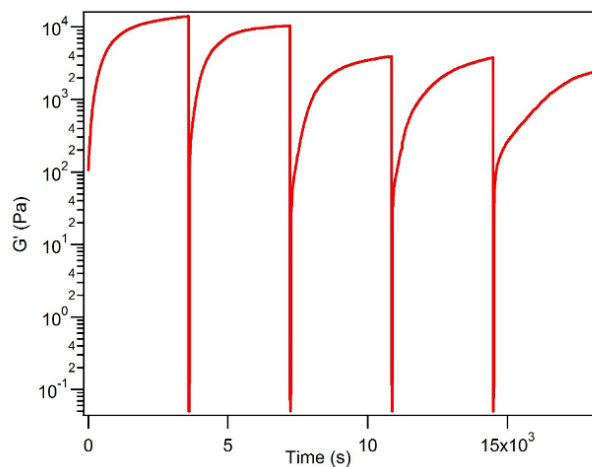


Figure S5. Shear recovery of the FHHF11 hydrogel prepared by mixing 1 wt% peptide FHHF-11 in buffer (50 mM HEPES/50 mM MOPS, pH 7). In each cycle the hydrogel was subjected to 1000% strain at 6.283 rad/s for 30 s at 37°C, followed by an oscillation time sweep experiment (0.2% strain) for 1 hr to check the sample's recovery after shear.

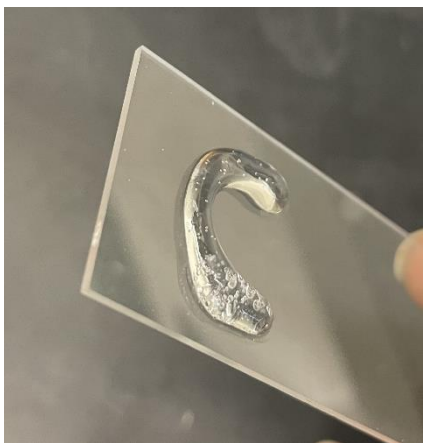


Figure S6. Recovery of hydrogel material after syringe delivery. 1wt% of peptide hydrogel was assembled inside a syringe (900 μ l). Hydrogel was assembled by mixing 450 μ L of peptide solution in water (2 wt%) with 450 μ L of buffer (100 mM Hepes, pH 8) inside a syringe. The mixture was incubated for 15 min at 37°C and then the drawing was made on a glass slide, which was subsequently incubated at 37°C for another 15 min (a beaker with water was placed inside incubator).

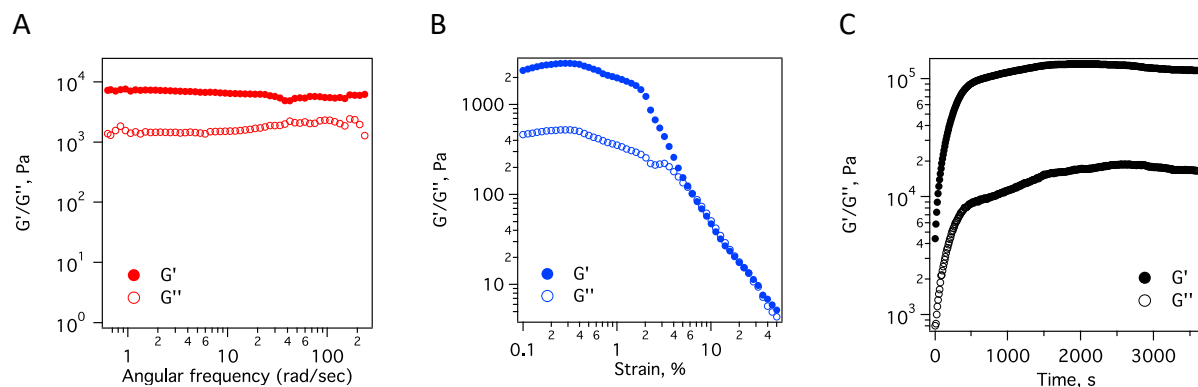


Figure S7. (A) Frequency and (B) strain sweep rheological data collected at 0.2% strain and 6.28 rad/s frequency (1 Hz) on the pre-formed gels. Closed and open symbols represent storage (G') and loss (G'') modulus. (C) The hydrogel samples were assembled by mixing 2 wt% peptide stock in water and buffer (100 mM Hepes, pH 8) and incubating at 37°C for 1 hr.

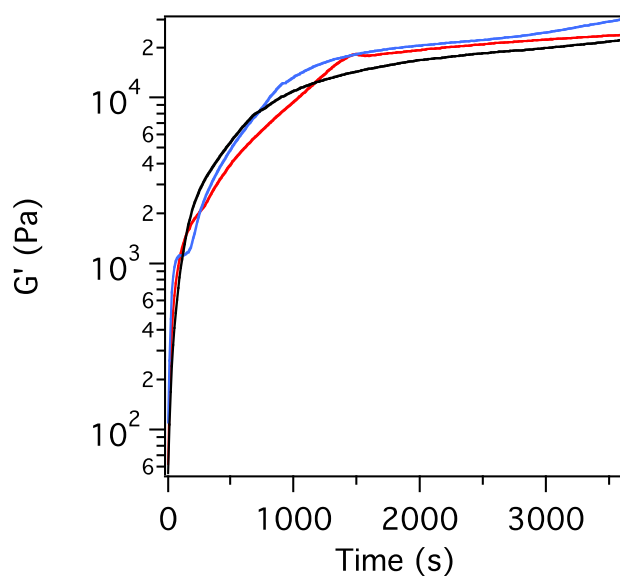


Figure S8. Rheology runs with FHFF-11 peptide at pH 8 without (black) and with Ca(II) (red) and Mg(II) (blue). The hydrogel samples without metal were assembled by mixing 2 wt% peptide stock in buffer (50 mM Hepes, pH 8) and running at 37°C for 1 hr. The hydrogel samples with metal ions were assembled by mixing 2 wt% peptide with 1 eq of metal in water and then the buffer (100 mM Hepes, pH 8) was added and samples analyzed by running at 37°C for 1 hr.

Table S2. MALDI spectra of peptides used in this work.

Peptide name	Peptide sequence	Expected m/z	Observed m/z	MALDI spectrum
FHHF-11	Ac-FHHFRFRFHHF-CONH ₂	1656	1656	Figure S9
No-Ac FHHF-11	NH ₂ -FHHFRFRFHHF-CONH ₂	1613	1613	Figure S10
COOH FHHF-11	Ac-FHHFRFRFHHF-COOH	1657	1657	Figure S11
FHHF-K	Ac-FHHFKFKFHHF-CONH ₂	1600	1600	Figure S12
HHF	Ac-HHFRFRFRFHH-CONH ₂	1663	1660	Figure S13
HFH	Ac-HFHFRFRFHHF-CONH ₂	1656	1656	Figure S14
FHFH	Ac-FHFHFRFRFHHF-CONH ₂	1951	1952	Figure S15
FHHF-GRGD	Ac-FHHFRFRFHHFGRGD-CONH ₂	2040	2040	Figure S16
W substitutions	Ac- W HFRFRFHHF-CONH ₂	1695	1695	Figure S17
	Ac-FHHFRFRFHH W -CONH ₂	1695	1695	Figure S18
	Ac-FH W FRFRFHHF-CONH ₂	1705	1705	Figure S19
	Ac-FHHFR W RFHHF-CONH ₂	1695	1695	Figure S20
	Ac-FHHFK W KFHHF-CONH ₂	1638	1638	Figure S21
	Ac-FHHFR W FHHF-CONH ₂	1686	1686	Figure S22
	Ac-FHH W FRFHHF-CONH ₂	1686	1686	Figure S23
AzAla substitutions	Ac-FHHFR (AzAla) RFHHF-CONH ₂	1705	1705	Figure S24

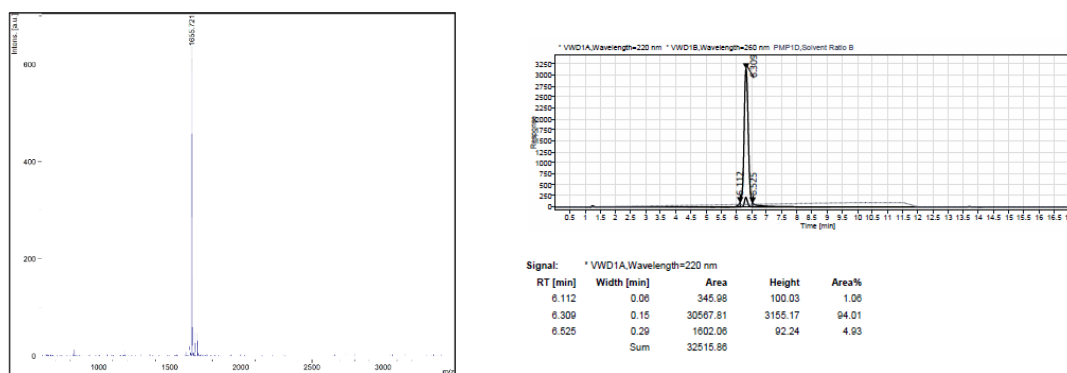


Figure S9. MALDI (left) and HPLC chromatogram (right) spectra of FHHF-11.

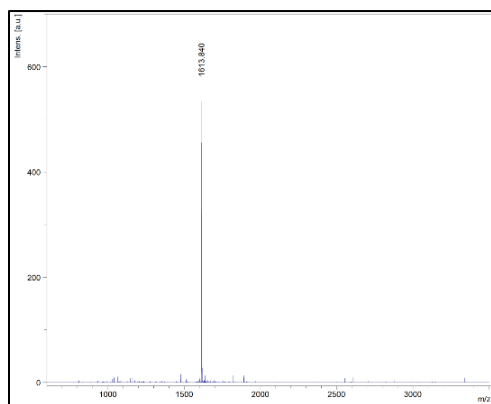


Figure S10. MALDI spectrum of No-Ac FHHF-11 (NH₂-FHHFRFRFHHF-CONH₂) peptide.

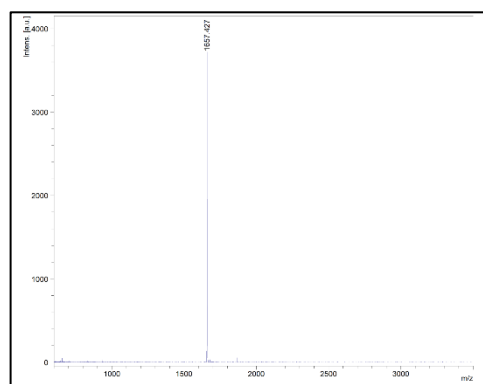


Figure S11. MALDI spectrum of COOH FHHF-11 (Ac-FHHFRFRFHHF-COOH) peptide.

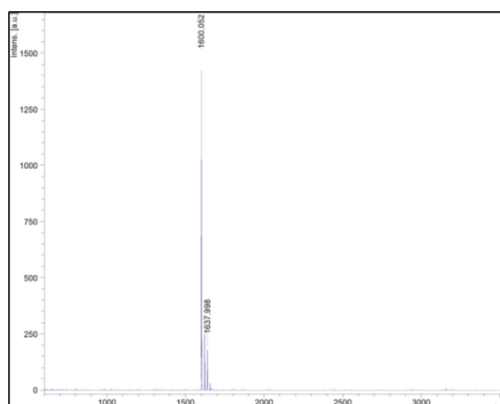


Figure S12. MALDI spectrum of FHHF-K (Ac-FHHFKFKFHHF-CONH₂) peptide.

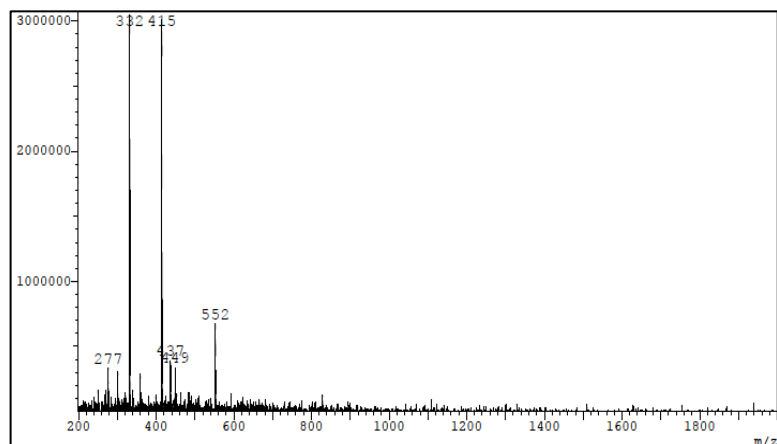


Figure S13. LCMS of HHF (Ac-HHFRFRFRFHH-CONH₂) peptide.

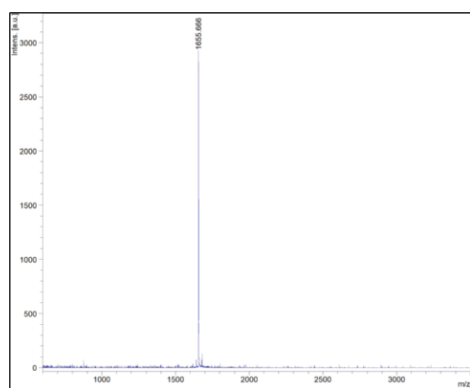


Figure S14. MALDI spectrum of HFH (Ac-HFHFRFRFHFH-CONH₂) peptide.

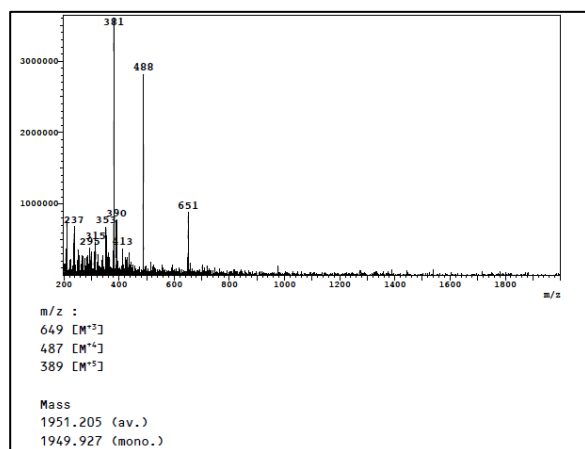


Figure S15. LCMS of FHFH (Ac-FHFHFRFRFHFH-CONH₂) peptide.

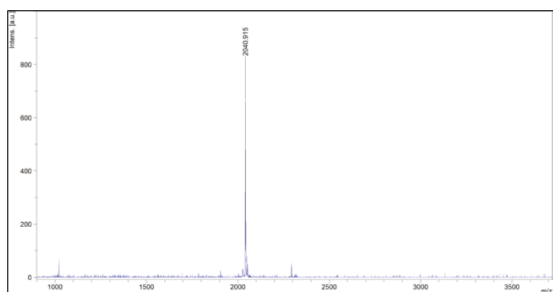


Figure S16. MALDI spectrum of FHHF-GRGD (Ac-FHHFRFRFHHFGRGD-CONH₂) peptide.

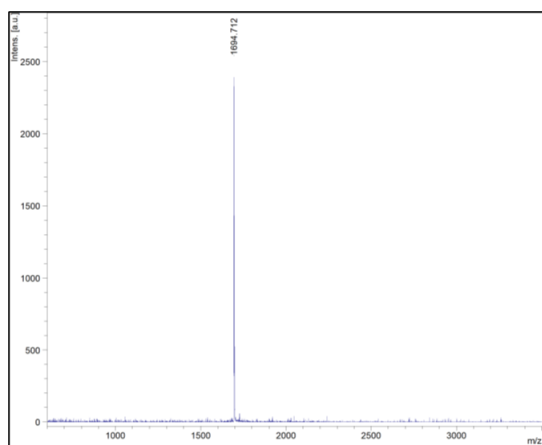


Figure S17. MALDI spectrum of Ac-WHHFRFRFHHF-CONH₂ peptide.

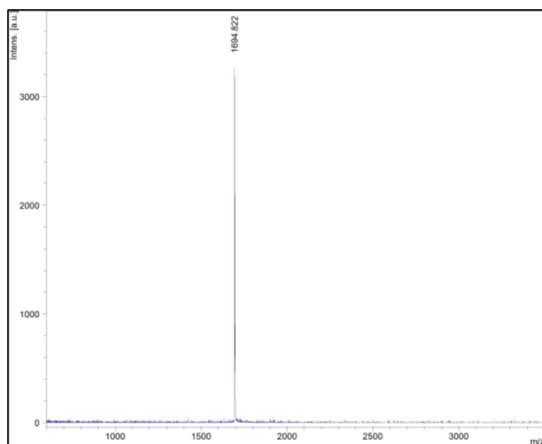


Figure S18. MALDI spectrum of Ac-FHHFRFRFHHW-CONH₂ peptide.

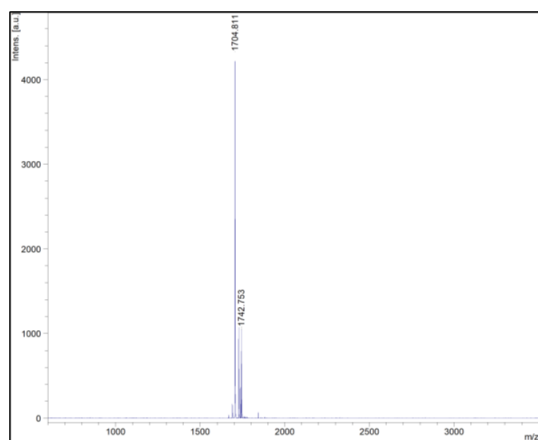


Figure S19. MALDI spectrum of Ac-FHWFRFRFHFF-CONH₂ peptide.

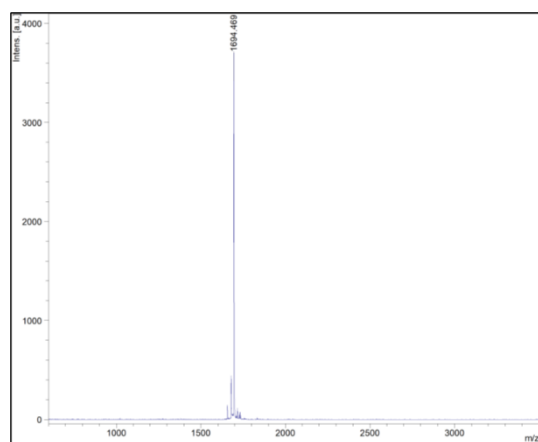


Figure S20. MALDI spectrum of Ac-FHHFRWRFHFF-CONH₂ peptide.

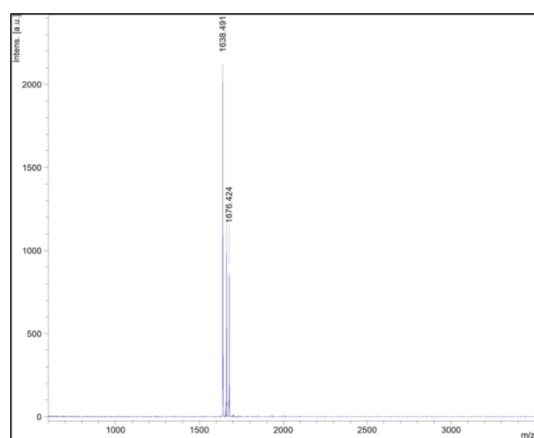


Figure S21. MALDI spectrum of Ac-FHHFKWKFHFF-CONH₂ peptide.

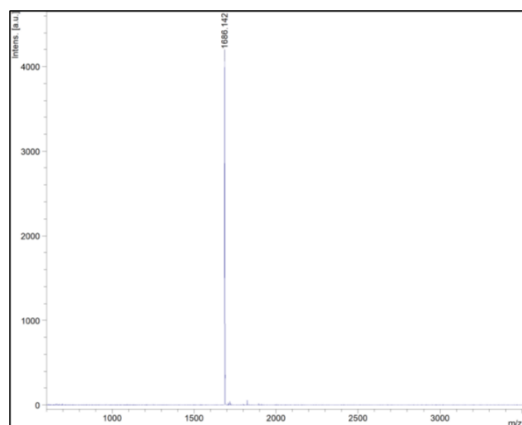


Figure S22. MALDI spectrum of Ac-FHHFRFWFHHF-CONH₂ peptide.

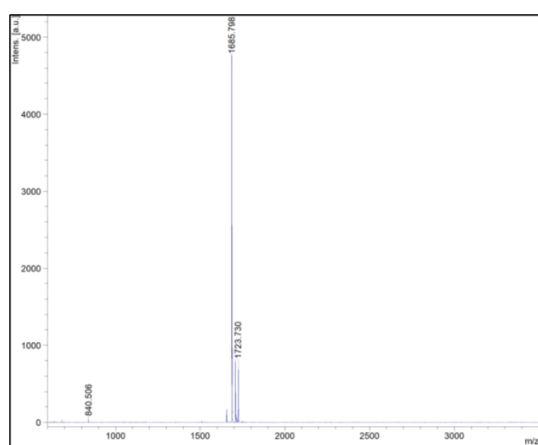


Figure S23. MALDI spectrum of Ac-FHHFWRFHHF-CONH₂ peptide.

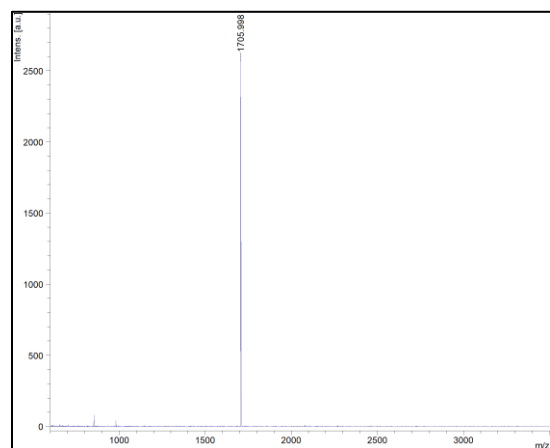


Figure S24. MALDI spectrum of Ac-FHHFR(AzAla)RFHHF-CONH₂ peptide.

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