

# **Biological Evaluation of Native Streptococcal Competence Stimulating Peptides Reveals Potential Crosstalk Between *Streptococcus mitis* and *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and a New Scaffold for the Development of *S. pneumoniae* Quorum Sensing Modulators**

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## **Additional Experimental Details**

**Peptide Synthesis:** 0.1 g of resin was first swelled by suspension in DMF for 15 min at room temperature and then drained. Deprotection of the Fmoc group was performed first using 5 mL of 20% piperidine in DMF (90 sec, 90 °C) followed by another 5 mL of 20% piperidine in DMF (90 sec, 90 °C). The resin was washed with DMF (3 x 5 mL) after each deprotection cycle. Coupling reactions were performed using 2.5 mL solution containing Fmoc-protected amino acid (5 equiv.), 2-(1H-benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate (HBTU; 5 equiv.) and diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA; 5 equiv.). All amino acids were coupled for 20 min (30 W, 75 °C), except His. His was coupled for 10 min (0 W, 25 °C) then for 40 min (20 W, 50 °C). After the synthesis was completed the resin was washed with DMF (2 x 5 mL).

**Cleavage:** Upon completion of peptide synthesis, the resin containing the final peptide product was washed with diethyl ether (2 mL) and dried under nitrogen stream for 3 min before it was transferred into a 15 mL falcon tube. The peptide was cleaved from the resin, along with all the protecting groups, by mixing the resin with 3 mL of 2.5% de-ionized water and 2.5% triisopropylsilane (TIPS) in trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) for 3 h with agitation. The cleaved peptide was separated from the resin by filtration and the filtrate was transferred into a new 50 mL falcon tube. A cooled solution of diethyl ether:hexane (1:1, 45 mL, 0 °C) was added to the filtrate, and the peptide was allowed to precipitate in a freezer at -20 °C for 10 min. The pellet of the crude peptide was obtained by centrifuging the mixture at 3000 RPM for 5 min and the supernatant was removed to yield crude peptide, which was dissolved in 10 mL acetonitrile (ACN):water (1:1) and lyophilized before HPLC purification.

**Peptide Verification with Mass Spectrometry:** During purification, MALDI-TOF MS was used to verify the peaks containing the desired peptide. Samples were prepared using α-Cyano-4-hydroxycinammic acid as matrix and aliquots were taken directly from the preparative HPLC fractions. The exact masses of the peptides were obtained with a high resolution ESI-TOF MS for the final verification of the peptides. 8 - 30 μM stock solutions were prepared in acetonitrile (ACN):water (1:1). The instrument was calibrated before each run and an internal reference mass standard was used.

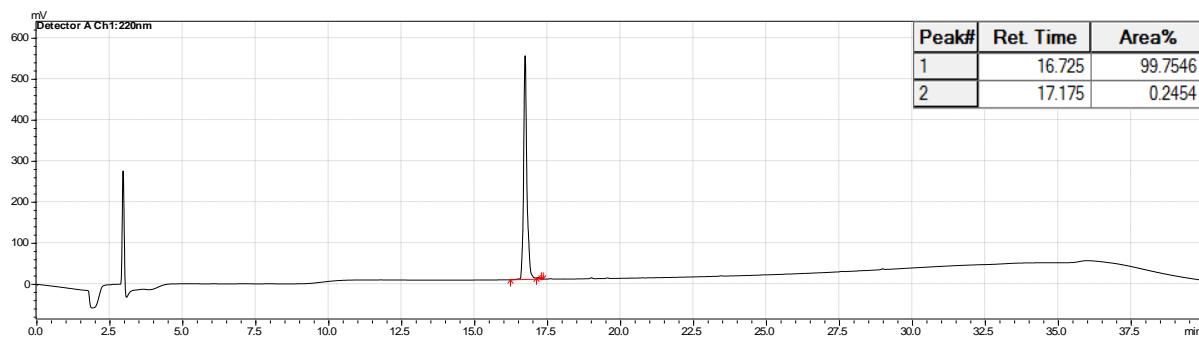
**Beta-Galactosidase Assays:** The ability of synthetic CSP analogues to activate the expression of *S. pneumoniae comX* was determined using indicated reporter strains grown in THY (pH 7.3). An initial activation screening was performed at a high concentration (10 μM) for all CSP analogues. 198 μL bacterial culture were placed in triplicate to a 96-well plate containing 2 μL of CSP peptides and incubated at 37 °C for 30 min. A total of 2 μL of 20 μM solution of *S. pneumoniae* CSP1 (200 nM final concentration) were added in triplicate and served as the positive control for the *S. pneumoniae* group I strain (D39pcmX::lacZ), while 2 μL of 100 μM solution of *S. pneumoniae* CSP2 (1000 nM final concentration) were added as the positive control for the *S. pneumoniae* group II strain (TIGR4pcmX::lacZ). These concentrations were chosen to afford full activation of the QS circuit, as determined from the dose-dependent curves created for the native *S. pneumoniae* CSPs.<sup>2</sup> Two μL dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) were added in triplicate and served as the negative control. After the incubation time (30 min) had elapsed, the absorbance at 600<sub>nm</sub> was read. The cells were then lysed by incubating the culture for 30 min at 37 °C with 20 μL 0.1% Triton X-100 in water. In a new plate, 100 μL Z-buffer solution (60.2 mM Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, 45.8 mM NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 10 mM KCl, and 1.0 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub> in 18 MΩ H<sub>2</sub>O; pH was adjusted to 7.0 and the buffer was sterilized before use) containing 2-Nitrophenyl-Beta-D-galactopyranoside (ONPG) at a final concentration of 0.4 mg/mL were added, followed by 100 μL lysate, and the plate was incubated for 3 hours at 37 °C. After the incubation, the reaction was stopped by adding 50 μL of 1 M sodium carbonate solution, and the OD 420<sub>nm</sub> and OD 550<sub>nm</sub> were measured using a plate reader, allowing for the calculation of the activity in Miller units (see below). The results were reported as percent activation, which is the ratio between the Miller units of the analogue and that of the positive control.

$$Miller\ Unit = 1000 \times \frac{[Abs_{420} - (1.75 \times Abs_{550})]}{(t \times v \times Abs_{600})}$$

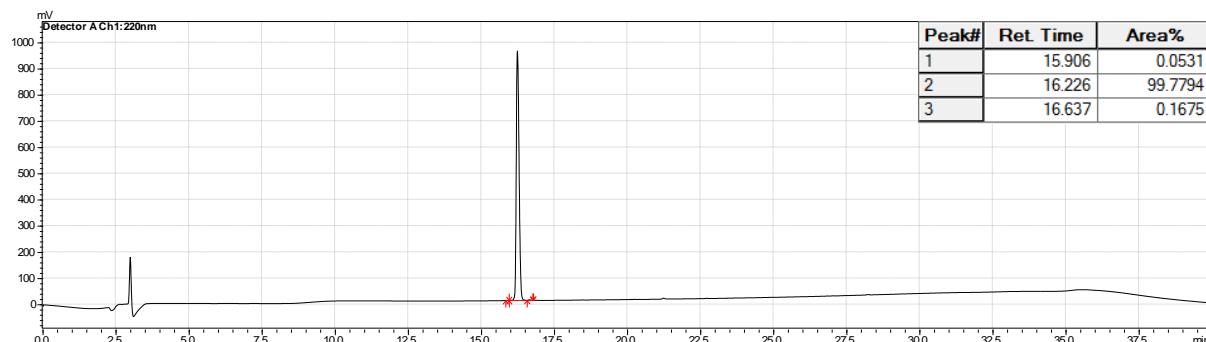
$Abs_{420}$  is the absorbance of o-nitrophenol (ONP).  $Abs_{550}$  is the scatter from cell debris, which, when multiplied by 1.75 approximates the scatter observed at 420 nm.  $t$  is the duration of incubation with ONPG in minutes,  $v$  is volume of lysate in milliliters, and  $Abs_{600}$  reflects cell density.

## HPLC traces for CSP analogues

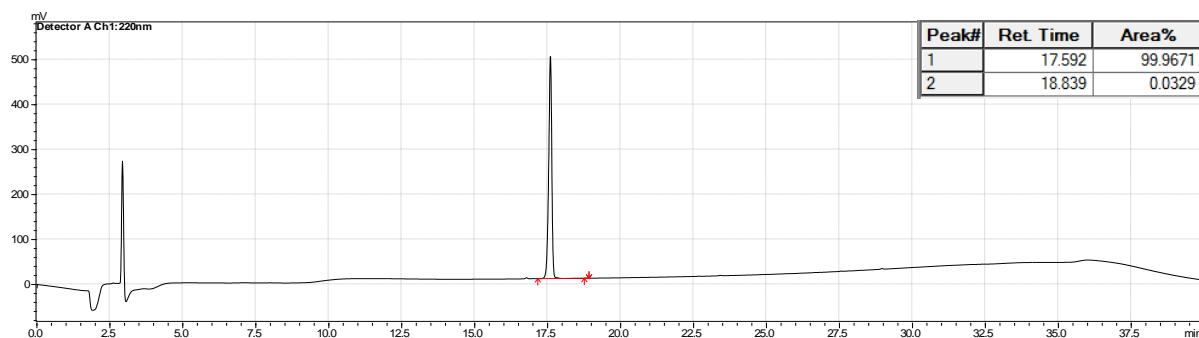
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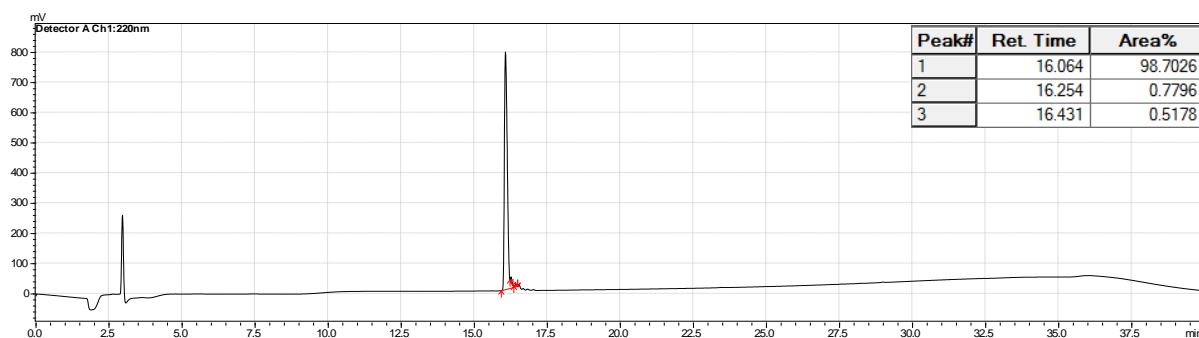
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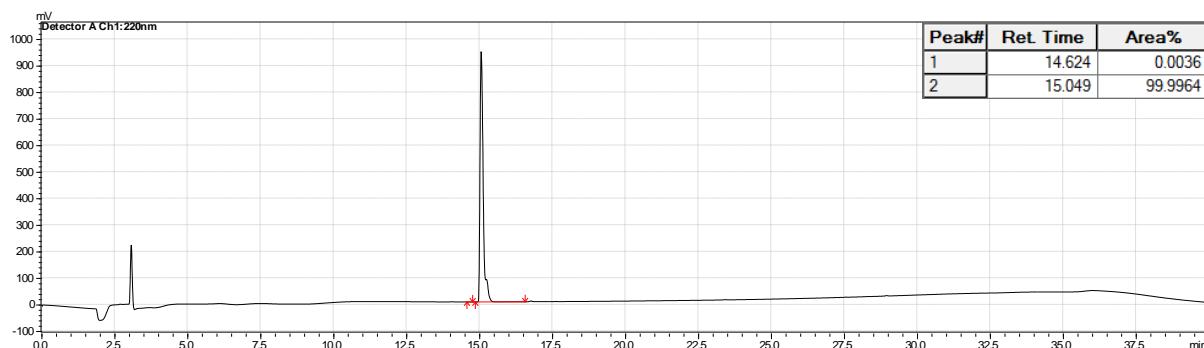
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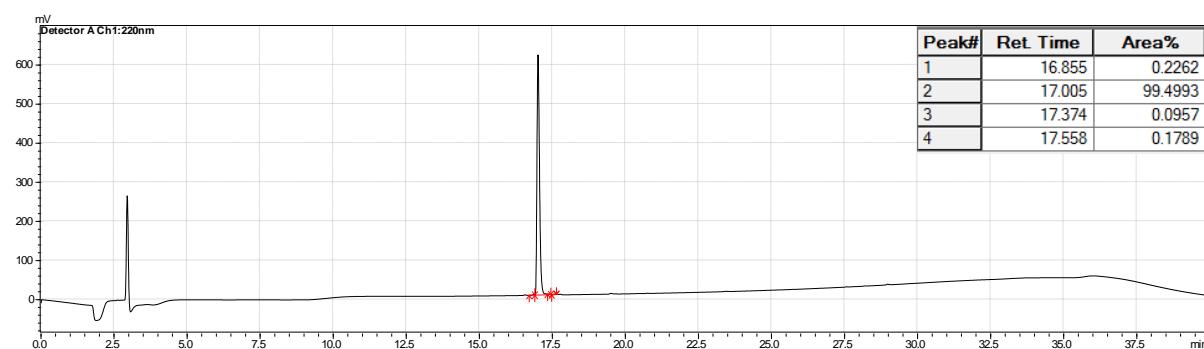
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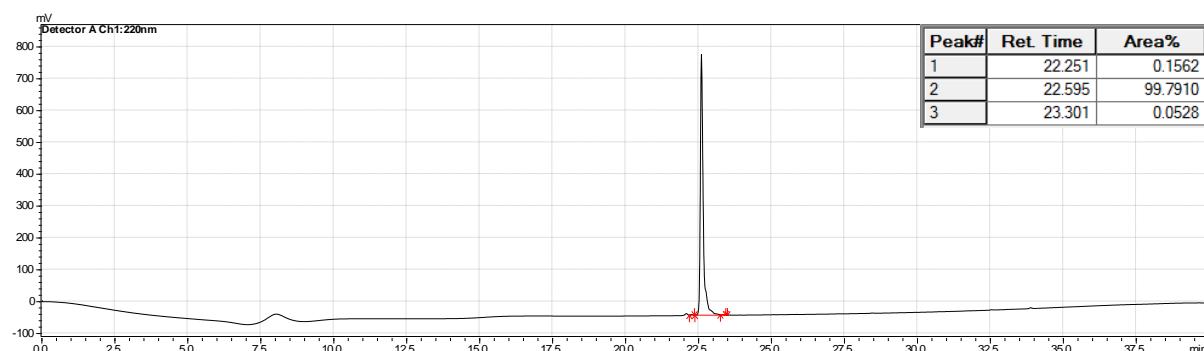
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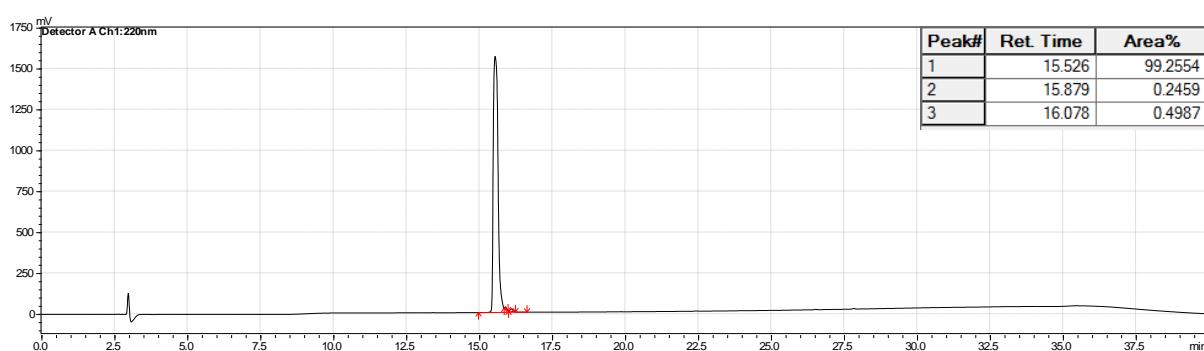
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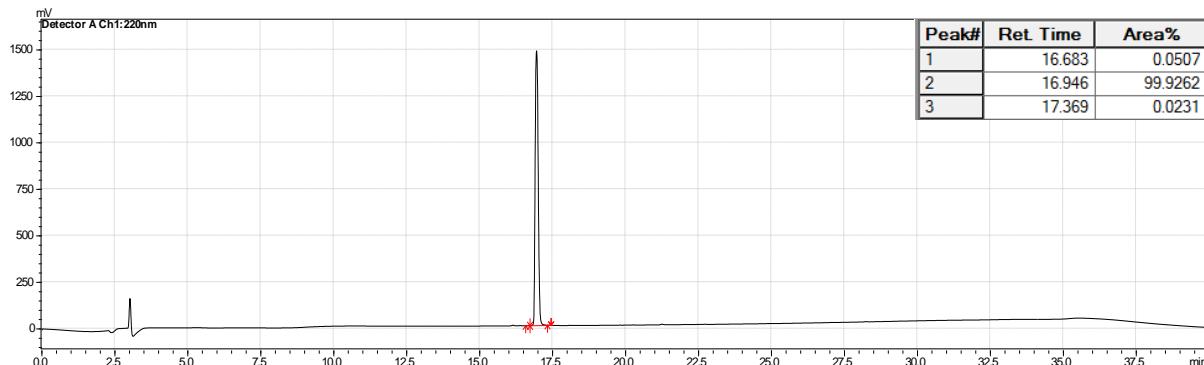
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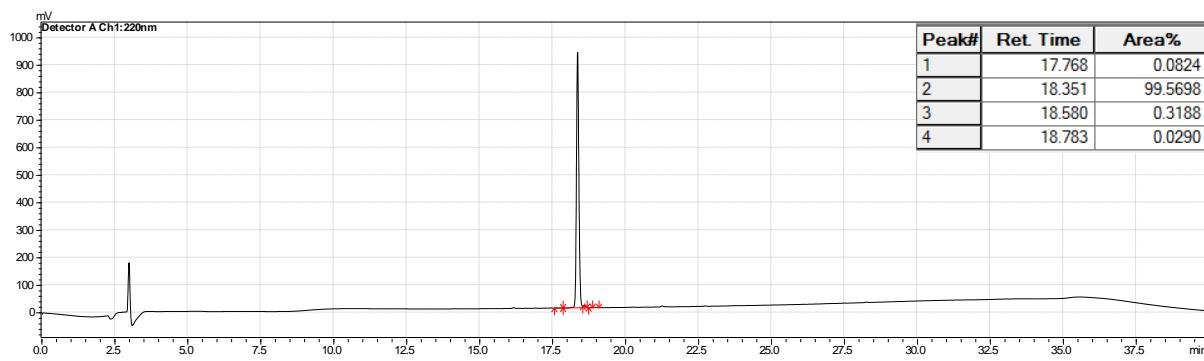
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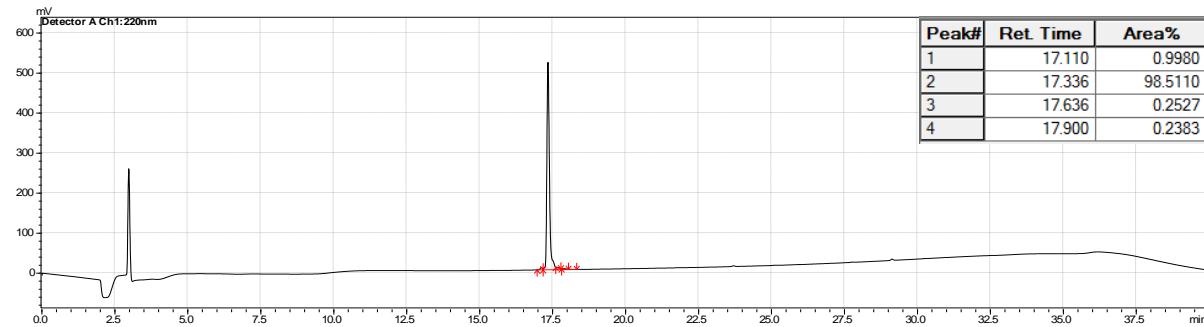
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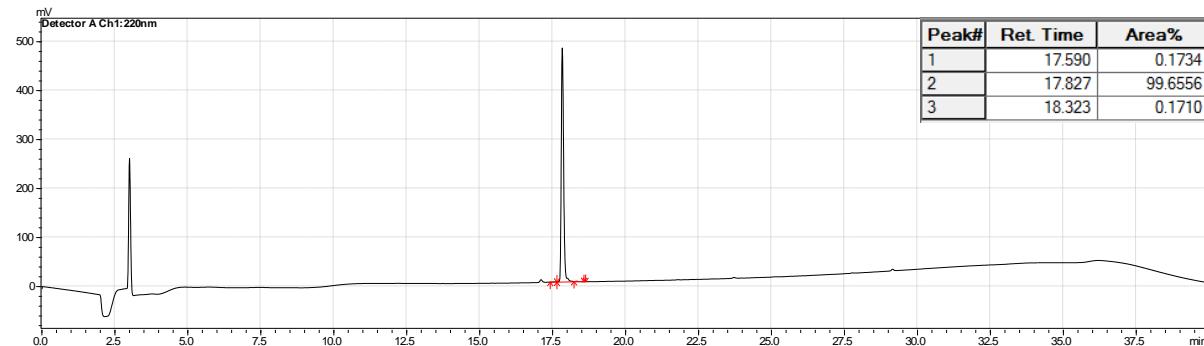
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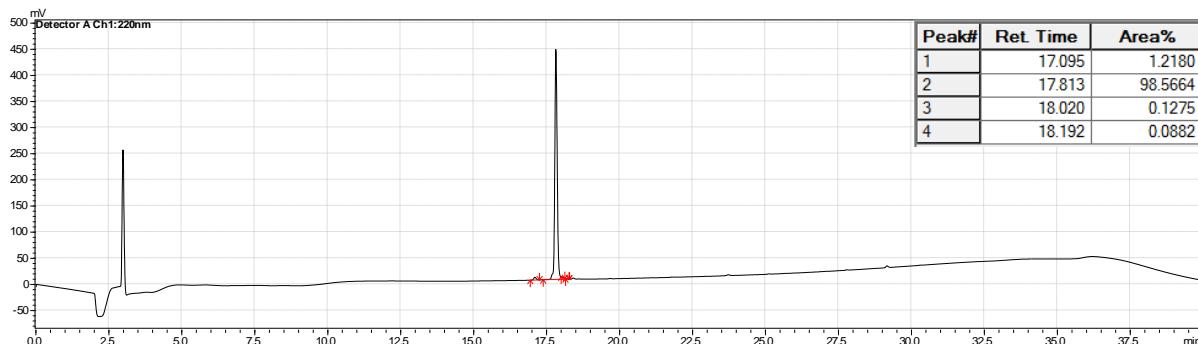
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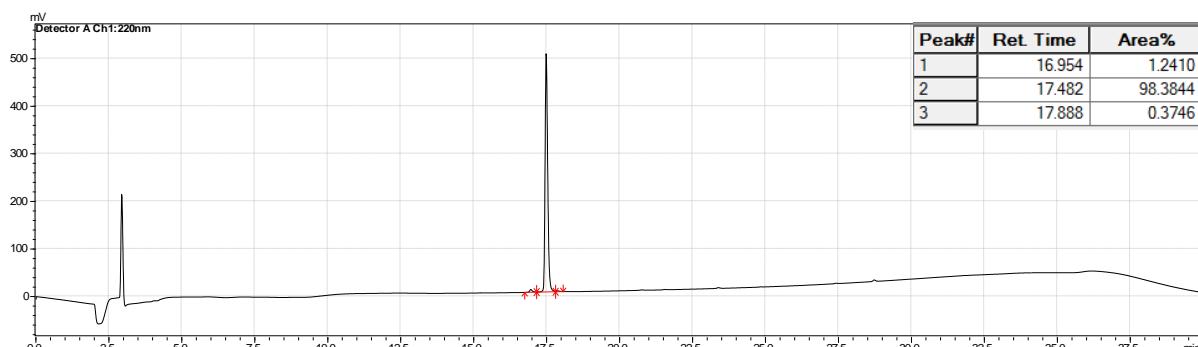
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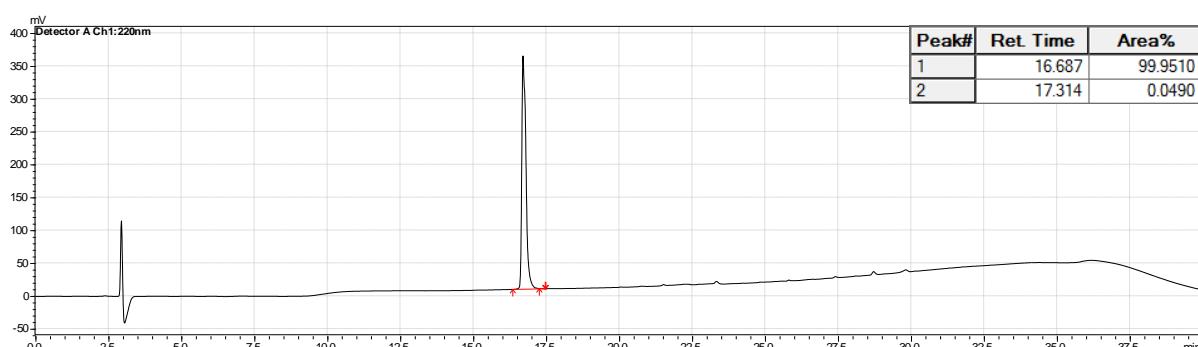
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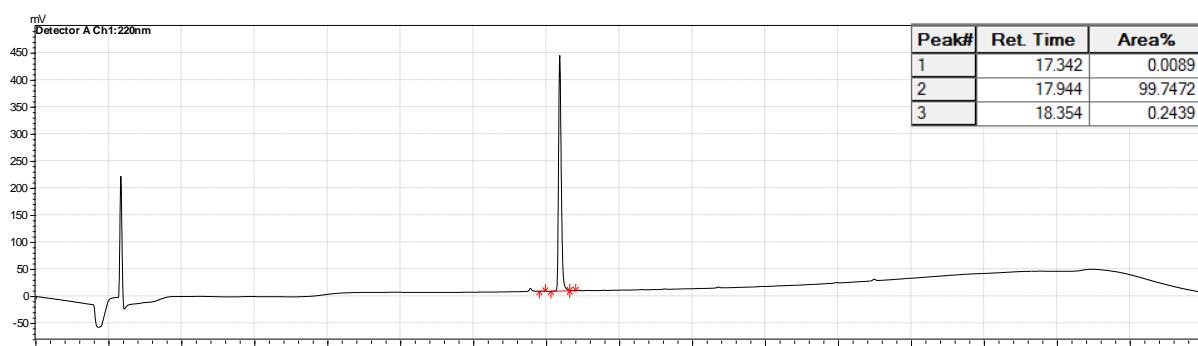
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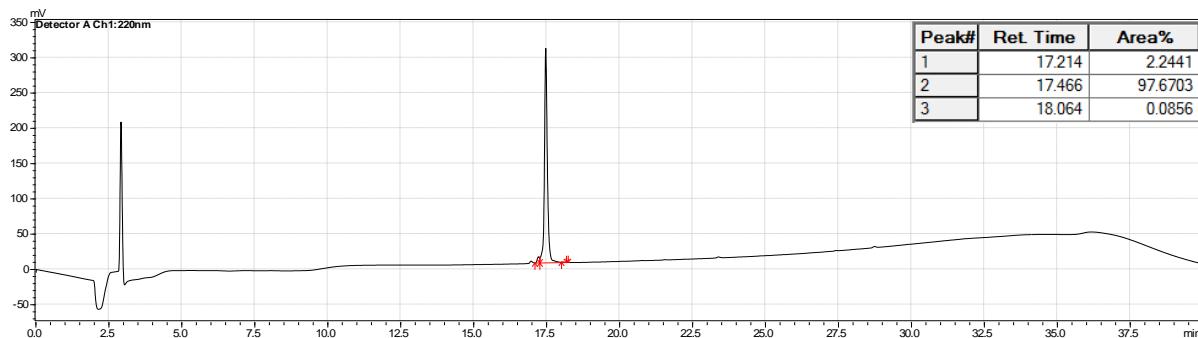
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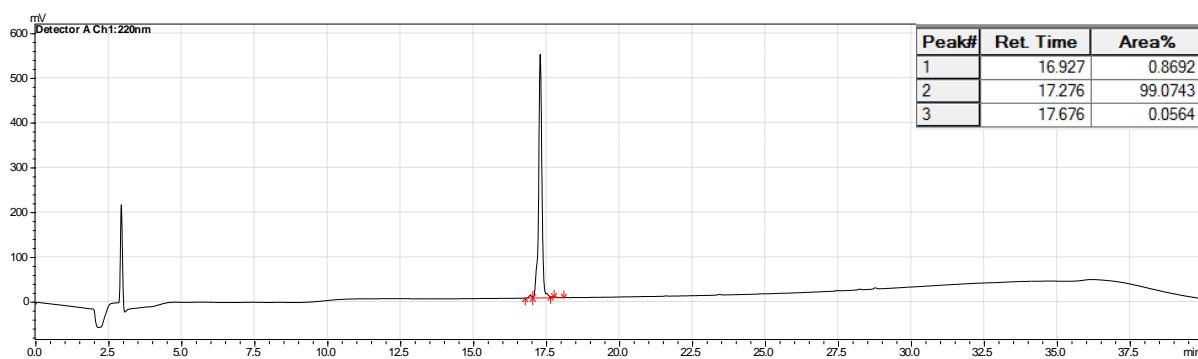
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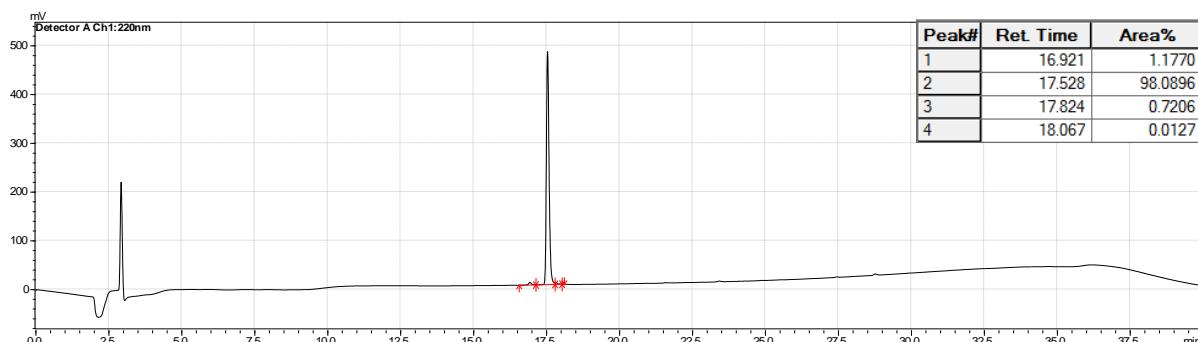
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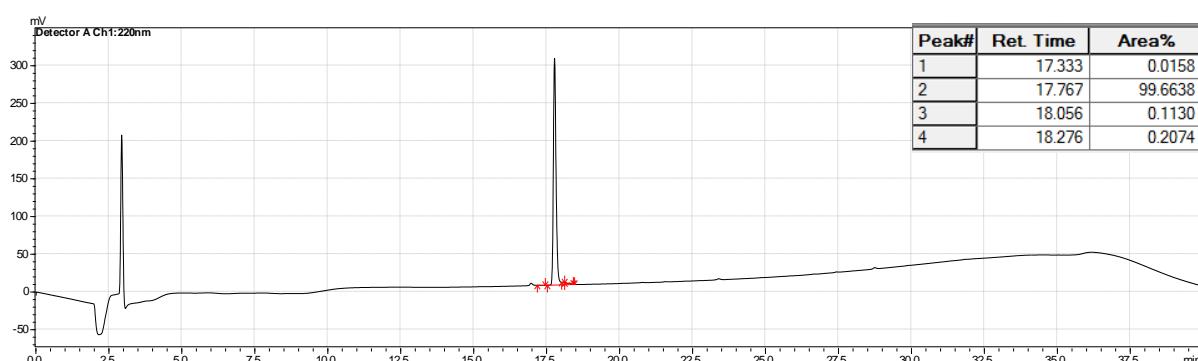
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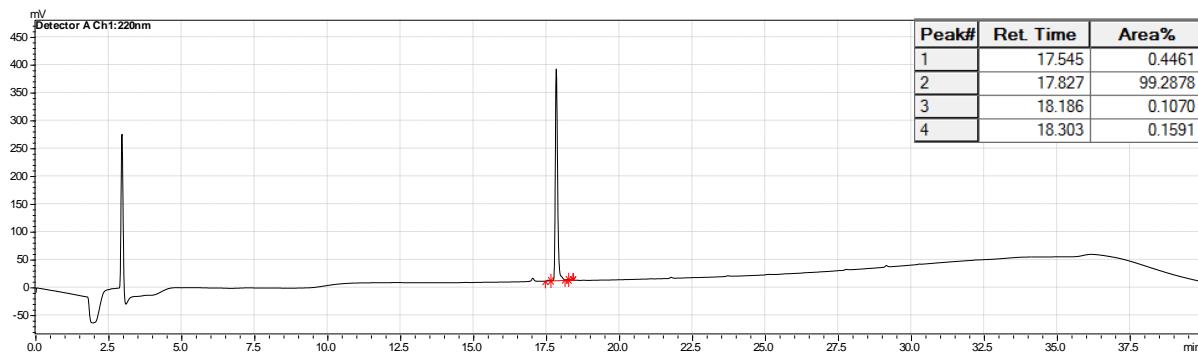
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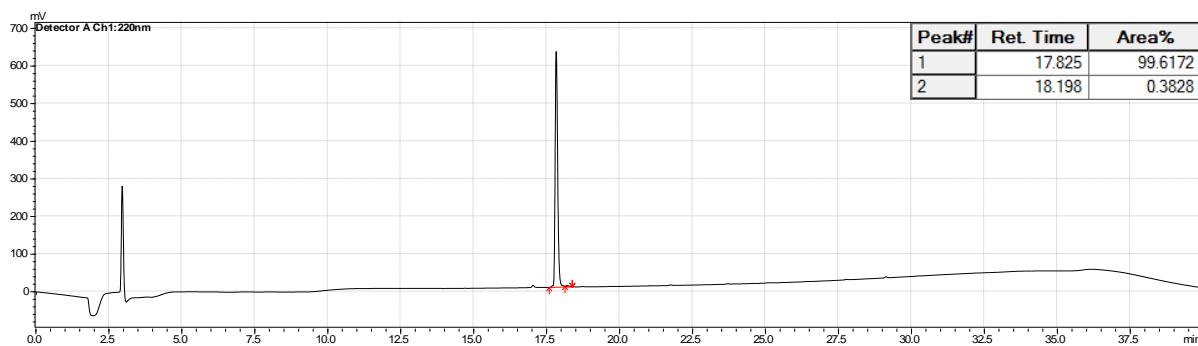
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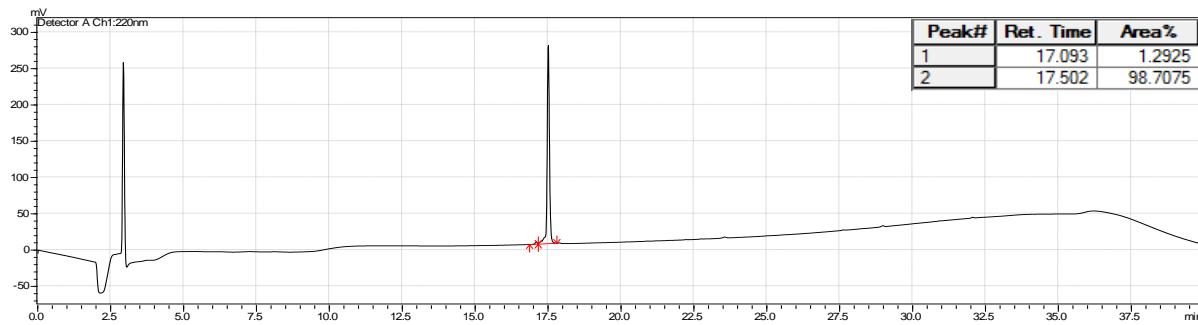
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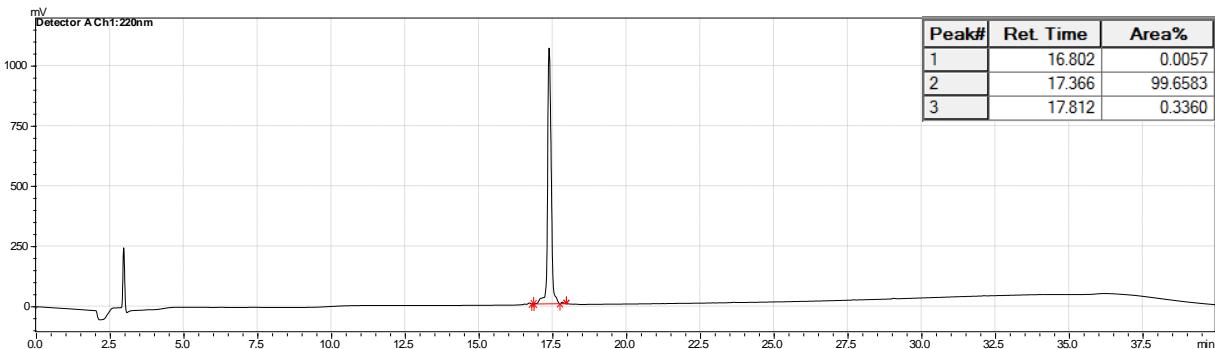
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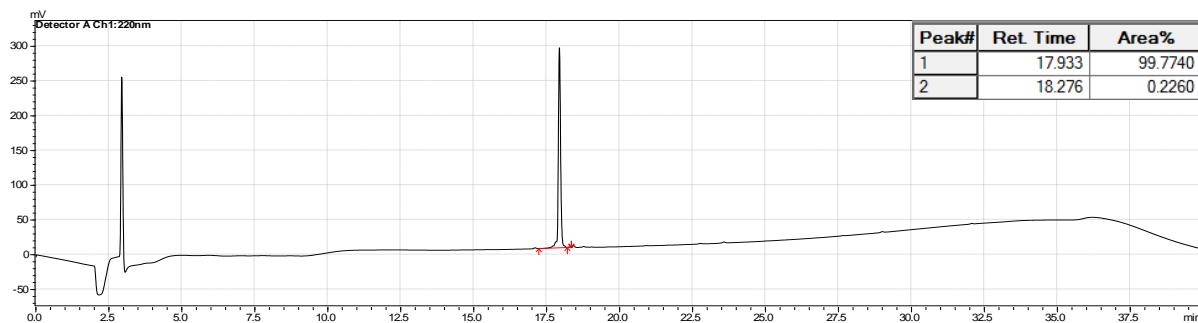
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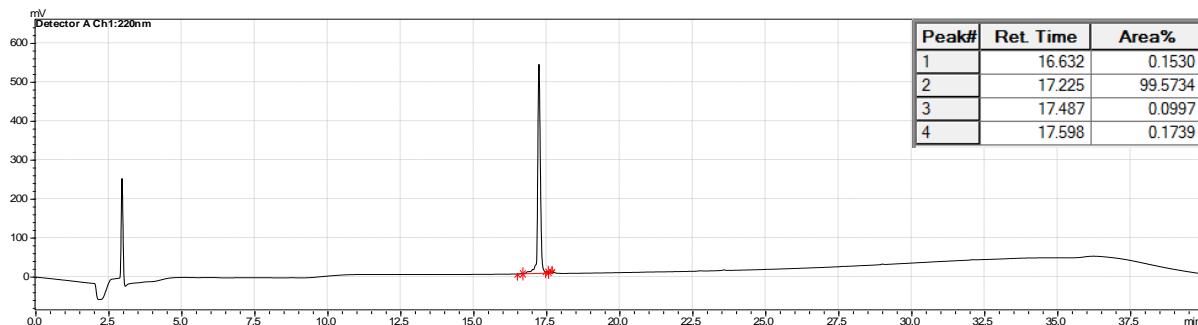
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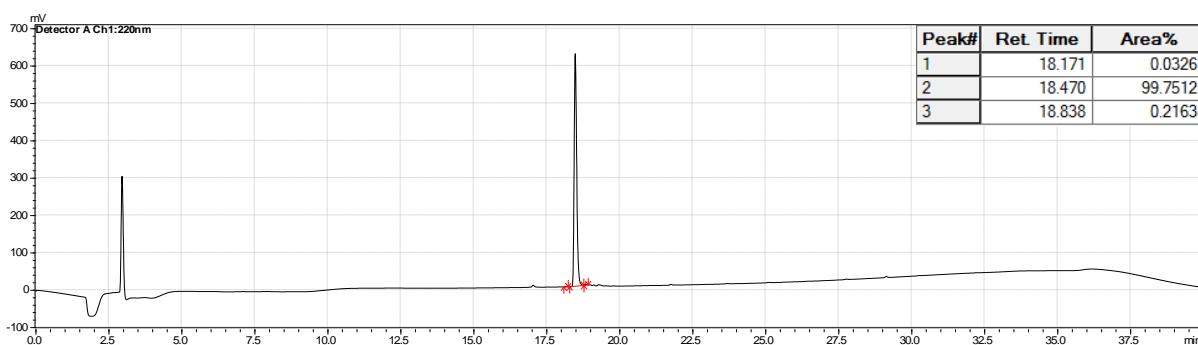
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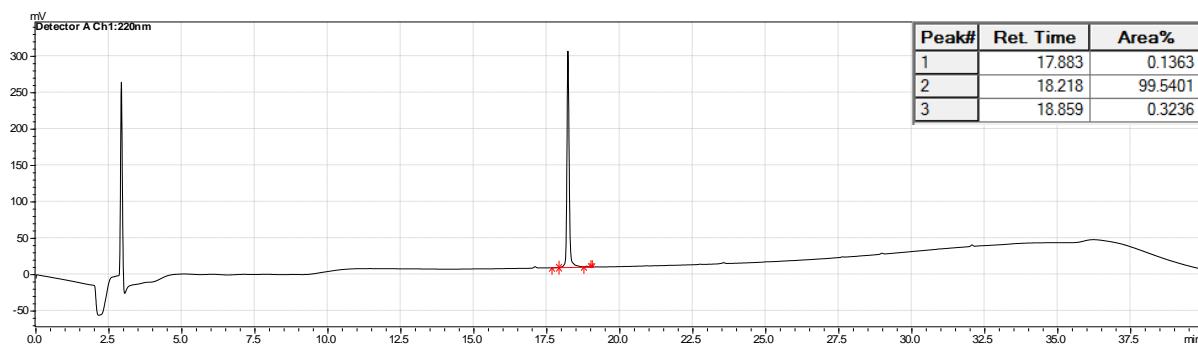
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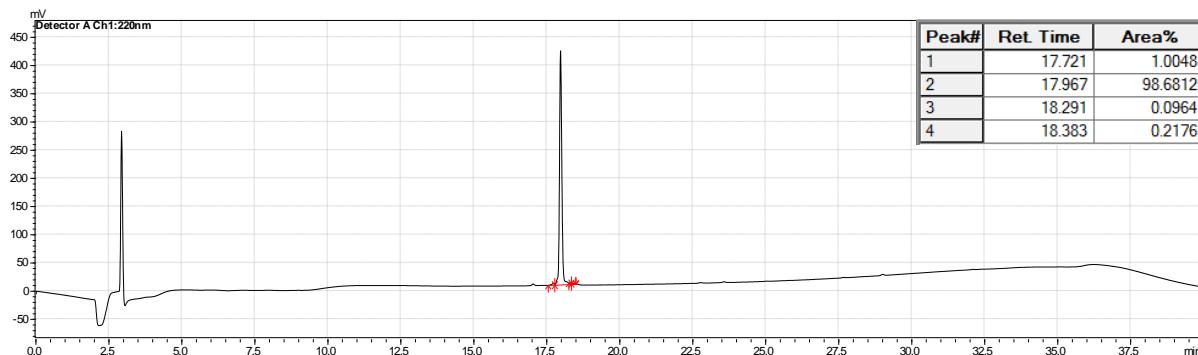
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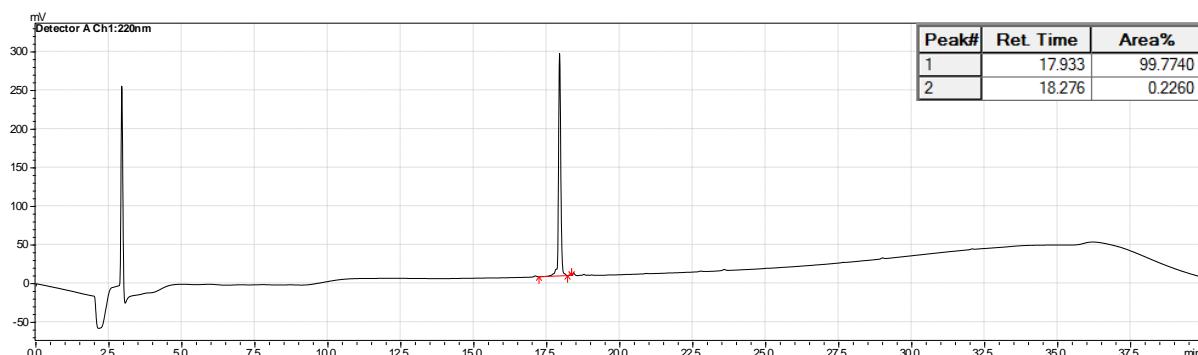
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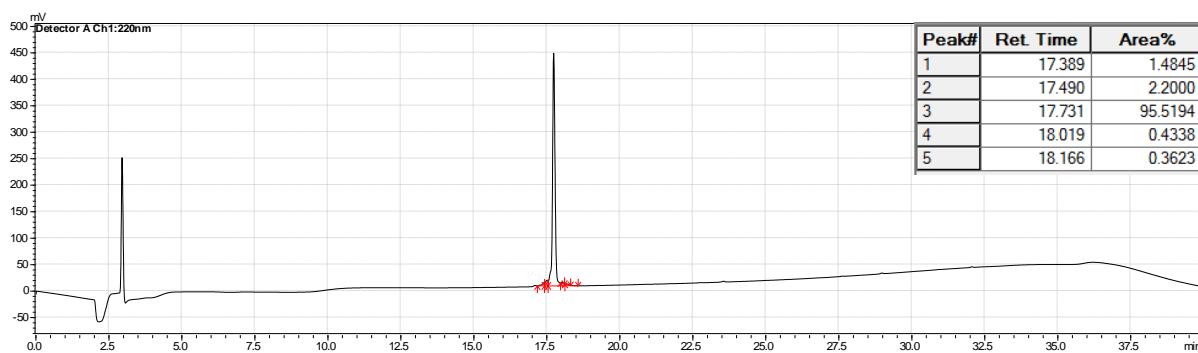
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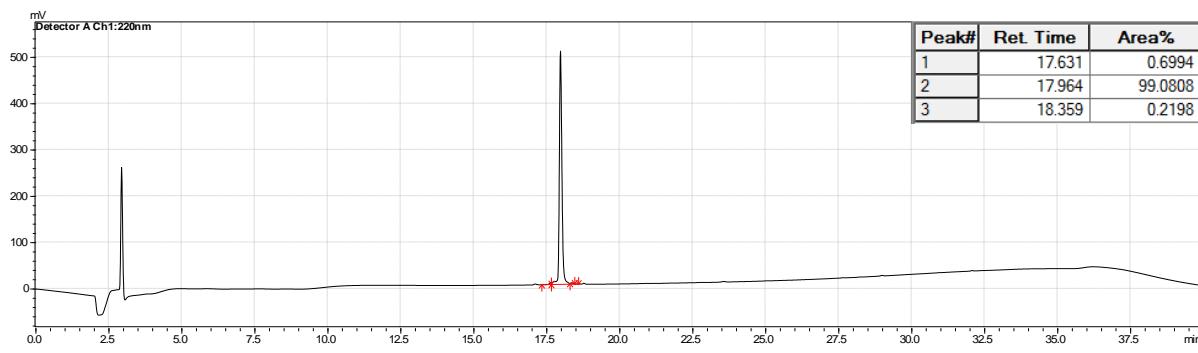
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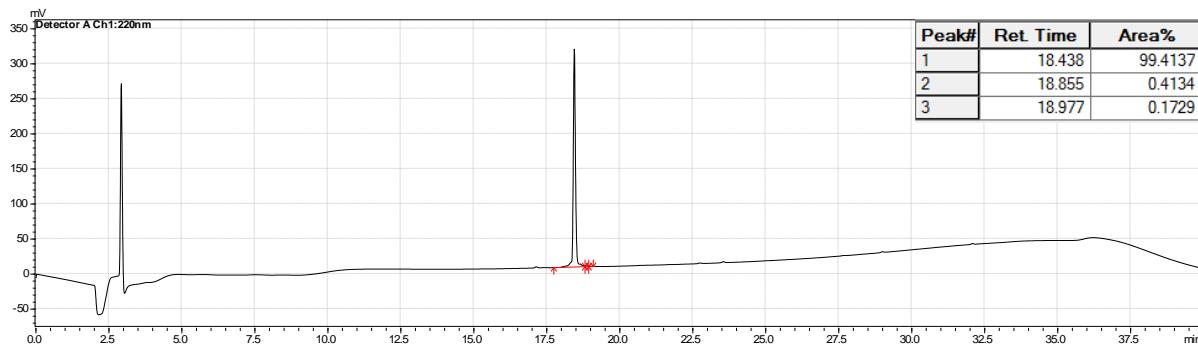
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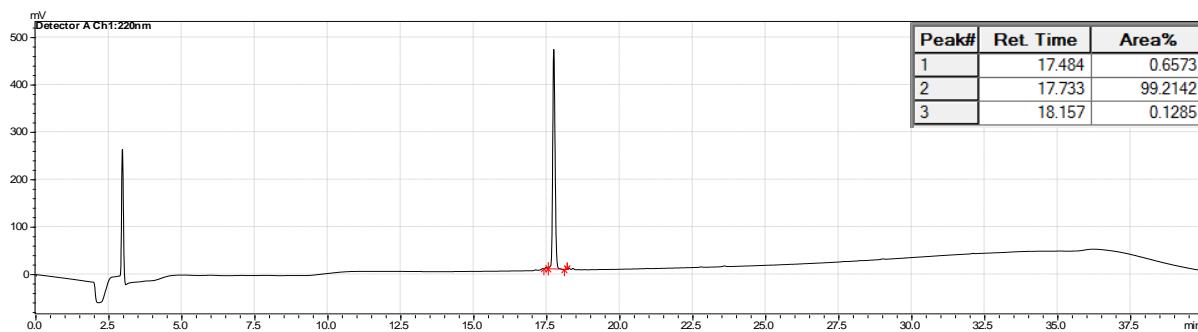
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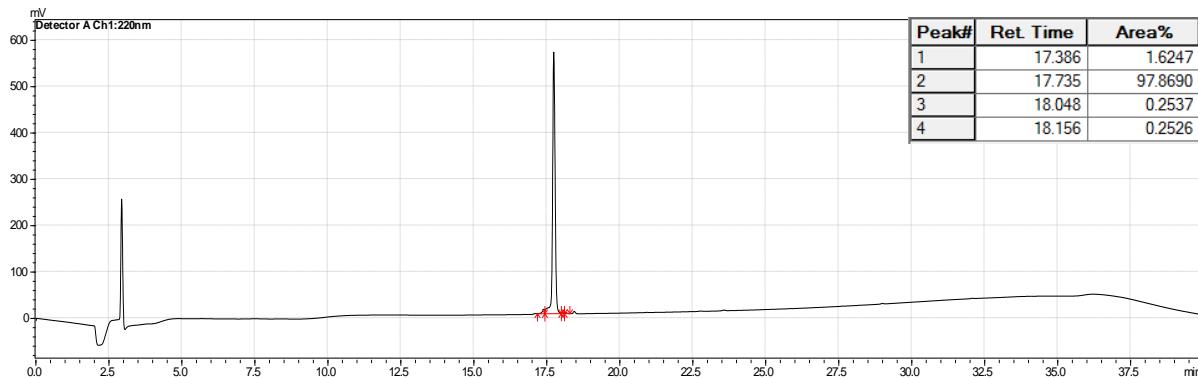
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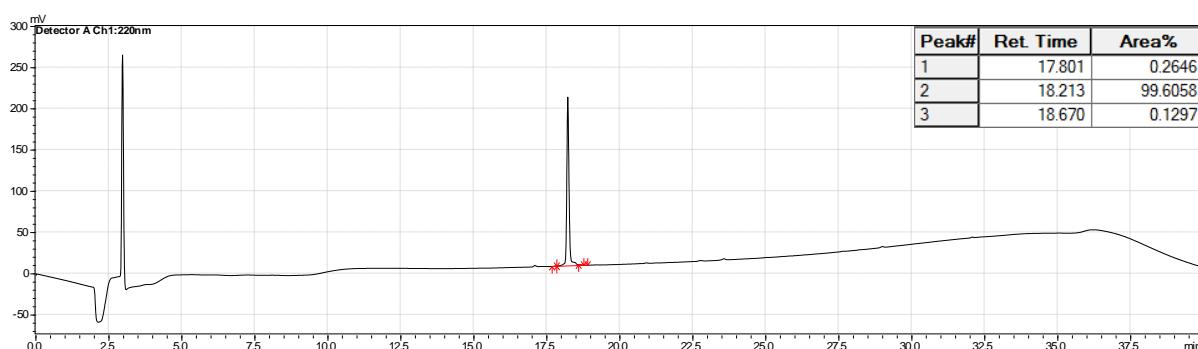
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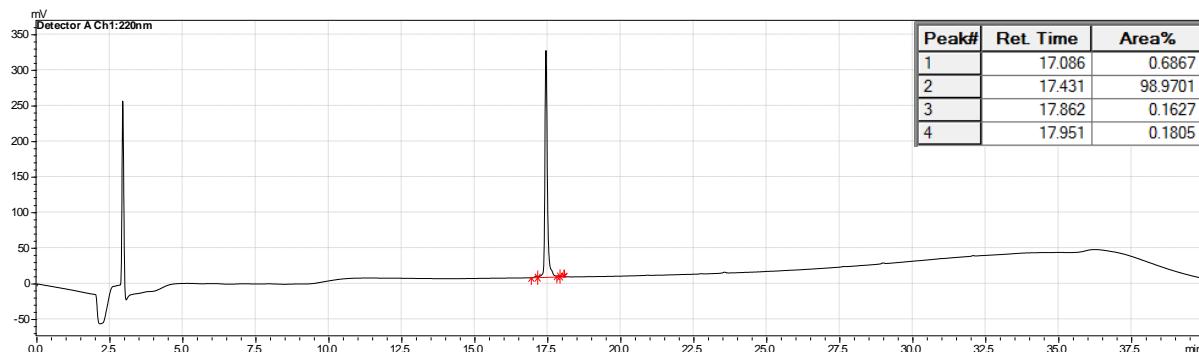
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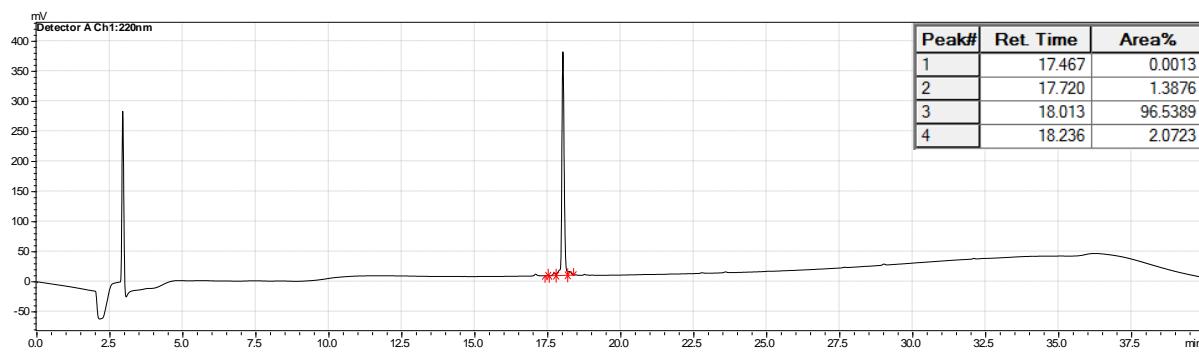
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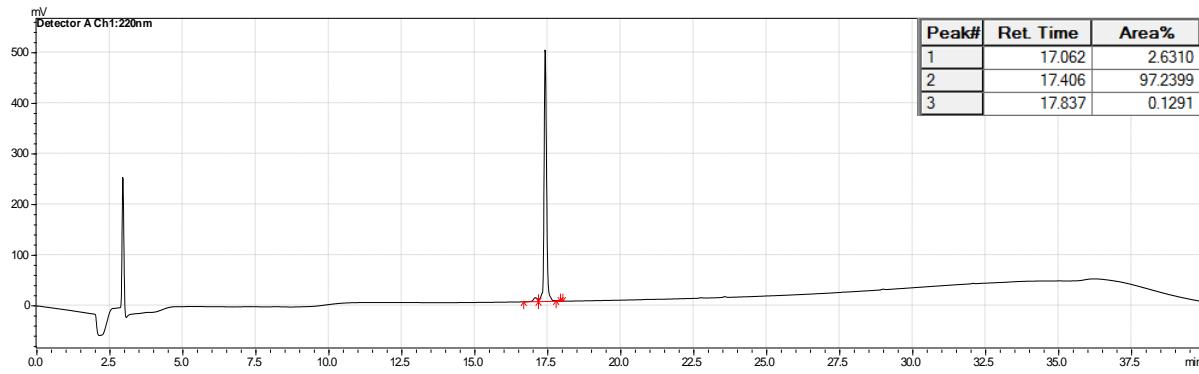
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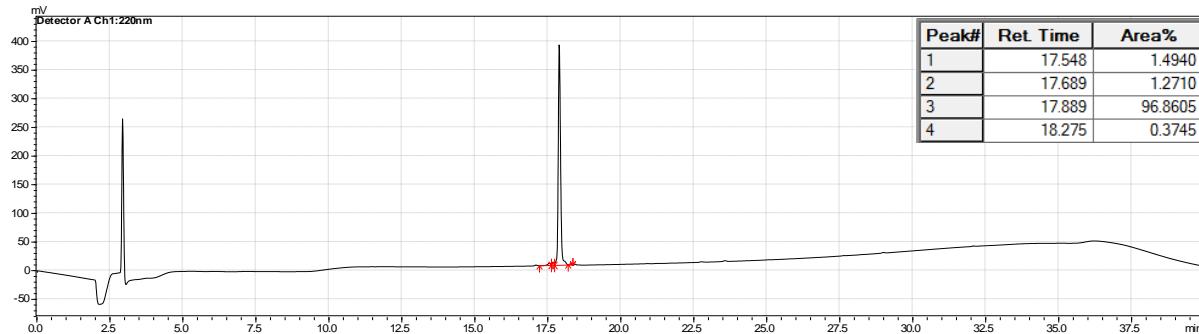
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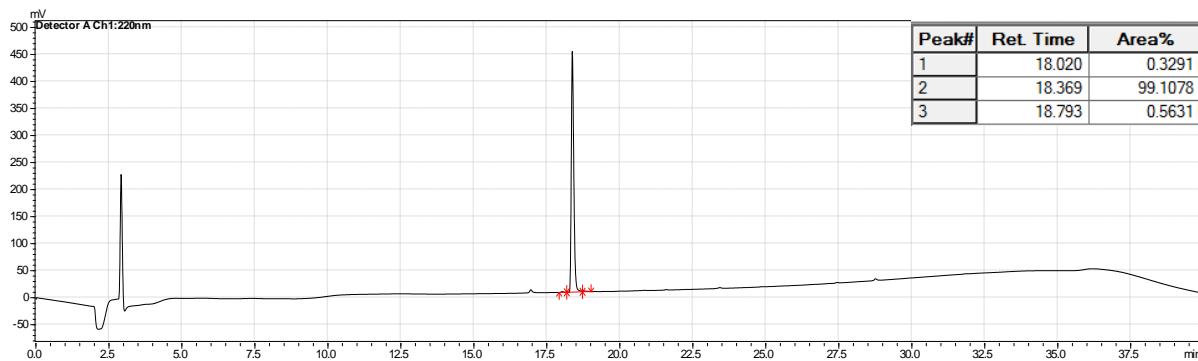
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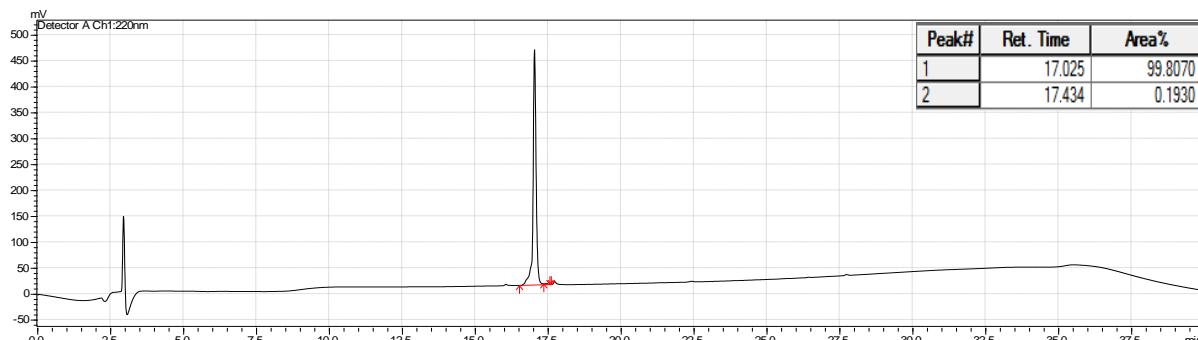
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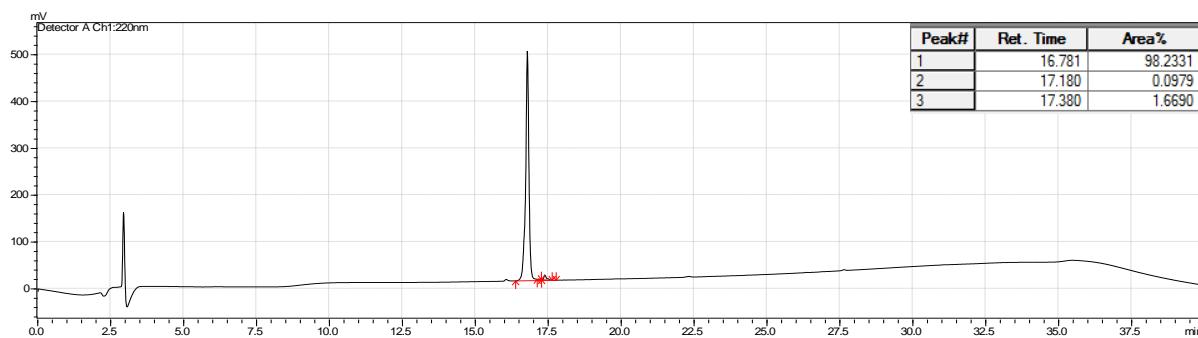
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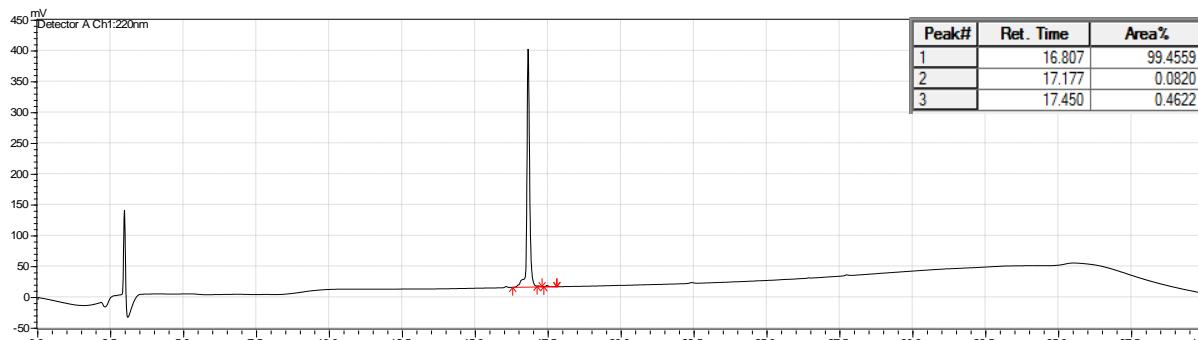
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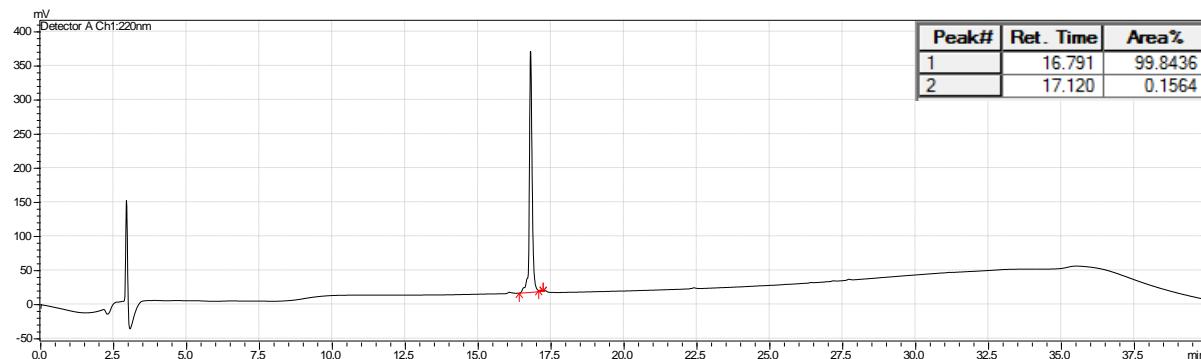
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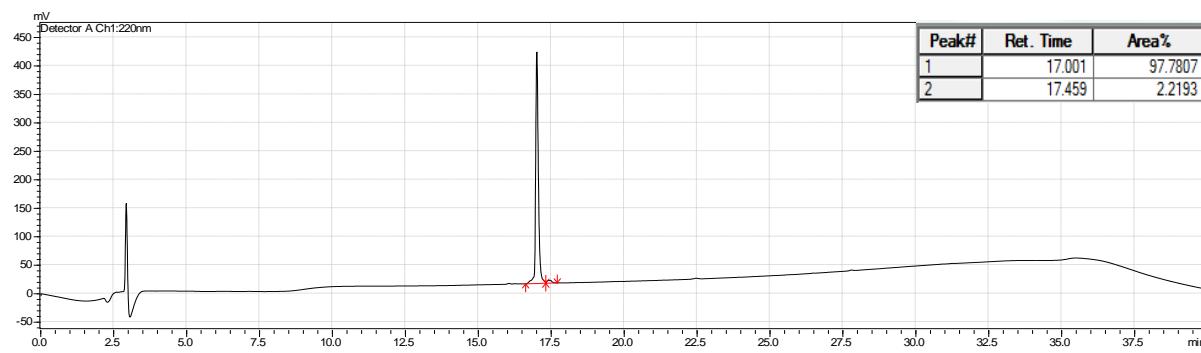
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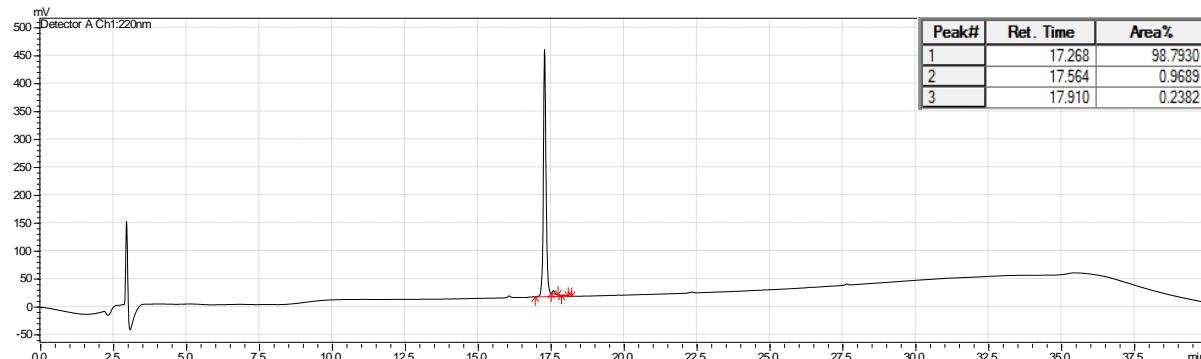
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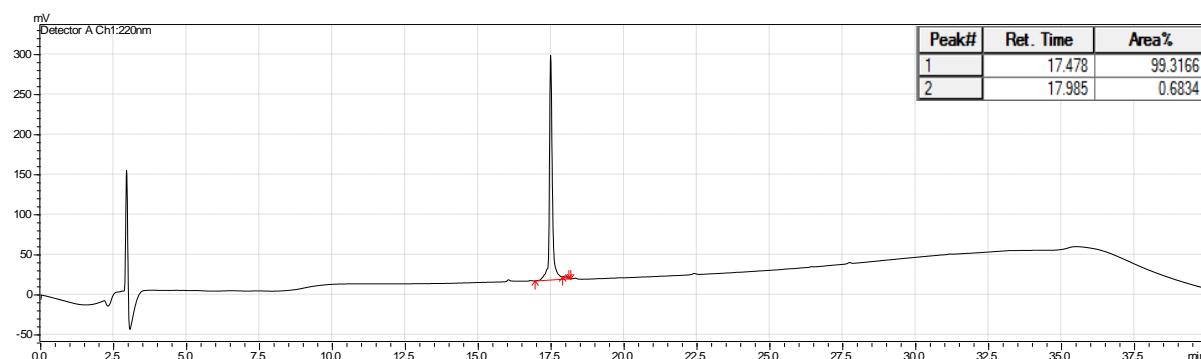
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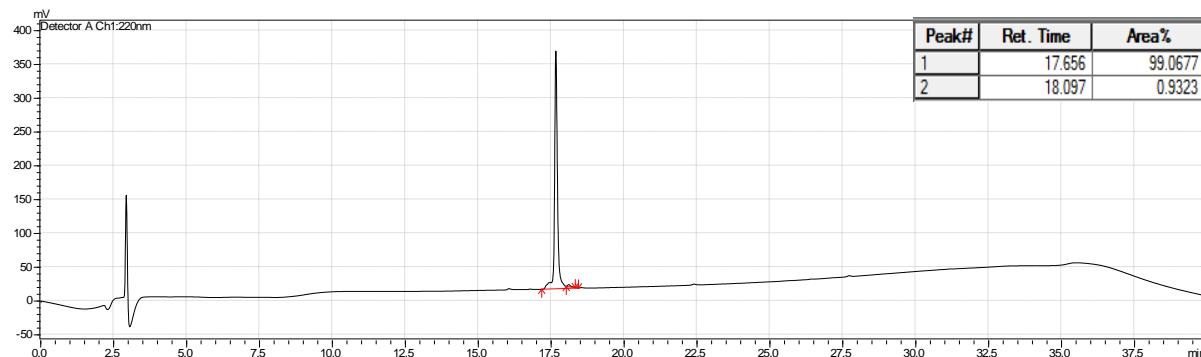
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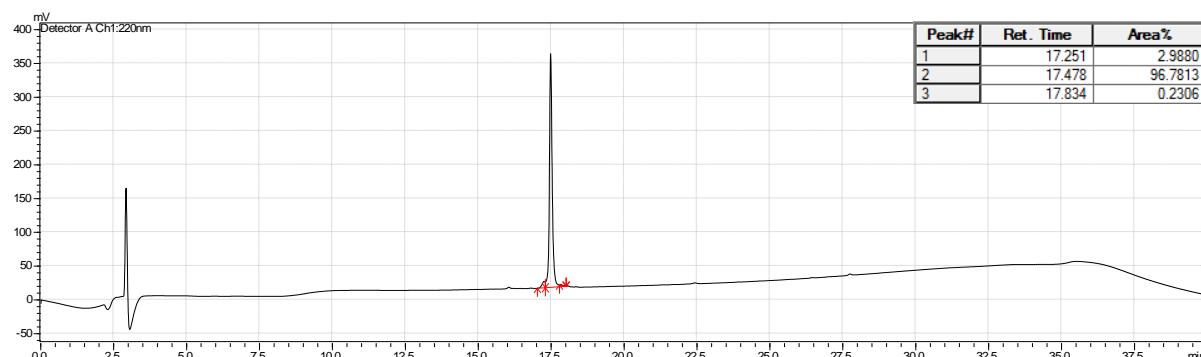
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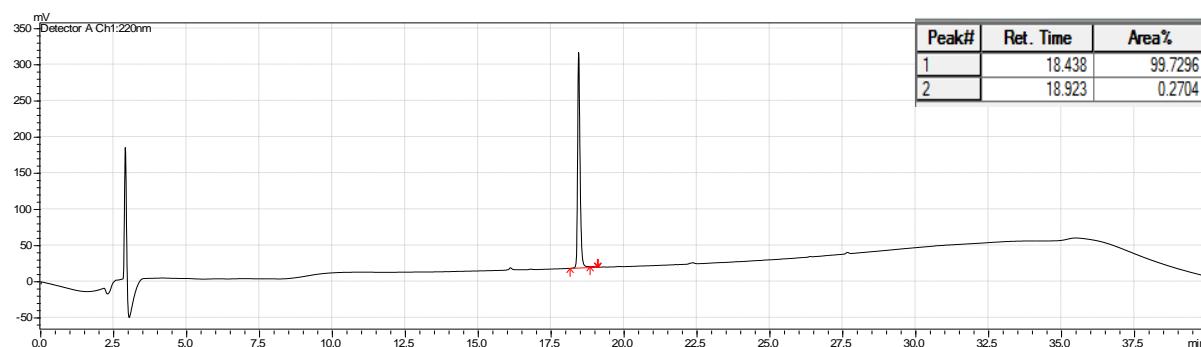
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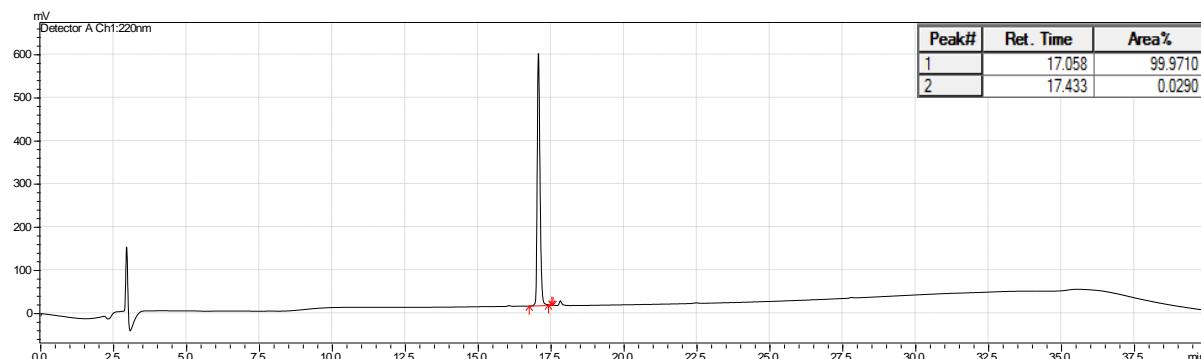
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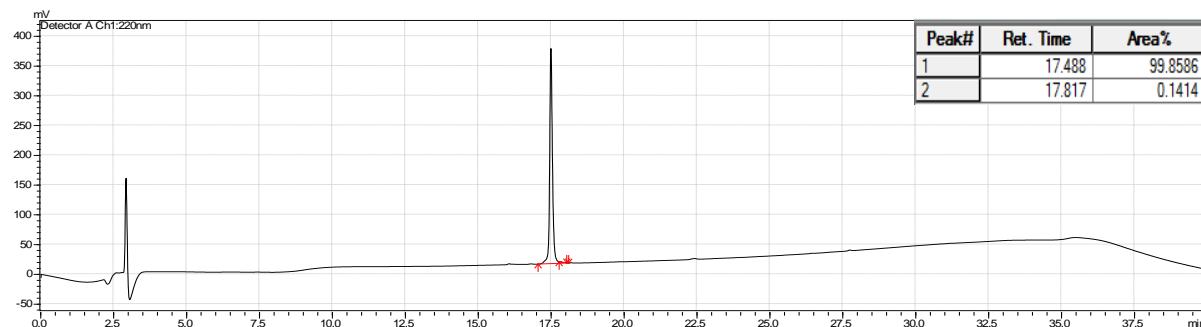
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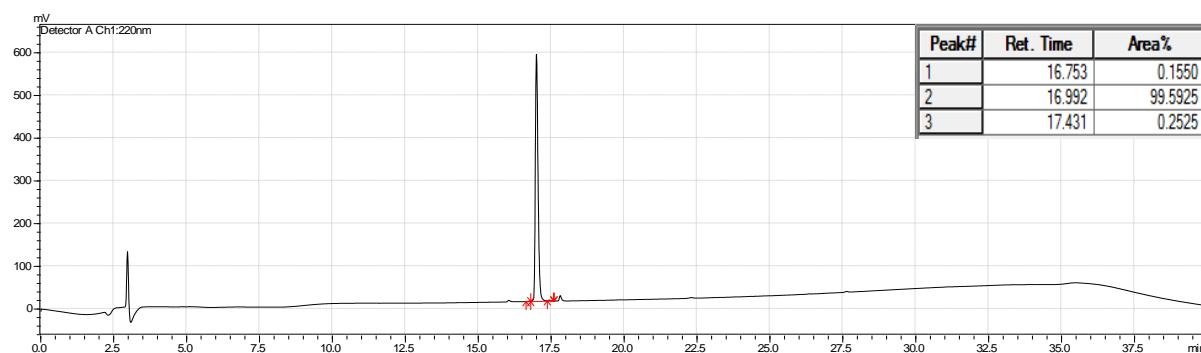
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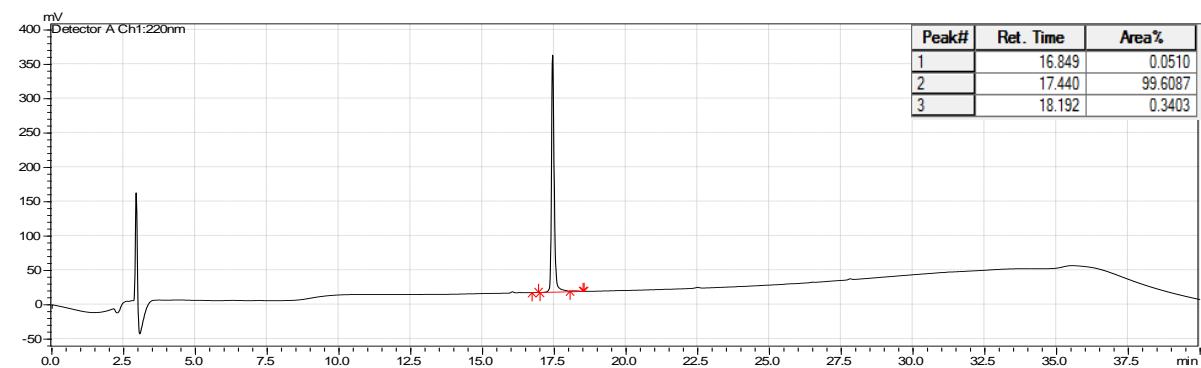
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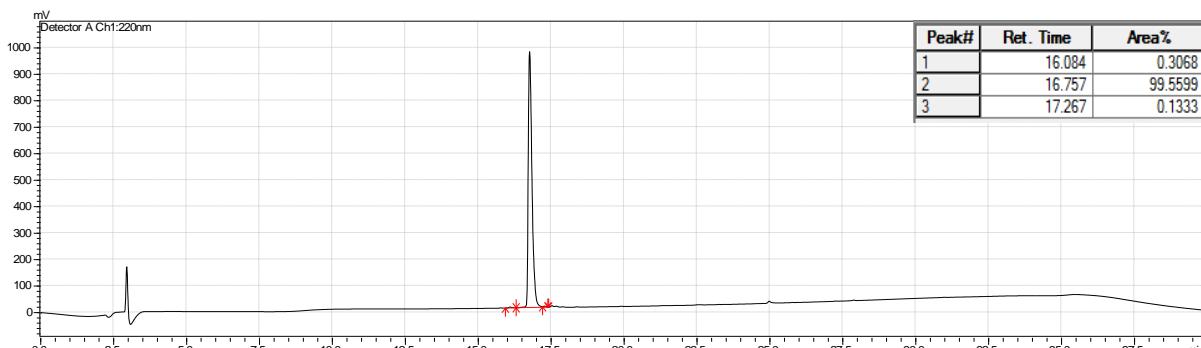
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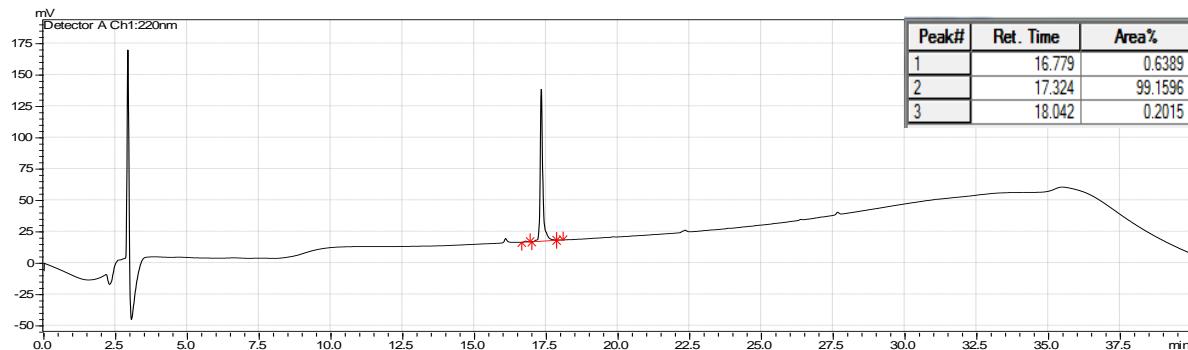
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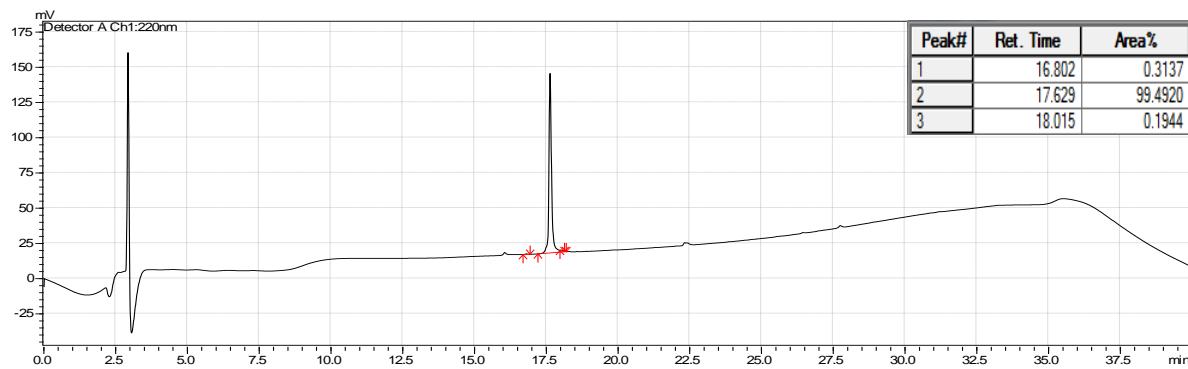
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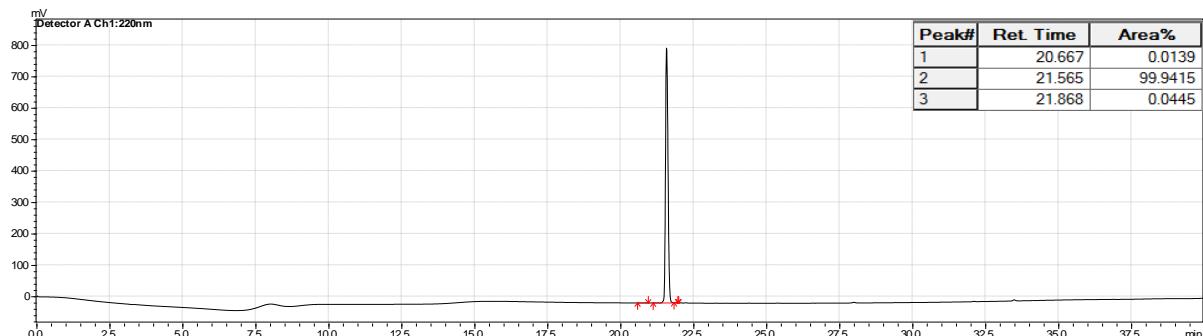
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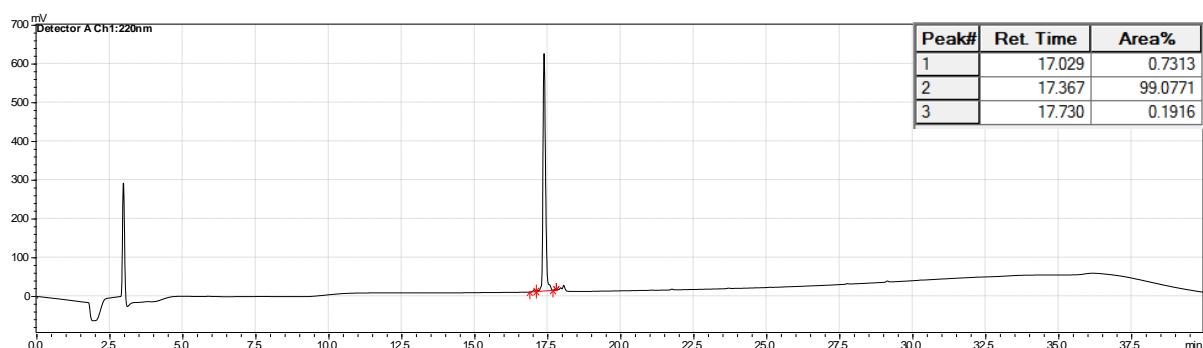
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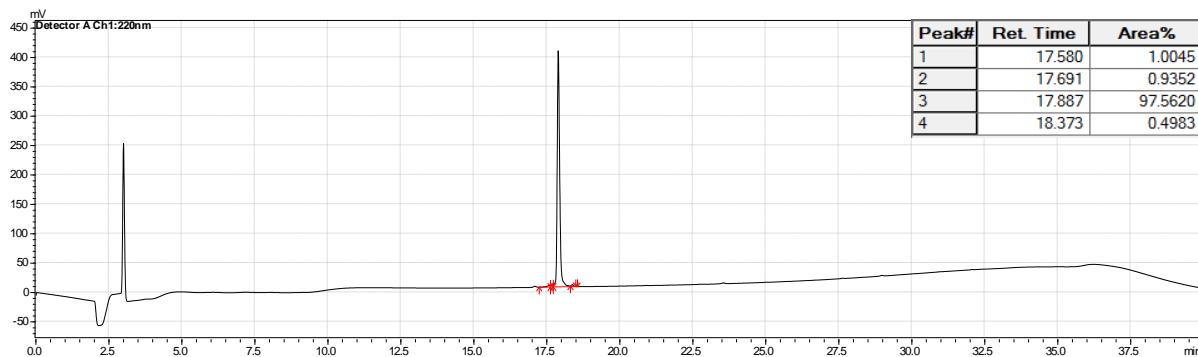
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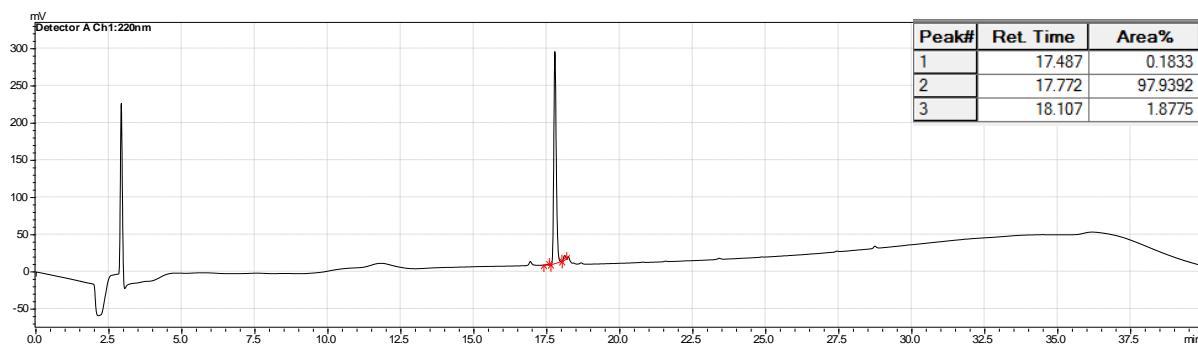
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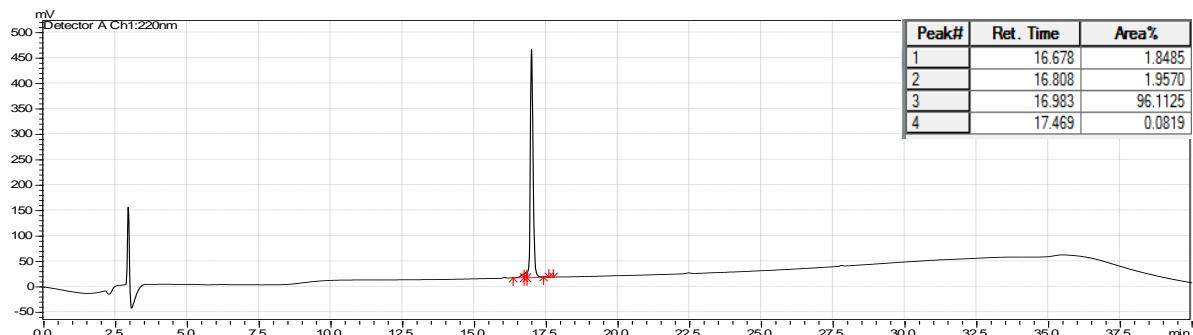
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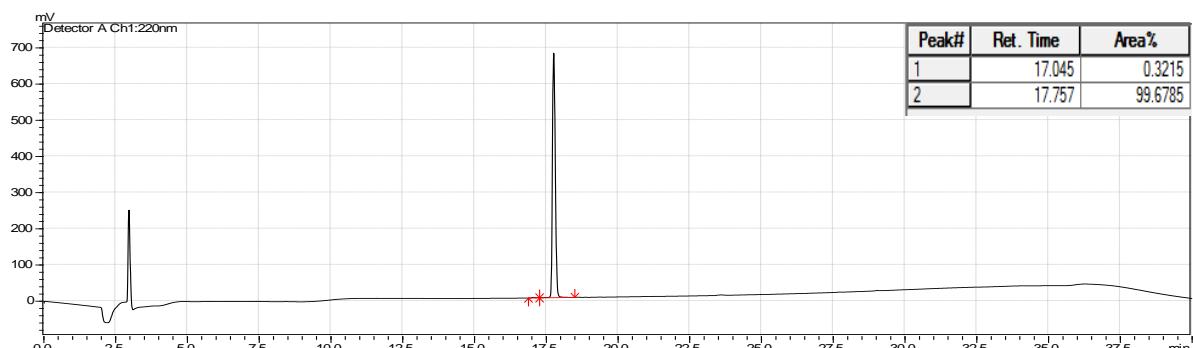
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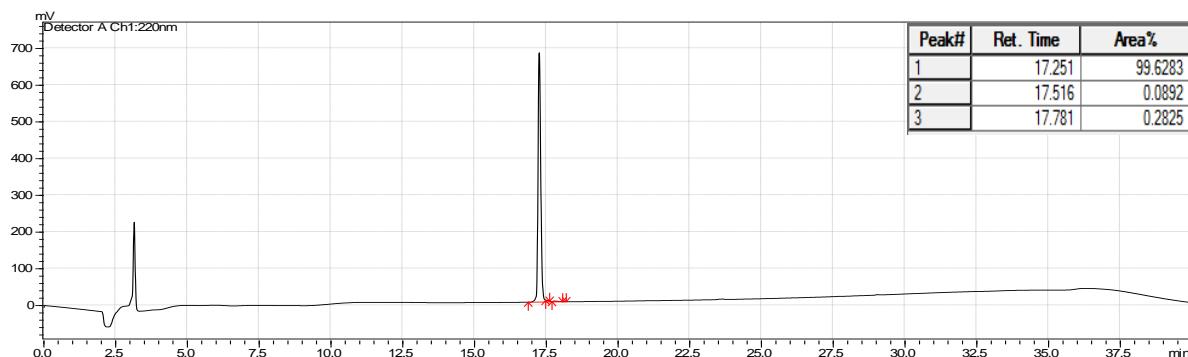
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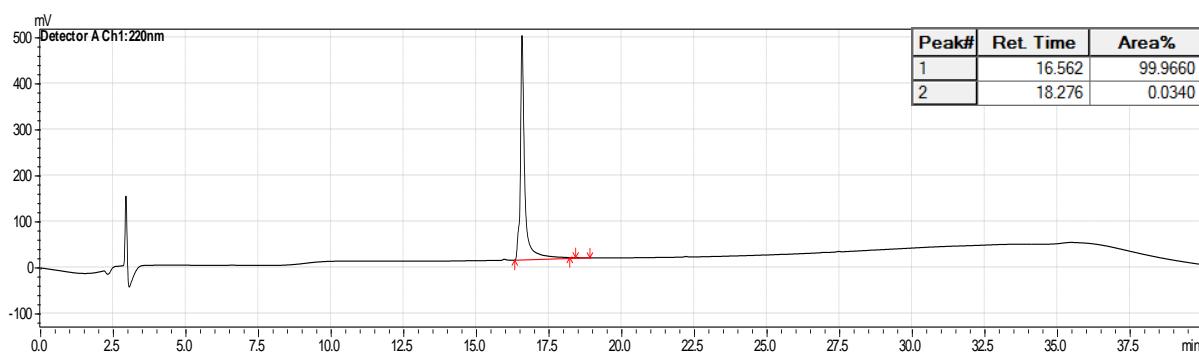
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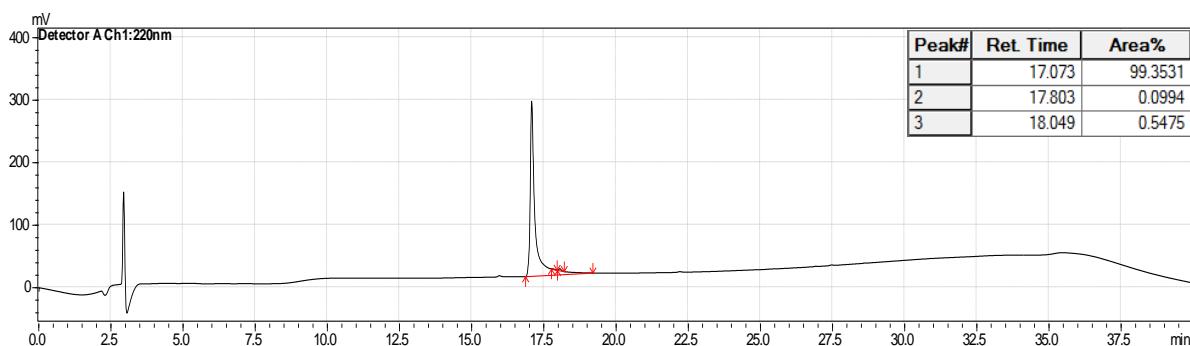
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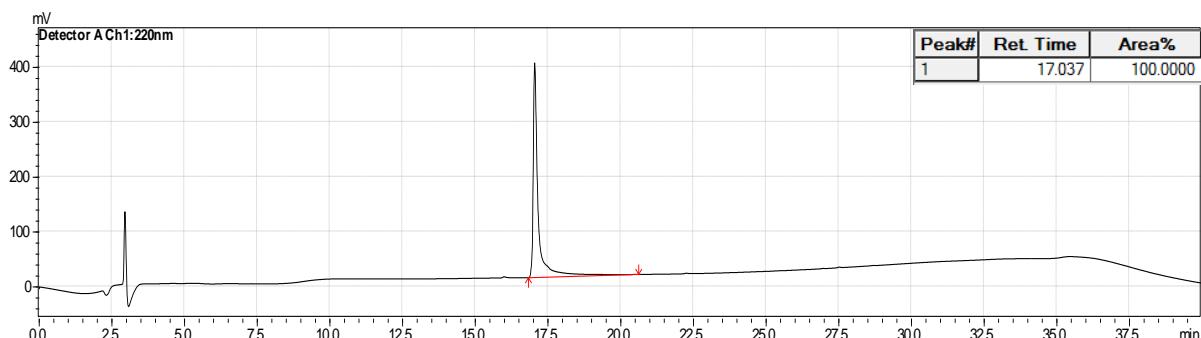
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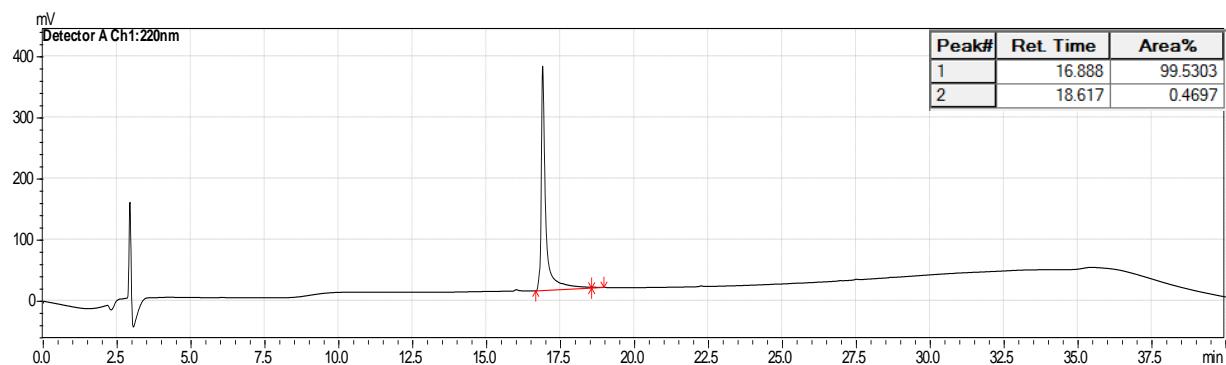
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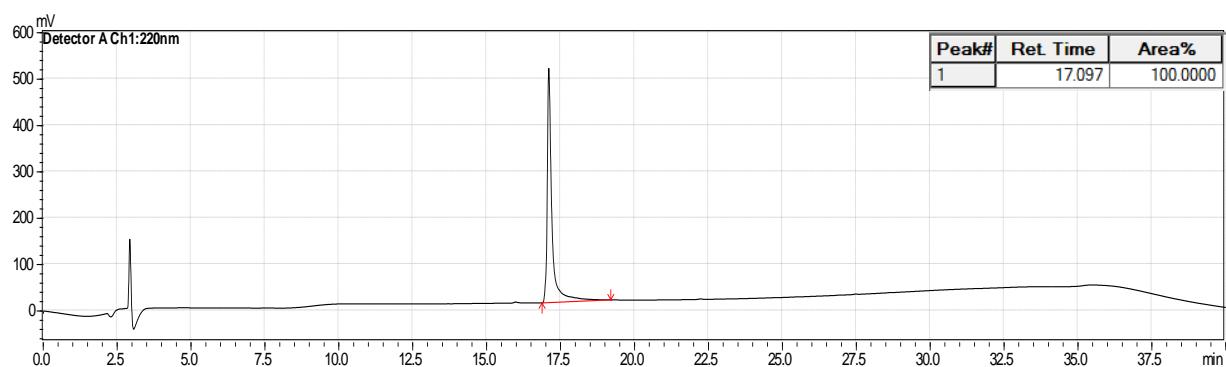
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## MS and HPLC data for CSP analogues

**Table S-1.** MS and HPLC data for the synthetic native CSPs.

| Compound Name                          | Calc. EM<br>$\text{MH}_2^{2+}$ | Obs. EM<br>$\text{MH}_2^{2+}$ | Purity (%) |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-1                 | 1089.6404                      | 1089.6442                     | $\geq 99$  |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2                 | 1077.5808                      | 1077.5850                     | $\geq 99$  |
| <i>S. cristatus</i> -CSP               | 896.0720                       | 896.0753                      | $\geq 98$  |
| <i>S. intermedius</i> -CSP             | 952.9974                       | 953.0012                      | $\geq 99$  |
| <i>S. oralis</i> -CSP                  | 1101.1281                      | 1101.1232                     | $\geq 99$  |
| <i>S. oligofermentans</i> -CSP         | 883.5474                       | 883.5482                      | $\geq 99$  |
| <i>S. gordonii</i> -CSP-1              | 1395.2448                      | 1395.2455                     | $\geq 99$  |
| <i>S. gordonii</i> -CSP-2              | 1241.2105                      | 1241.2152                     | $\geq 99$  |
| <i>S. gordonii</i> <i>challis</i> -CSP | 1247.6808                      | 1247.6844                     | $\geq 99$  |
| <i>S. sanguinis</i> -CSP               | 885.9668                       | 885.9653                      | $\geq 99$  |

EM = Exact Mass. See methods above.

**Table S-2.** MS and HPLC data for *S. mitis*-CSP-2-point modification analogues.

| Compound Name               | Calc. EM<br>$\text{MH}_2^{2+}$ | Obs. EM<br>$\text{MH}_2^{2+}$ | Purity (%) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I2M  | 1086.5590                      | 1086.5602                     | $\geq 98$  |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-Q4L  | 1070.0936                      | 1070.0942                     | $\geq 99$  |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-N7F  | 729.7315*                      | 729.7332*                     | $\geq 98$  |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I8F  | 1094.5730                      | 1094.5764                     | $\geq 98$  |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-F10D | 1061.5601                      | 1061.5640                     | $\geq 99$  |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-N11F | 1094.0936                      | 1094.0977                     | $\geq 99$  |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-F12I | 1060.5886                      | 1060.5867                     | $\geq 97$  |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-F12L | 1060.5886                      | 1060.5921                     | $\geq 99$  |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-N7I  | 1077.1014                      | 1077.0982                     | $\geq 98$  |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-Q4I  | 1070.0936                      | 1070.0964                     | $\geq 99$  |

EM = Exact Mass. See methods above, \* $\text{MH}_3^{3+}$ .

**Table S-3.** MS and HPLC data for *S. mitis*-CSP-2-multiple modification analogues.

| Compound Name                     | Calc. EM<br>$\text{MH}_2^{2+}$ | Obs. EM<br>$\text{MH}_2^{2+}$ | Purity (%) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I2MQ4L     | 1079.0718                      | 1079.0687                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I2MN7F     | 1103.0718                      | 1103.0717                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I2MN7I     | 1086.0796                      | 1086.0803                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I2MI8F     | 1103.5512                      | 1103.5481                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I2MN11F    | 1103.0718                      | 1103.0748                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I2MF12L    | 1069.5668                      | 1069.5640                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-Q4LN7F     | 724.7400*                      | 724.7381*                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-Q4LN7I     | 1069.6142                      | 1069.6135                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-Q4LI8F     | 1087.0858                      | 1087.0833                     | ≥ 98       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-Q4LN11F    | 1086.6063                      | 1086.6083                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-Q4LF12L    | 1053.1014                      | 1053.0997                     | ≥ 95       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-N7FI8F     | 1111.0858                      | 1111.0843                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-N7FN11F    | 1110.6063                      | 1110.6092                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-N7FF12L    | 1077.1014                      | 1077.0977                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-N7II8F     | 1094.0936                      | 1094.0988                     | ≥ 97       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-N7IN11F    | 1093.6142                      | 1093.6111                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-N7IF12L    | 1060.1092                      | 1060.1133                     | ≥ 98       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I8FN11F    | 1111.0858                      | 1111.0847                     | ≥ 96       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I8FF12L    | 1077.5808                      | 1077.5810                     | ≥ 97       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-N11FF12L   | 1077.1014                      | 1077.1060                     | ≥ 96       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I2MQ4LN7F  | 1095.5845                      | 1095.5869                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I2MI8FN11F | 1120.0640                      | 1120.0617                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I2MN7FF12L | 1086.0796                      | 1086.0753                     | ≥ 98       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I2MN7II8F  | 1103.0718                      | 1103.0679                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I2MQ4LF12L | 1062.0796                      | 1062.0760                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I2MQ4LI8F  | 1096.0639                      | 1096.0586                     | ≥ 97       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I2MQ4LN7I  | 1078.5923                      | 1078.5886                     | ≥ 98       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I2MQ4LN11F | 1095.5845                      | 1095.5807                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-Q4LN7FI8F  | 1103.5985                      | 1103.5936                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-Q4LN7II8F  | 1086.6063                      | 1086.6027                     | ≥ 96       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-Q4LN7FN11F | 1103.1191                      | 1103.1189                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I2MN7FI8F  | 1120.0640                      | 1120.0586                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-Q4LN7FF12L | 1069.6142                      | 1069.6119                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-N7FI8FF12L | 1094.0936                      | 1094.0899                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-N7II8FN11F | 1110.6063                      | 1110.6049                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-N7II8FF12L | 1077.1014                      | 1077.0976                     | ≥ 98       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-I2MN7IN11F | 1102.5924                      | 1102.5881                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> 2 CSP-N7FI8FN11F  | 1127.5985                      | 1127.6010                     | ≥ 99       |

EM = Exact Mass. See methods above, \* $\text{MH}_3^{3+}$ .

**Table S-4.** MS and HPLC data for *S. mitis*-CSP-2-E1A modification analogues.

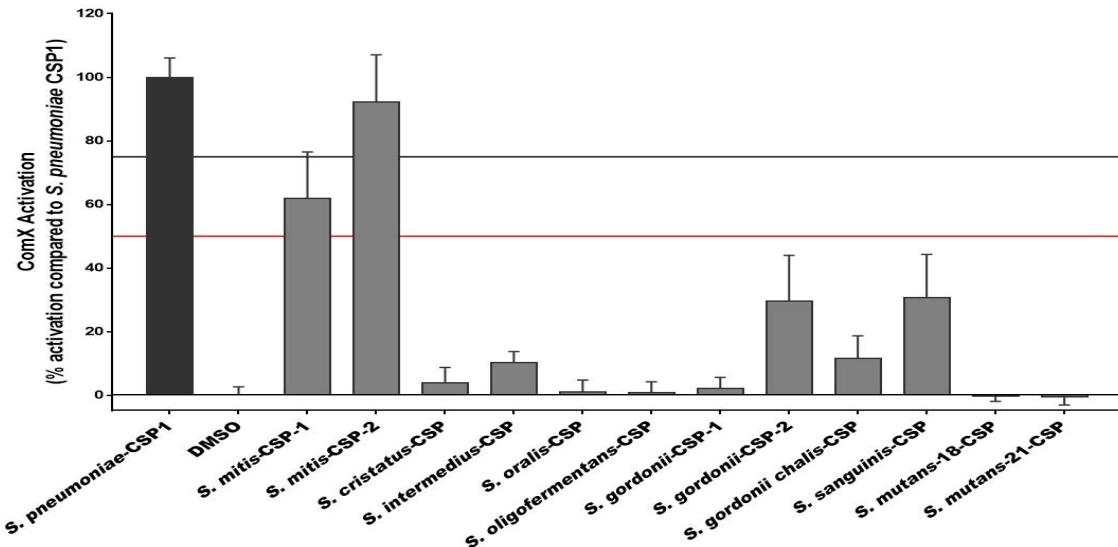
| Compound Name                        | Calc. EM<br>$\text{MH}_2^{2+}$ | Obs. EM<br>$\text{MH}_2^{2+}$ | Purity (%) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-E1A           | 1048.5781                      | 1048.5754                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-E1AI2M        | 705.3733*                      | 705.3763*                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-E1AN11F       | 1065.0908                      | 1065.0892                     | ≥ 97       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-E1AI2MQ4L     | 1050.0690                      | 1050.0645                     | ≥ 97       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-E1AN11FF12L   | 1048.0987                      | 1048.0947                     | ≥ 96       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-E1AN7II8F     | 1065.0908                      | 1065.0857                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-E1AI2MF12L    | 1040.5641                      | 1040.5611                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-E1AI2MI8F     | 1074.5484                      | 1074.5499                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-E1AI2MI8FN11F | 1091.0612                      | 1091.0647                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-E1AI2MQ4LI8F  | 1067.0612                      | 1067.0613                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-E1AI2MN7II8F  | 1074.069                       | 1074.0735                     | ≥ 99       |
| <i>S. mitis</i> -CSP-2-E1AI2MN7FI8F  | 1091.0612                      | 1091.0608                     | ≥ 99       |

EM = Exact Mass. See methods above, \* $\text{MH}_3^{3+}$ .

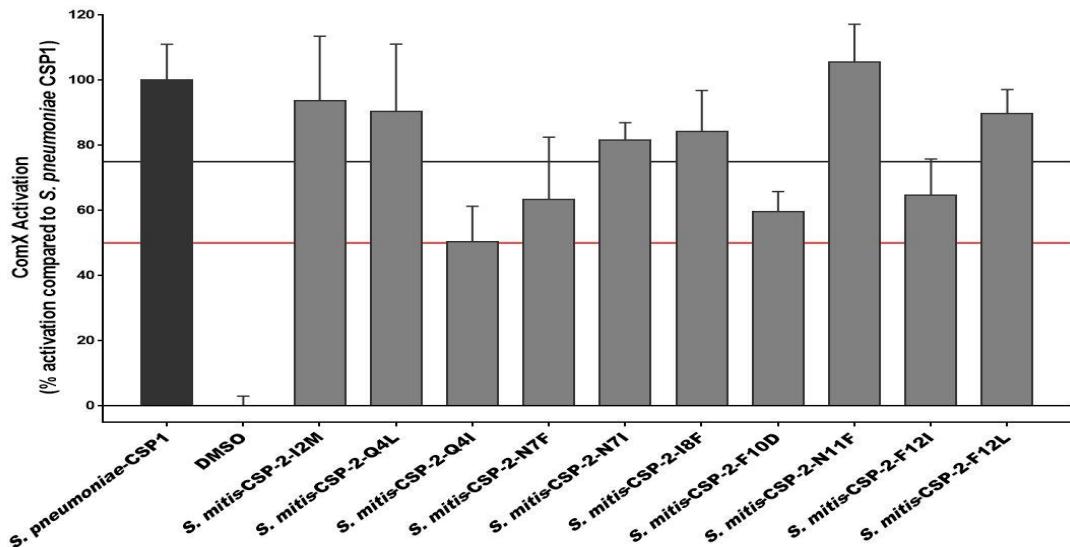
## **Primary reporter gene assay data**

### ***S. pneumoniae* D39pcmX::lacZ (ComD1)**

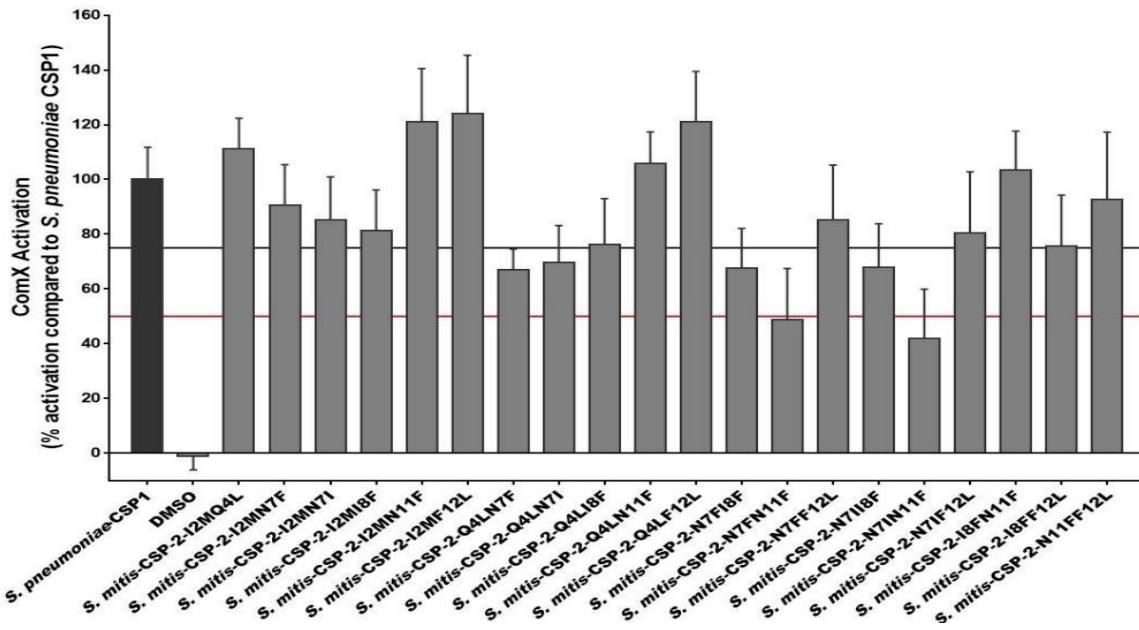
Agonism assays were performed at 10  $\mu$ M concentration of synthetic CSP. *S. pneumoniae* CSP1 was used as the positive control (100%) while DMSO as the negative control (0%). Percent (%) ComD1 activation was measured by normalizing the Miller units obtained for each peptide to that of the native CSP1. All peptides were screened in triplicate over three separate trials. Error bars indicate standard error of the mean of nine values.



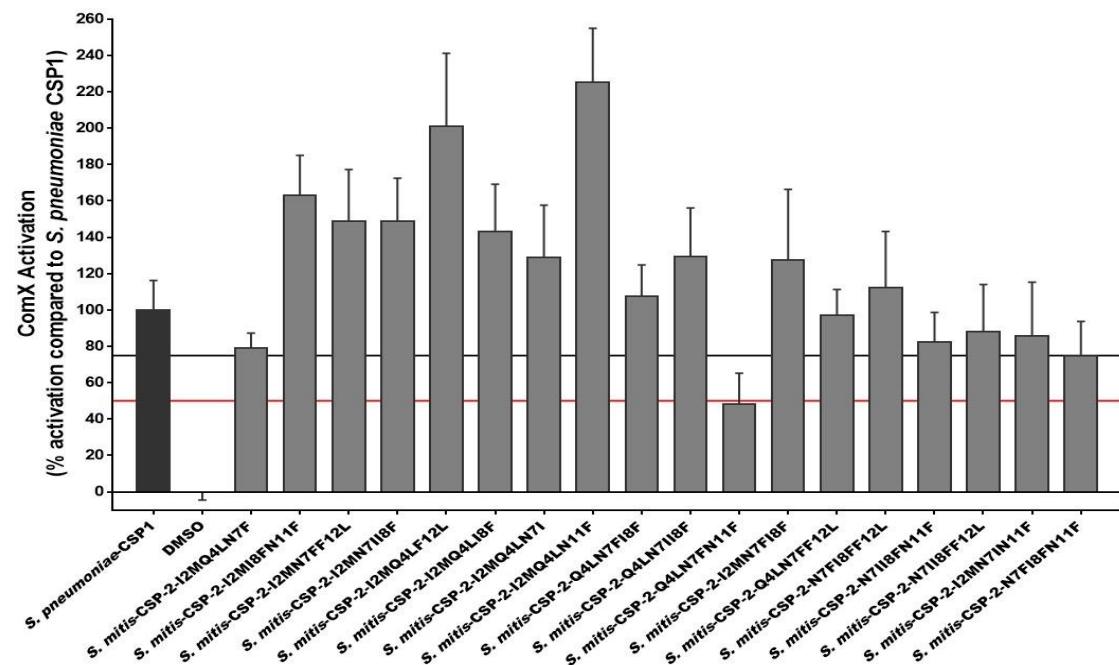
**Figure S-1.** Primary agonism screening assay data for the synthetic *Streptococci* native CSP pheromones. Peptides that exhibited over 75% activation were further evaluated to determine their EC<sub>50</sub> while peptides that exhibited less than 50% activation were evaluated as potential competitive inhibitors.



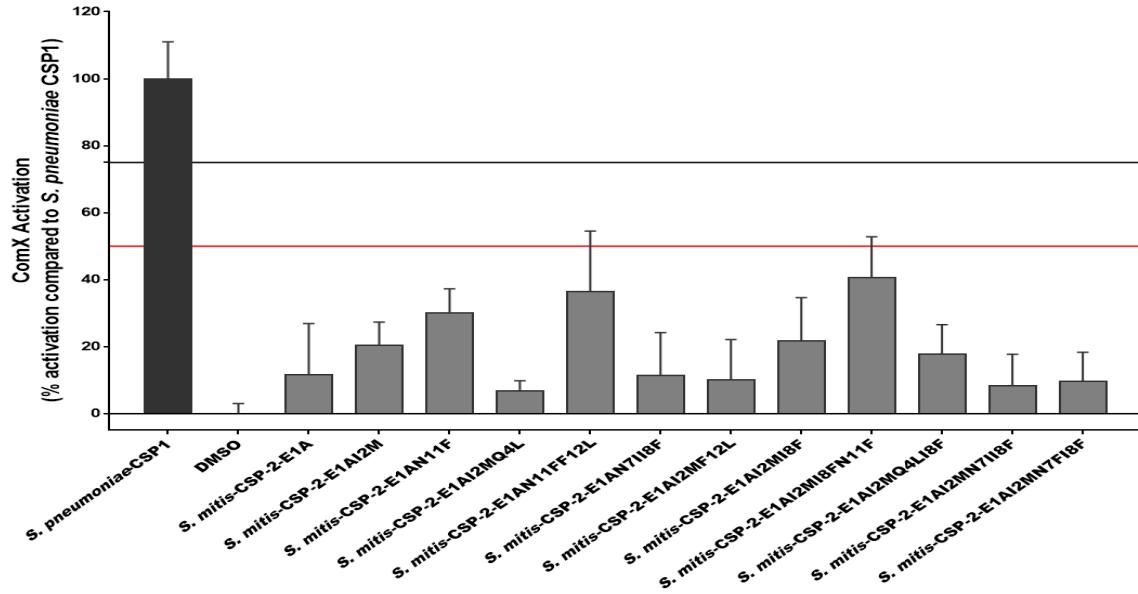
**Figure S-2.** Primary agonism screening assay data for the *S. mitis*-CSP-2-point modification analogues. Peptides that exhibited over 75% activation were further evaluated to determine their EC<sub>50</sub> values.



**Figure S-3.** Primary agonism screening assay data for the *S. mitis*-CSP-2 double modification analogues. Peptides that exhibited over 75% activation were further evaluated to determine their EC<sub>50</sub> while peptides that exhibited less than 50% activation were evaluated as potential competitive inhibitors.

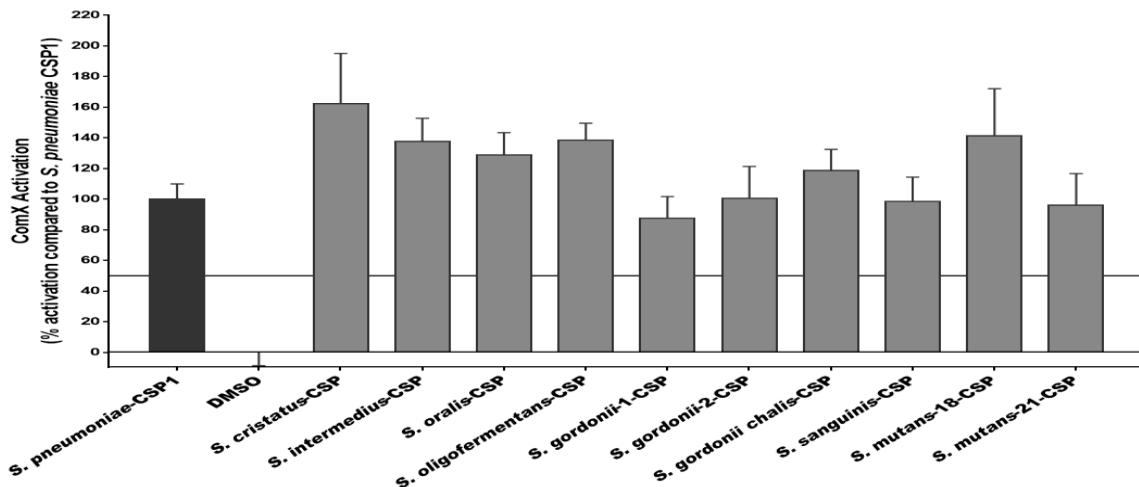


**Figure S-4.** Primary agonism screening assay data for the *S. mitis*-CSP-2 triple modification analogues. Peptides that exhibited over 75% activation were further evaluated to determine their EC<sub>50</sub> while peptides that exhibited less than 50% activation were evaluated as potential competitive inhibitors.

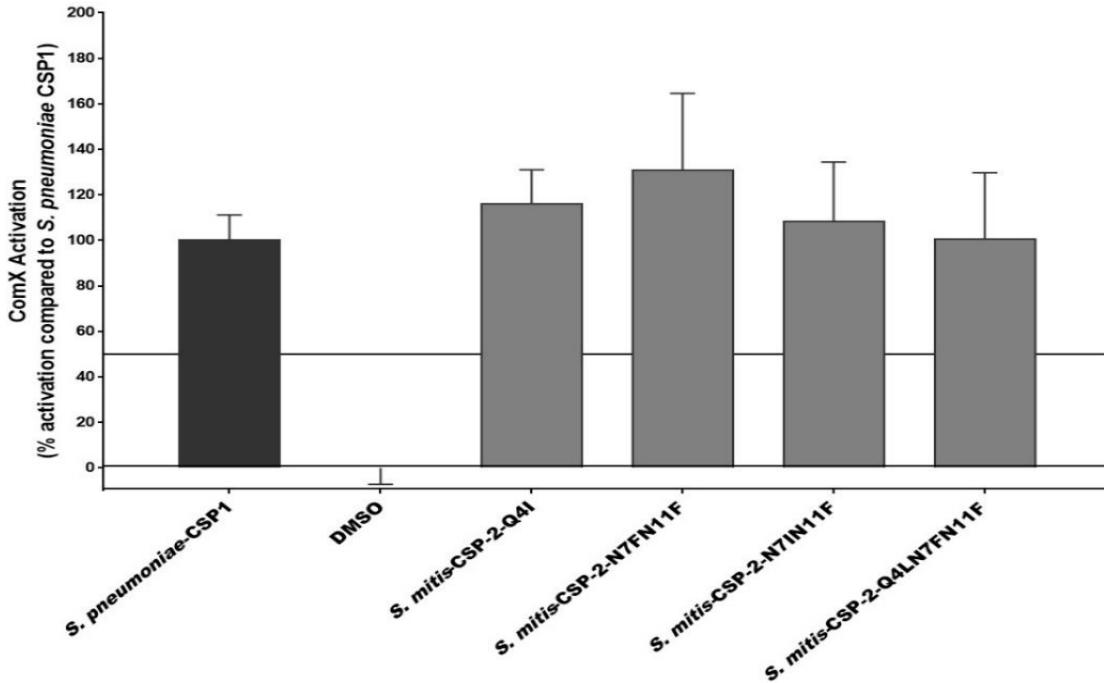


**Figure S-5.** Primary agonism screening assay data for the *S. mitis*-CSP-2-E1A modification analogues. None of the peptides exhibited activation of the *S. pneumoniae* ComD1 receptor and peptides that exhibited less than 50% activation were evaluated as potential competitive inhibitors.

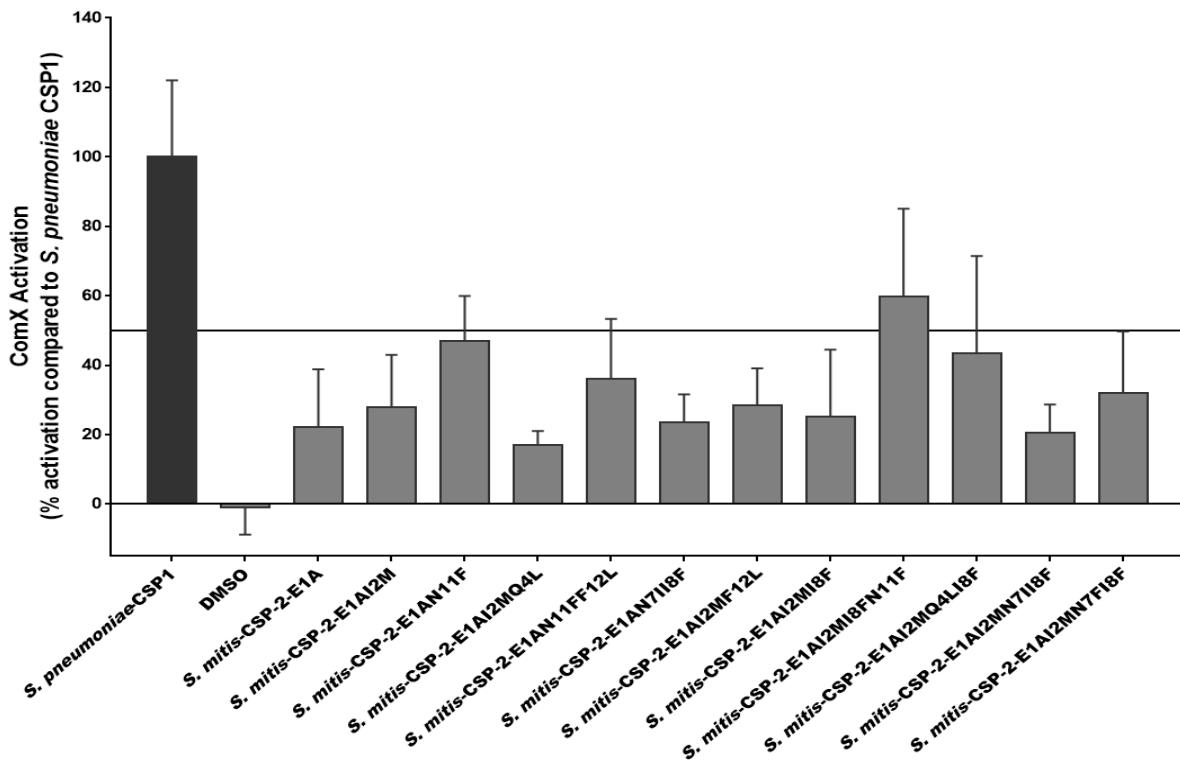
Antagonism assays were performed at 10  $\mu$ M concentration of peptides against 50 nM concentration of *S. pneumoniae* CSP1. *S. pneumoniae* CSP1 (50 nM) was used as the positive control (100%) while DMSO as the negative control (0%). Percent (%) comX activation was measured by normalizing the Miller units obtained for each peptide to that of CSP1. All peptides were screened in triplicate over three separate trials. Error bars indicate standard error of the mean of nine values.



**Figure S-6.** Primary antagonism screening assay data for the synthetic *Streptococci* native CSP pheromones. None of the peptides exhibited inhibition of the *S. pneumoniae* ComD1 receptor.



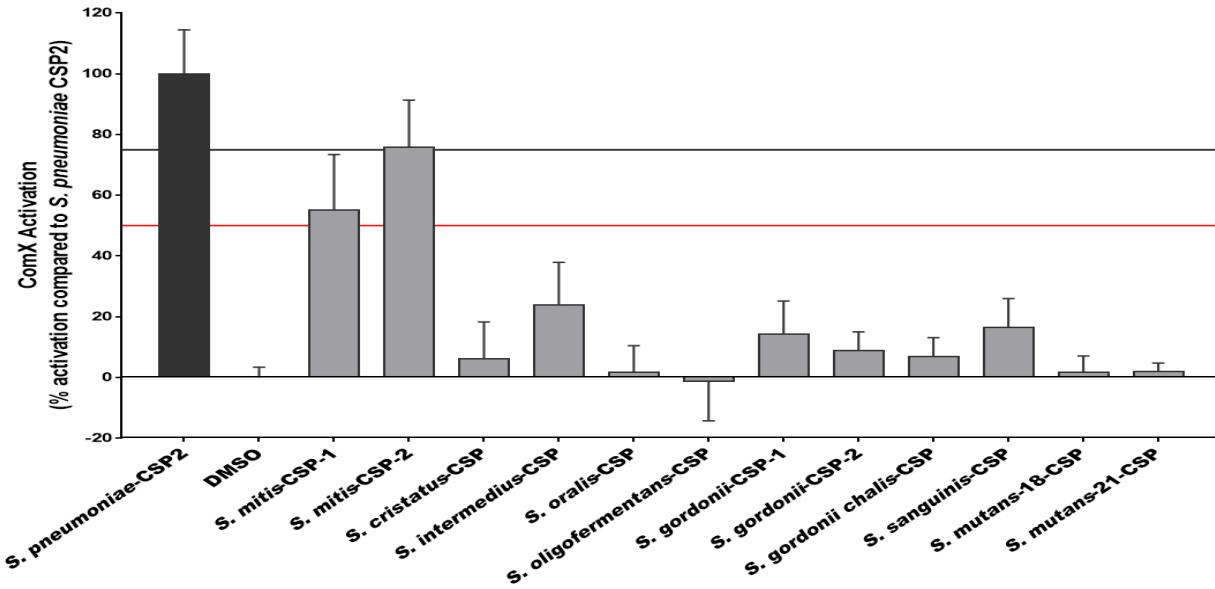
**Figure S-7.** Primary antagonism screening assay data for the *S. mitis*-CSP-2 point and multiple modification analogues. None of the peptides exhibited inhibition of the *S. pneumoniae* ComD1 receptor.



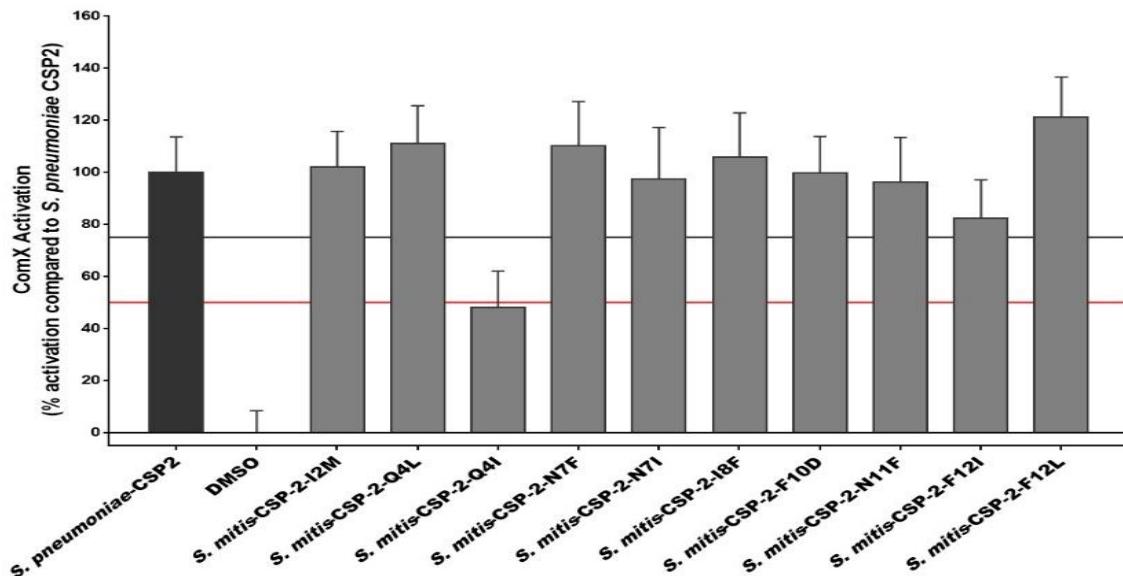
**Figure S-8.** Primary antagonism screening assay data for the *S. mitis*-CSP-2-E1A modification analogues. Peptides that exhibited less than 50% activation were further evaluated to determine their IC<sub>50</sub>.

***S. pneumoniae* TIGR4pcomX::lacZ (ComD2)**

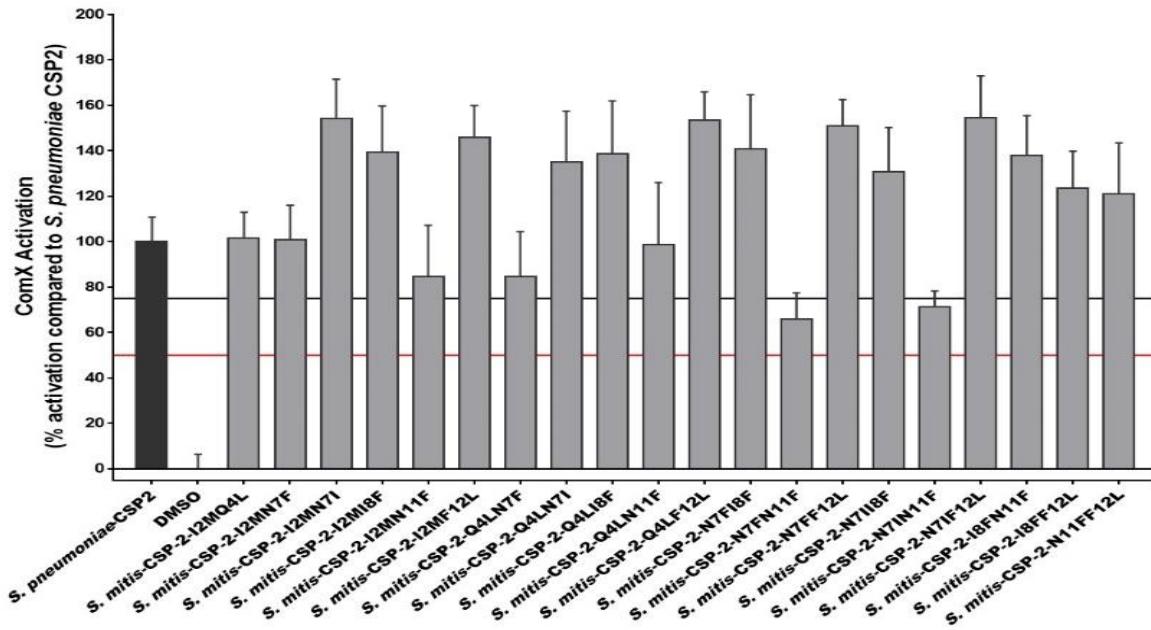
Agonism assays were performed at 10  $\mu$ M concentration. *S. pneumoniae* CSP2 was used as the positive control (100%) while DMSO as the negative control (0%). Percent (%) comX activation was measured by normalizing the Miller units obtained for each peptide to that of CSP2. All peptides were screened in triplicate over three separate trials. Error bars indicate standard error of the mean of nine values.



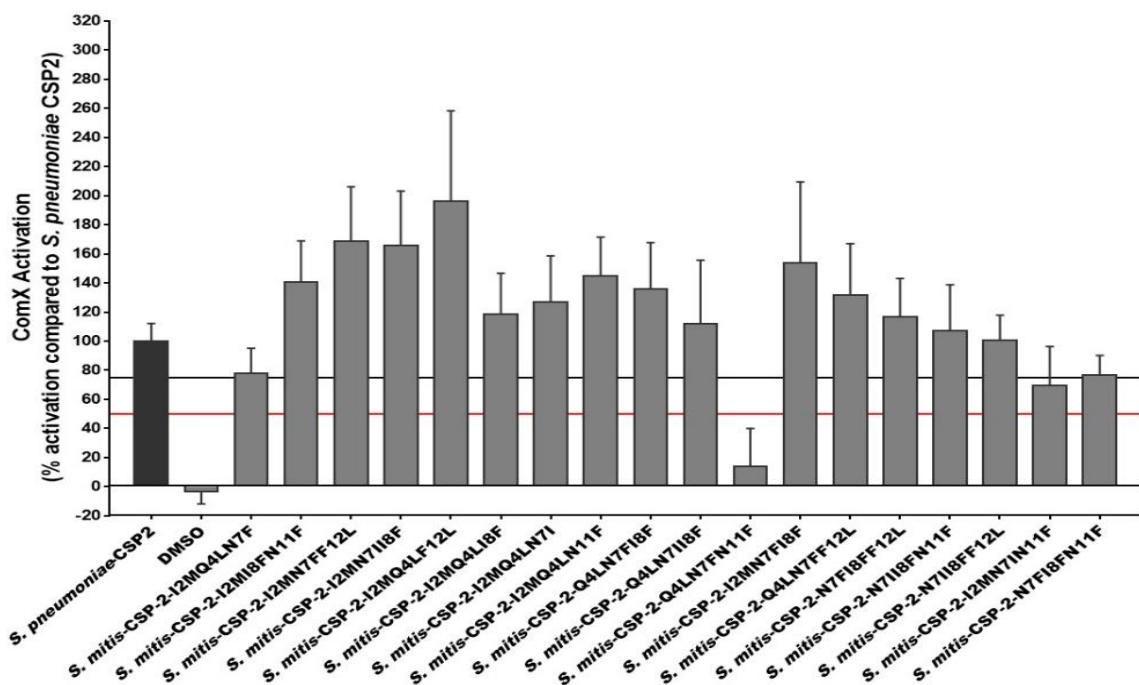
**Figure S-9.** Primary agonism screening assay data for the synthetic *Streptococci* native CSP pheromones. Peptides that exhibited over 75% activation were further evaluated to determine their EC<sub>50</sub> while peptides that exhibited less than 50% activation were evaluated as potential competitive inhibitors.



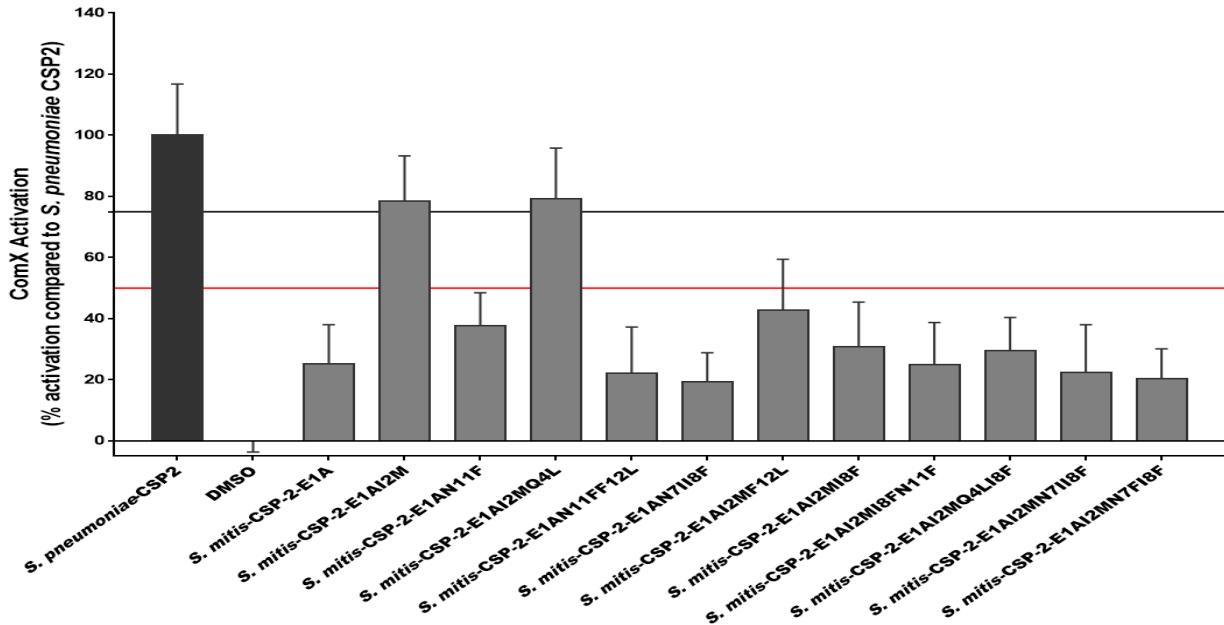
**Figure S-10.** Primary agonism screening assay data for the *S. mitis*-CSP-2-point modification analogues. Peptides that exhibited over 75% activation were further evaluated to determine their EC<sub>50</sub> while peptides that exhibited less than 50% activation were evaluated as potential competitive inhibitors.



**Figure S-11.** Primary agonism screening assay data for the *S. mitis*-CSP-2 double modification analogues. Peptides that exhibited over 75% activation were further evaluated to determine their EC<sub>50</sub> values.

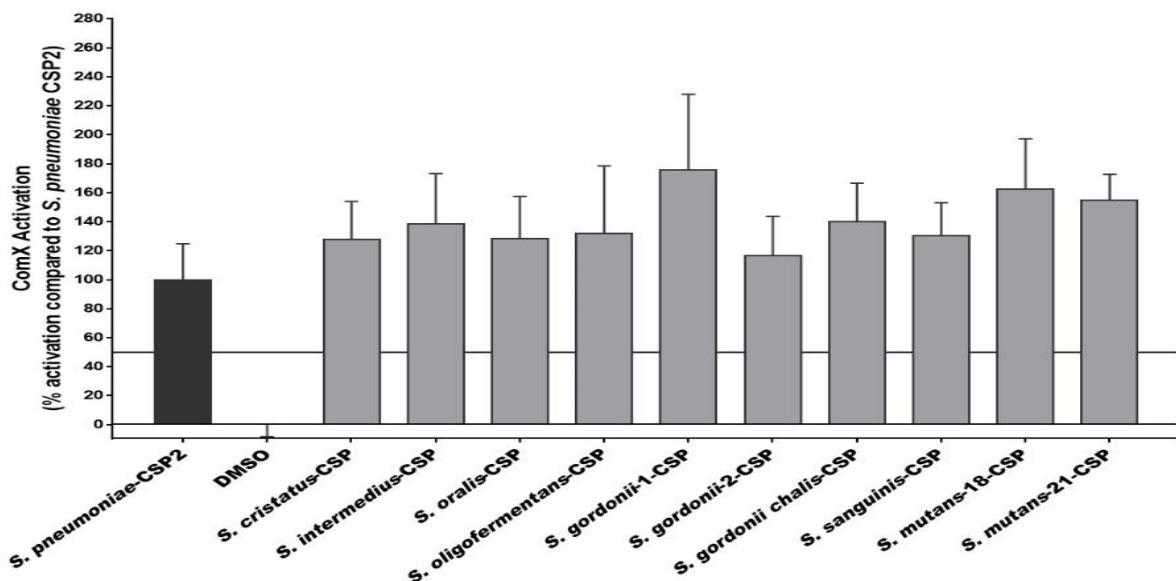


**Figure S-12.** Primary agonism screening assay data for the *S. mitis*-CSP-2 triple modification analogues. Peptides that exhibited over 75% activation were further evaluated to determine their EC<sub>50</sub> while peptides that exhibited less than 50% activation were evaluated as potential competitive inhibitors.

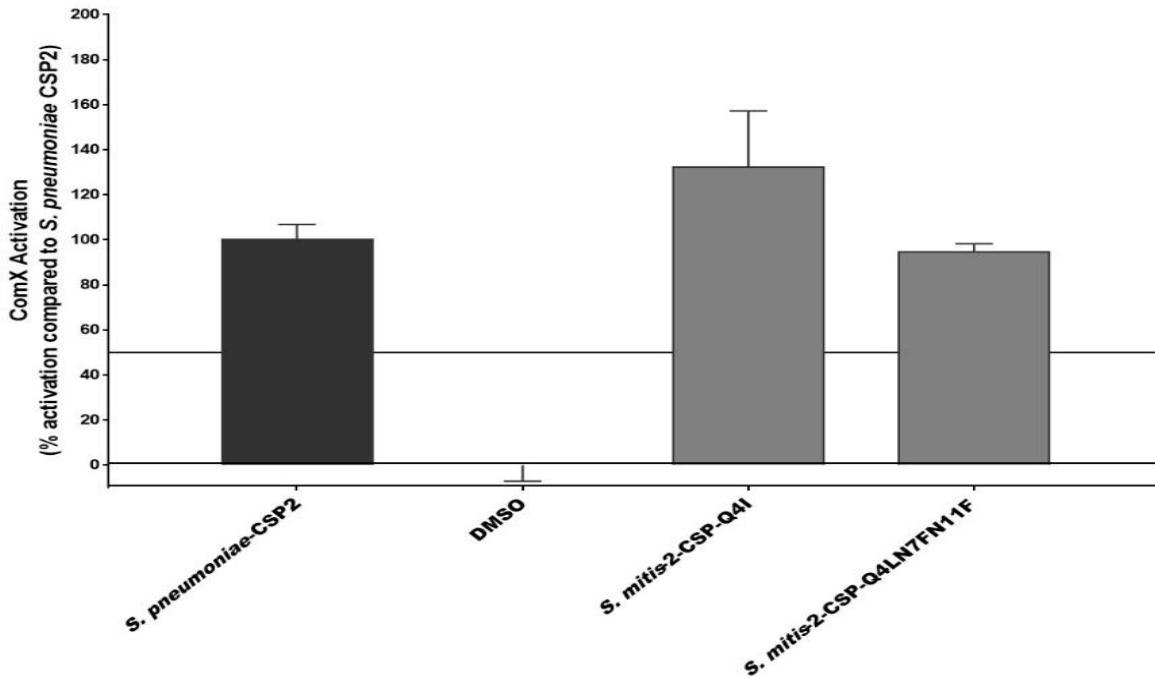


**Figure S-13.** Primary agonism screening assay data for the *S. mitis*-CSP-2-E1A modification analogues. Peptides that exhibited over 75% activation were further evaluated to determine their EC<sub>50</sub> while peptides that exhibited less than 50% activation were evaluated as potential competitive inhibitors.

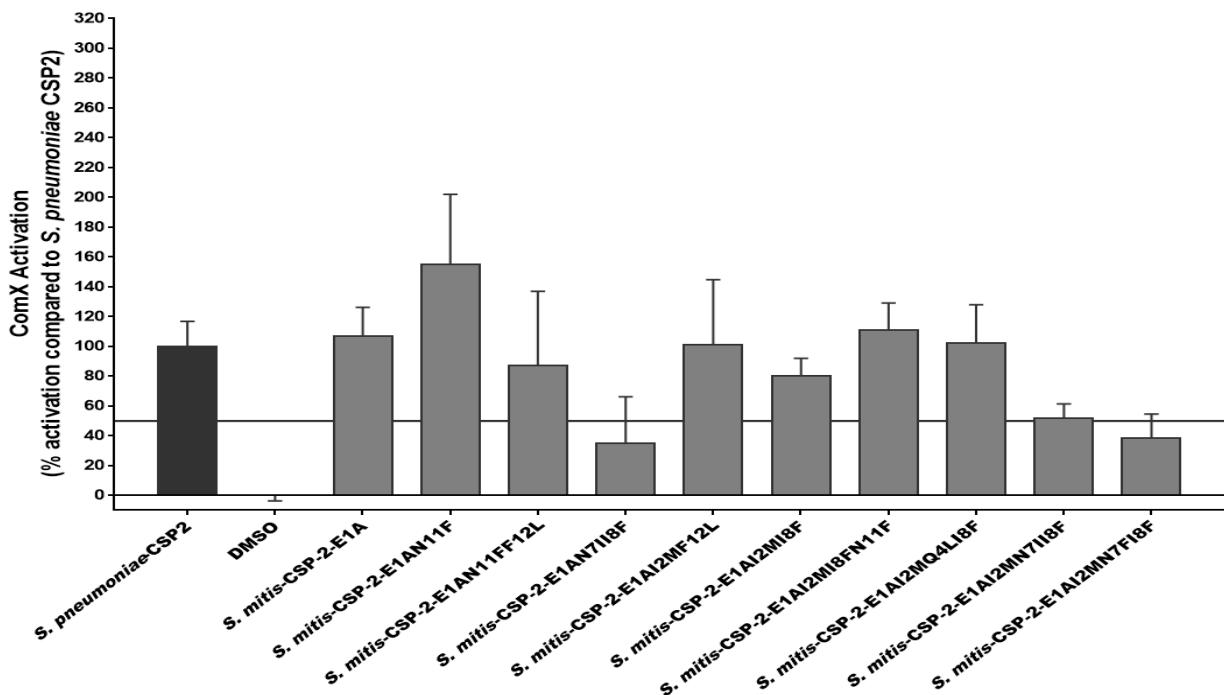
Antagonism assays were performed at 10 µM concentration of peptides against 250 nM concentration of *S. pneumoniae* CSP2. *S. pneumoniae* CSP2 (250 nM) was used as the positive control (100%) while DMSO as the negative control (0%). Percent (%) comX activation was measured by normalizing the Miller units obtained for each peptide to that of CSP2. All peptides were screened in triplicate over three separate trials. Error bars indicate standard error of the mean of nine values.



**Figure S-14.** Primary antagonism screening assay data for the synthetic *Streptococci* native CSP pheromones. None of the peptides exhibited inhibition of the *S. pneumoniae* ComD2 receptor.



**Figure S-15.** Primary antagonism screening assay data for the *S. mitis*-CSP-2 point and multiple modification analogues. None of the peptides exhibited inhibition of the *S. pneumoniae* ComD2 receptor.



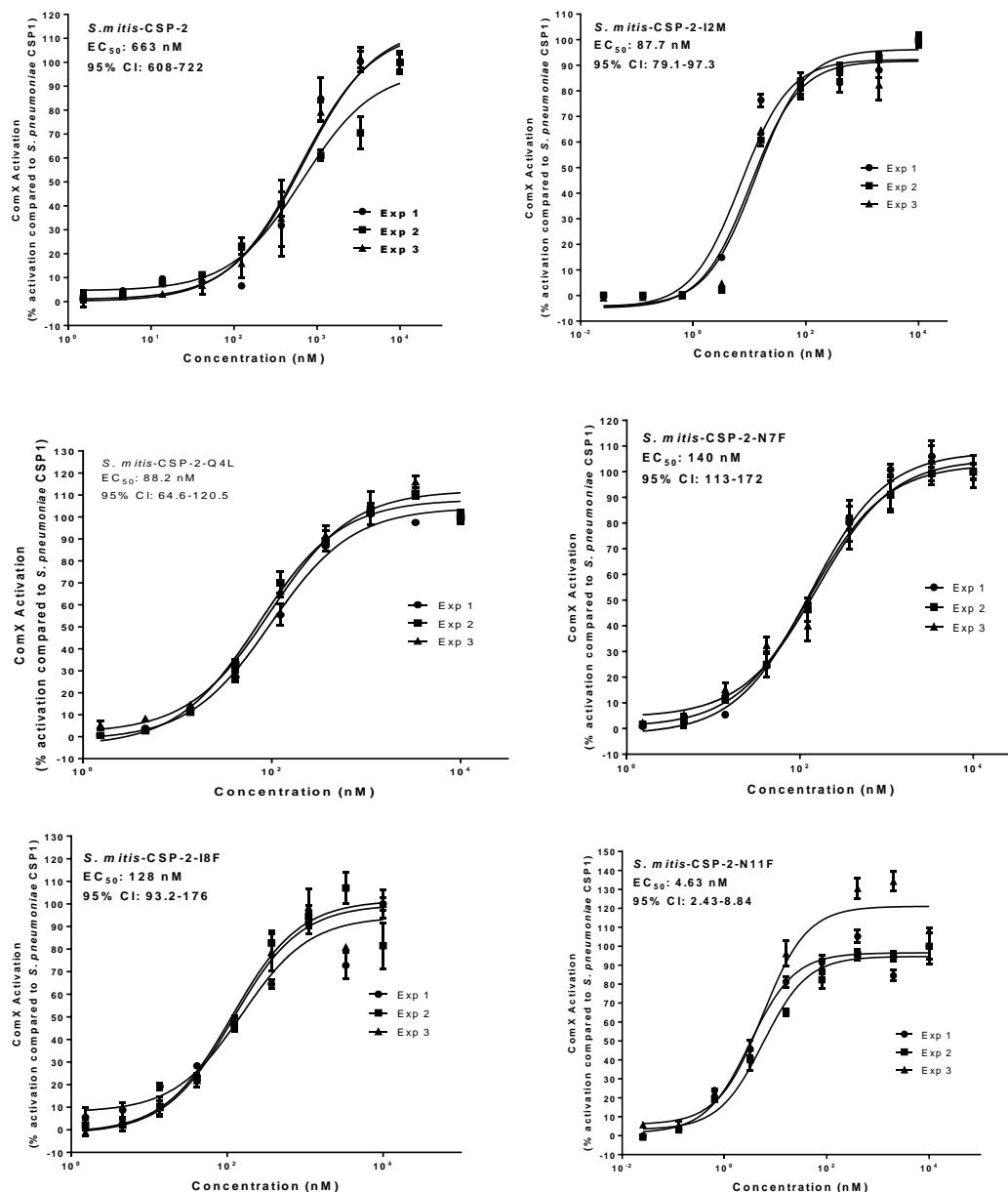
**Figure S-16.** Primary antagonism screening assay data for the *S. mitis*-CSP-2-E1A modification analogues. Peptides that exhibited less than 50% activation were further evaluated to determine their IC<sub>50</sub>.

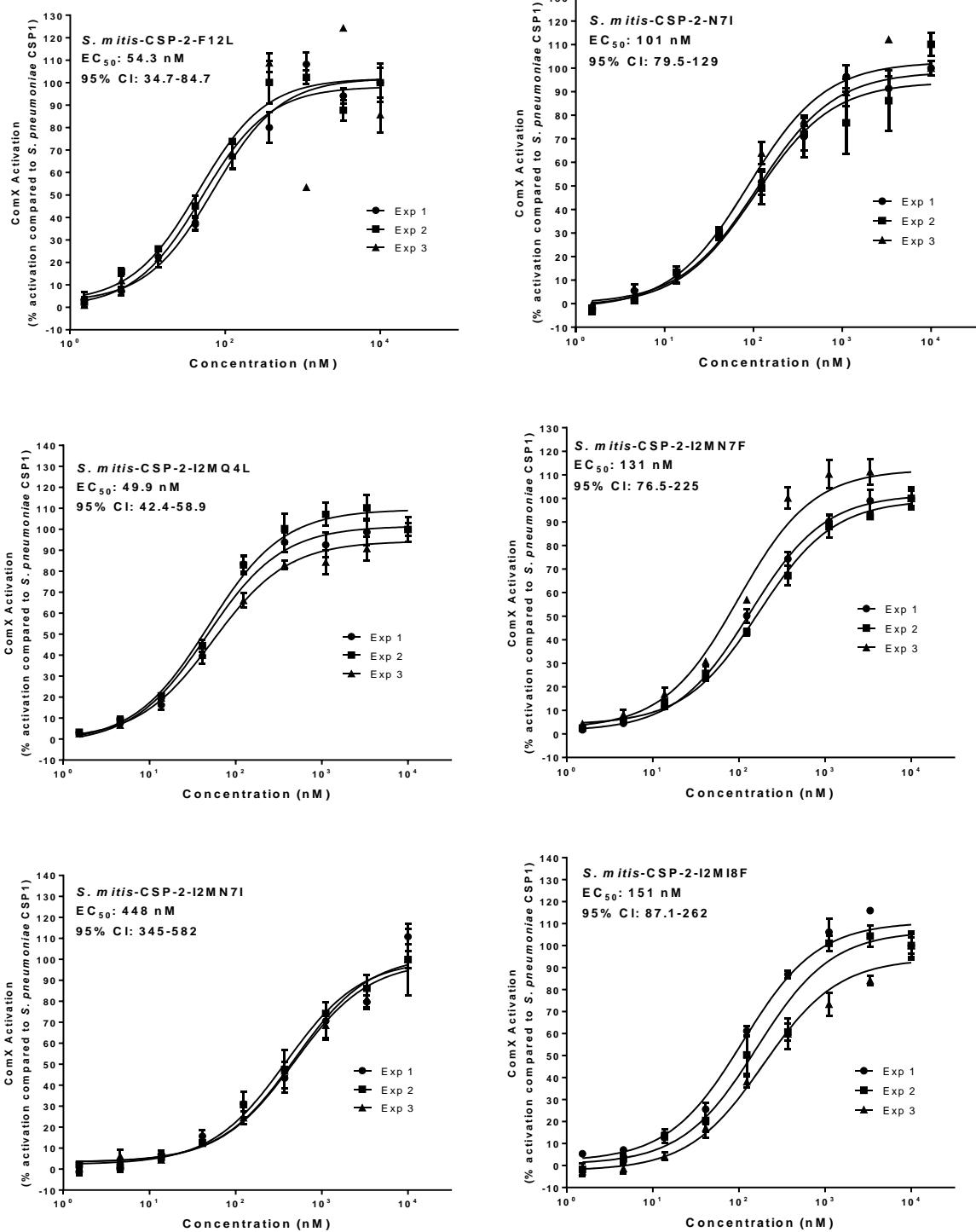
## Agonism and antagonism dose response curves

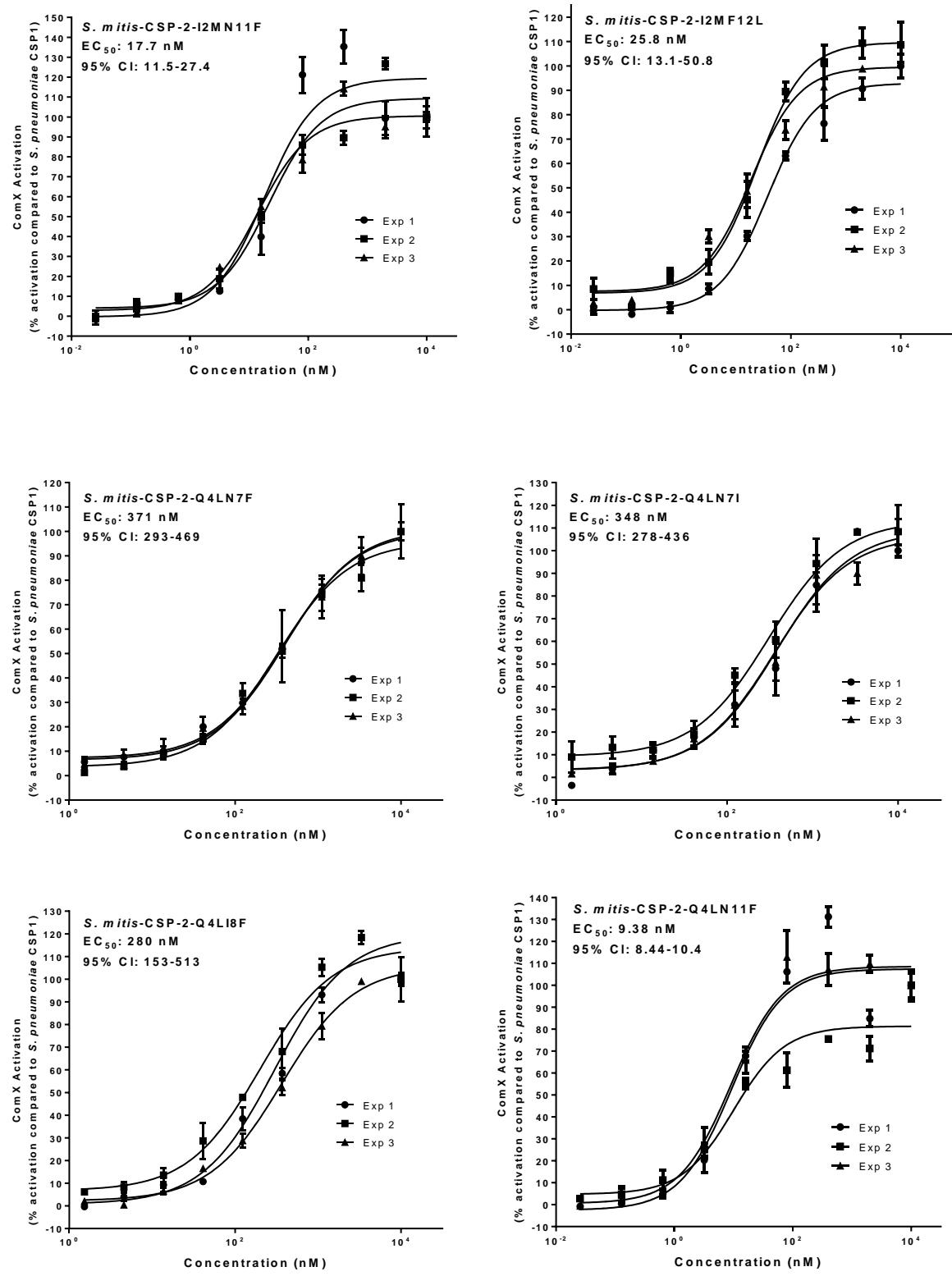
*S. mitis*-CSP-2 analogues were tested to determine their EC<sub>50</sub> or IC<sub>50</sub> values over varying concentrations in the two indicated *S. pneumoniae* beta-galactosidase reporter strains. Each dose response experiment was performed in triplicate on three separate occasions (i.e., experiments (Exp.) #1-3; shown for each peptide below). Error bars indicate standard error of the mean of triplicate values. In each plot, the peptide, as well as its EC<sub>50</sub> or IC<sub>50</sub> value (in nM) and 95% confidence interval (95% CI) values (in nM), are indicated at top left.

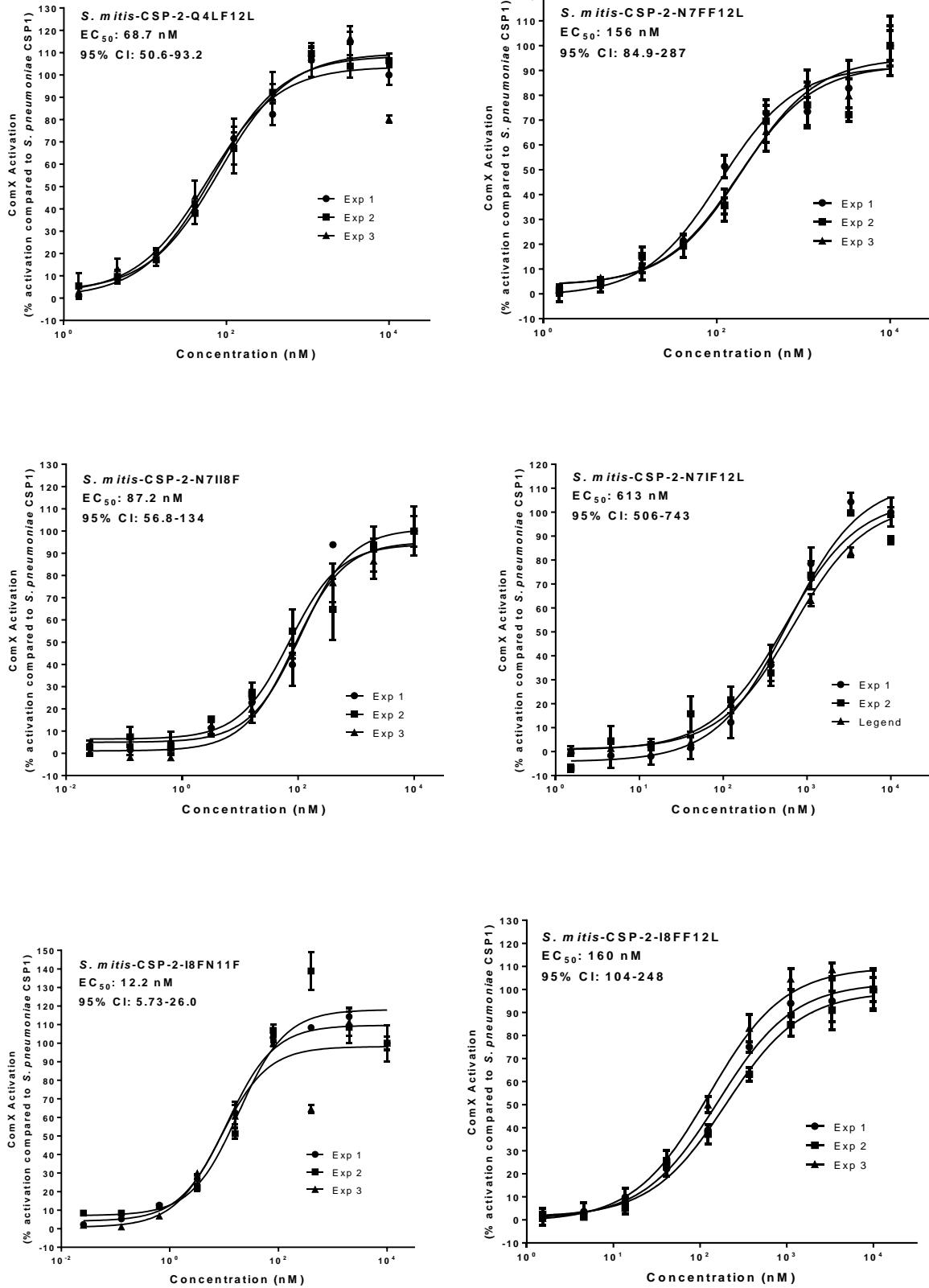
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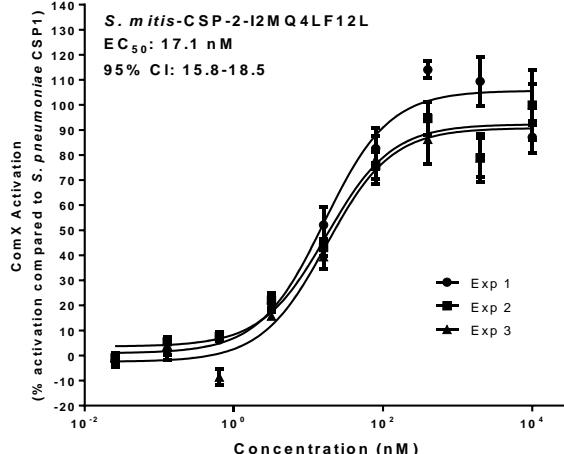
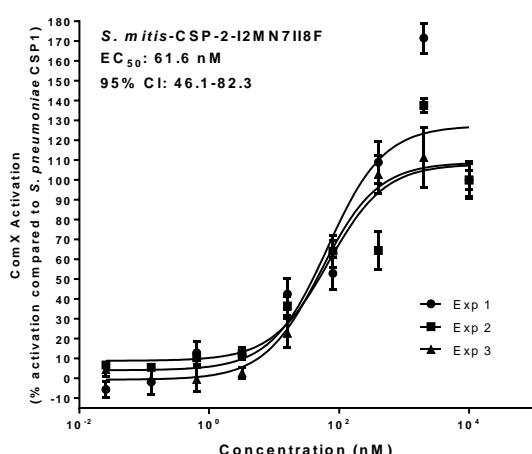
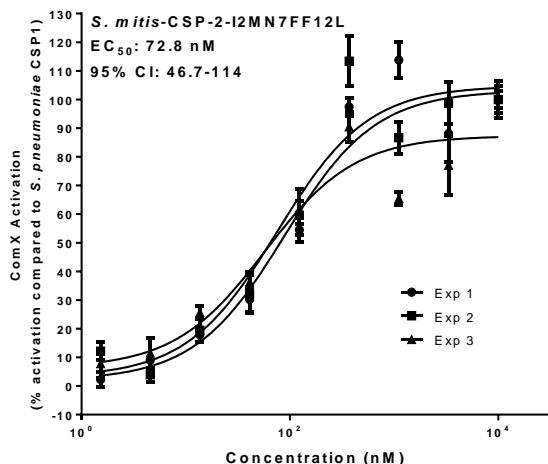
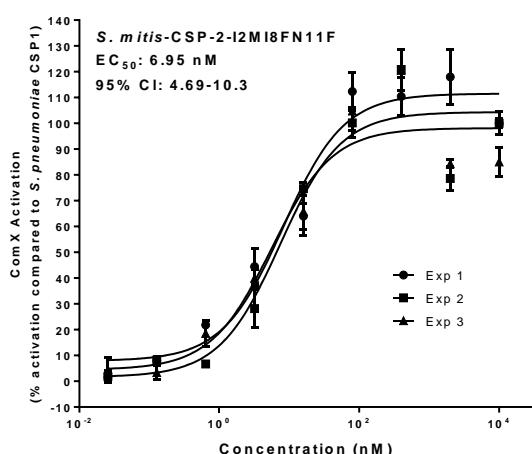
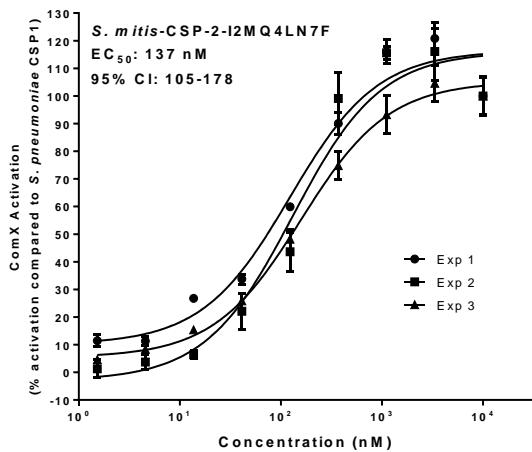
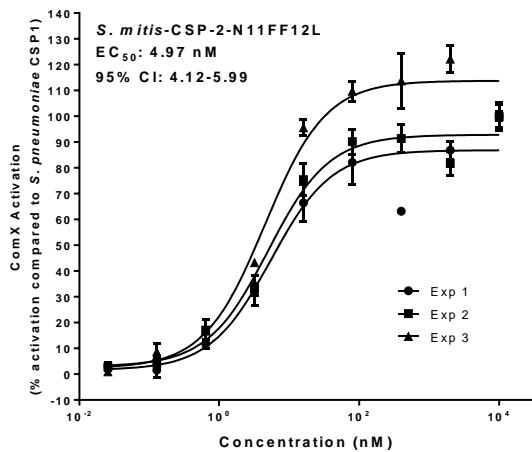
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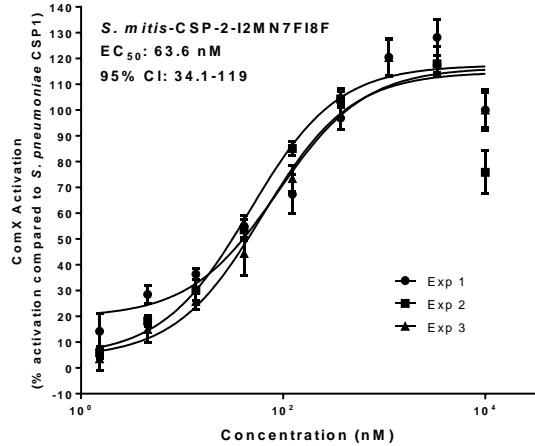
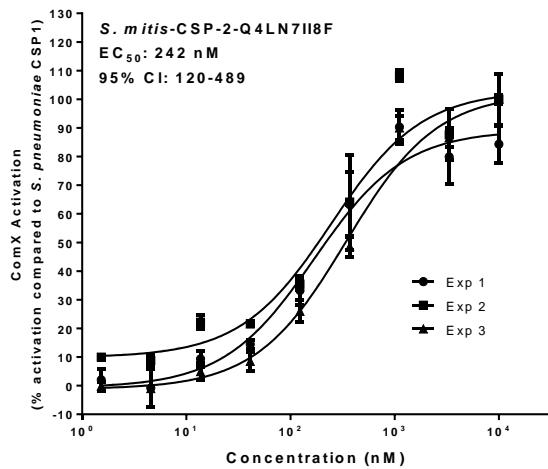
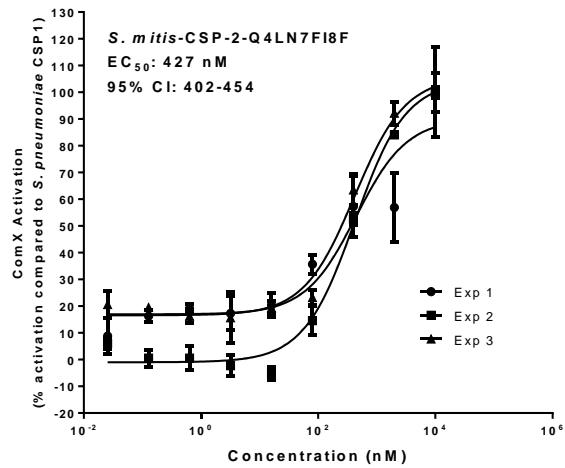
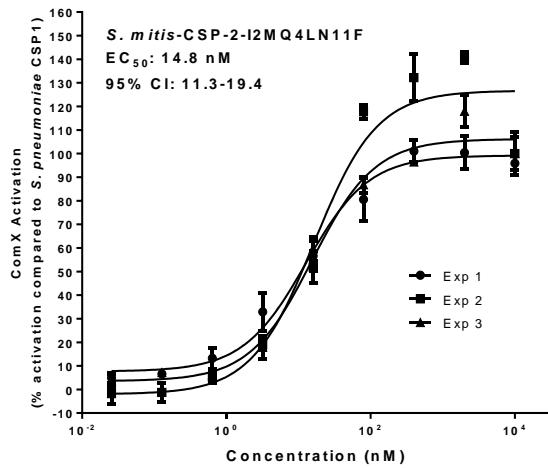
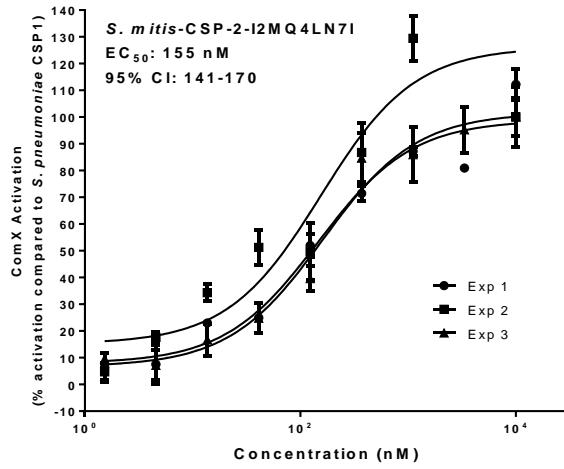
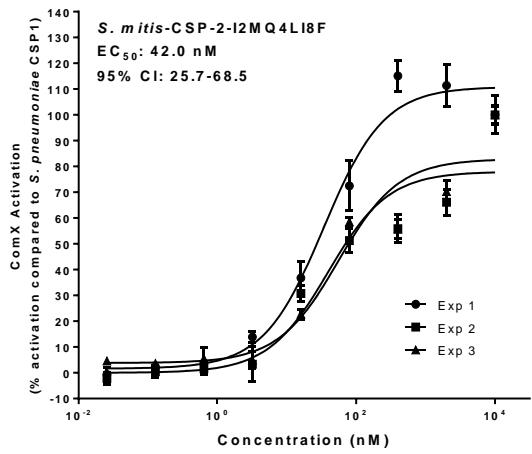


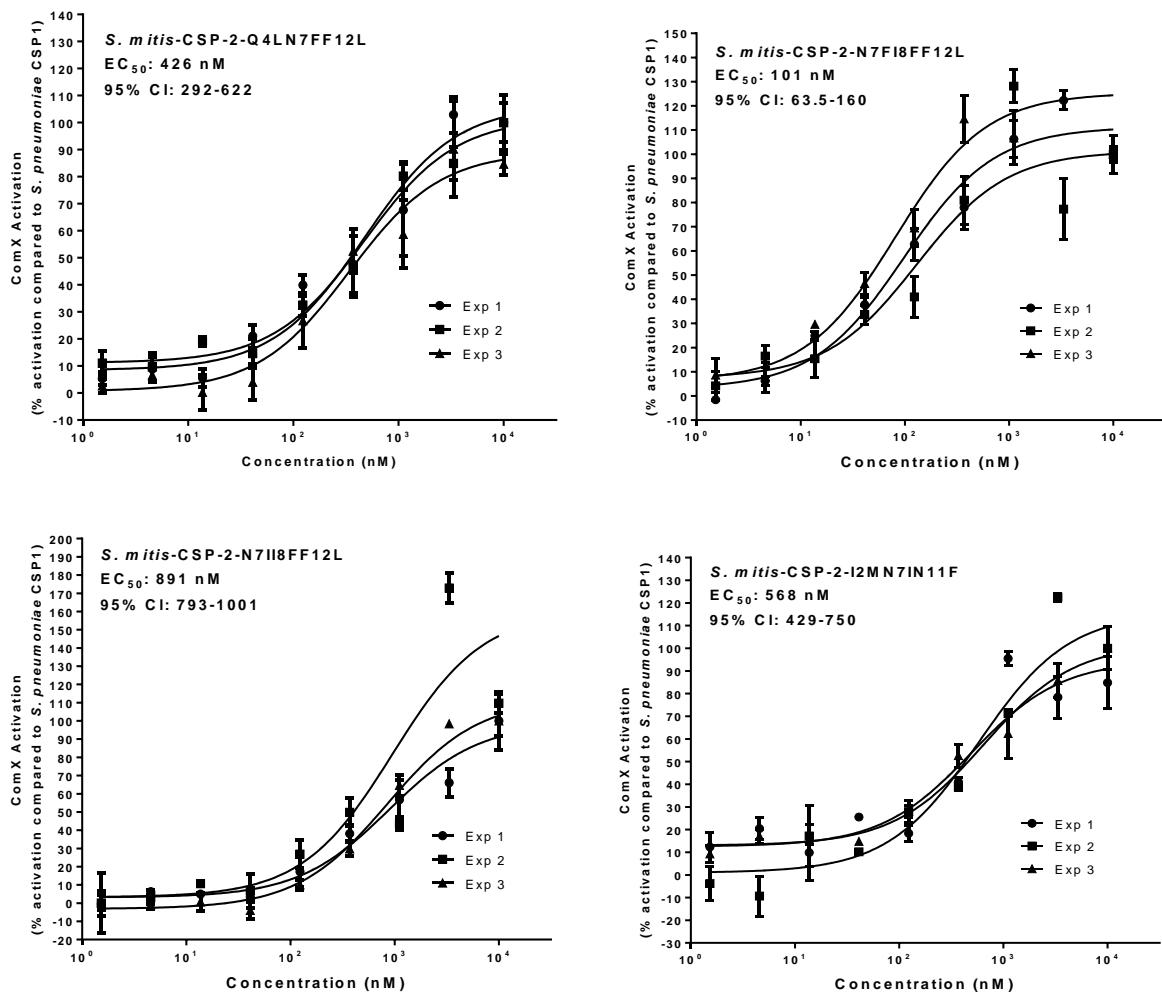




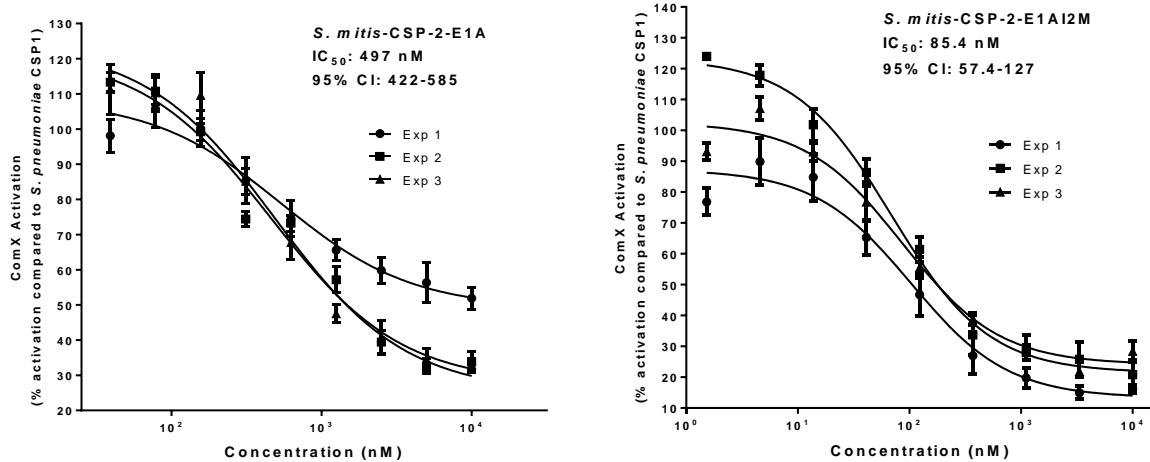


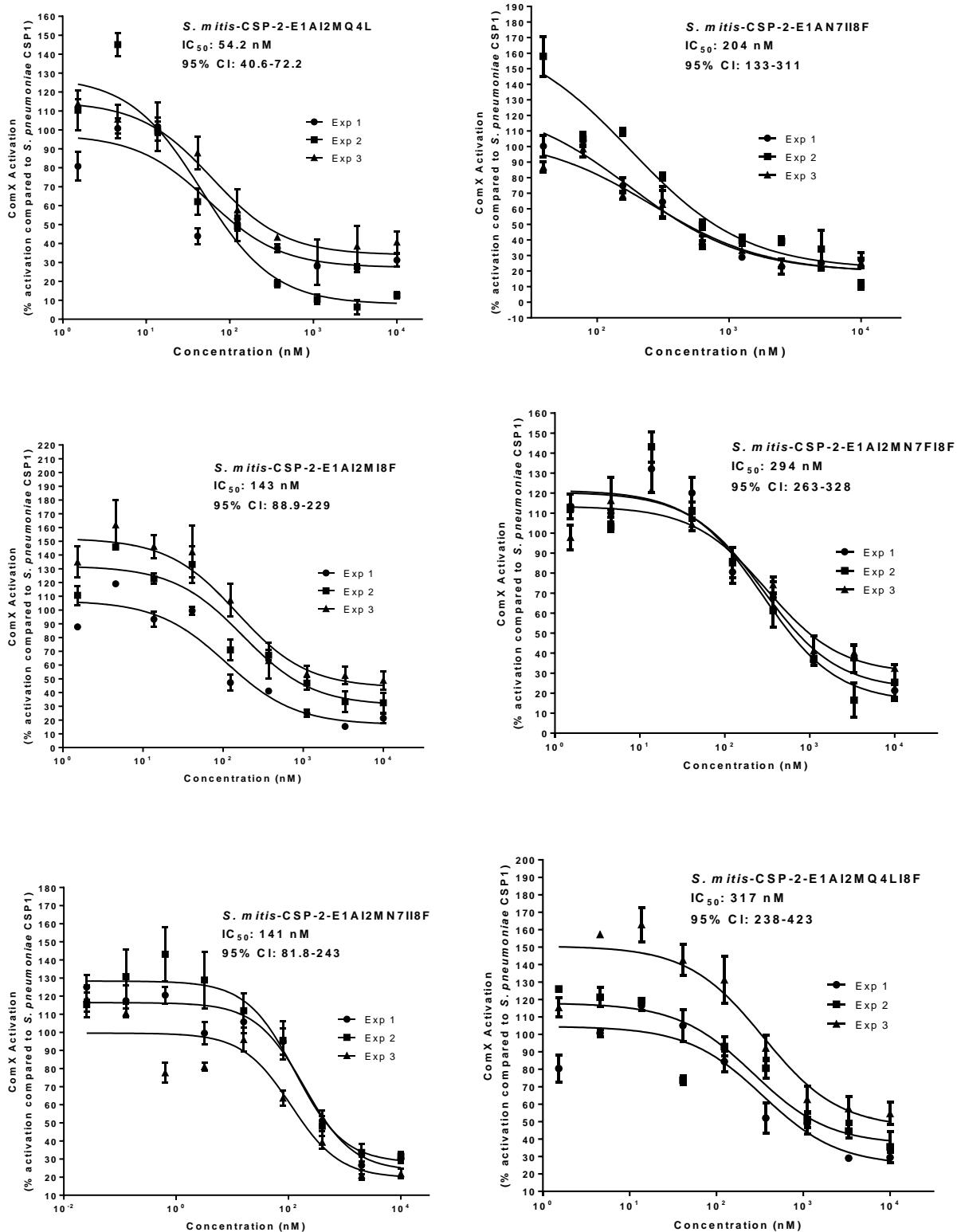






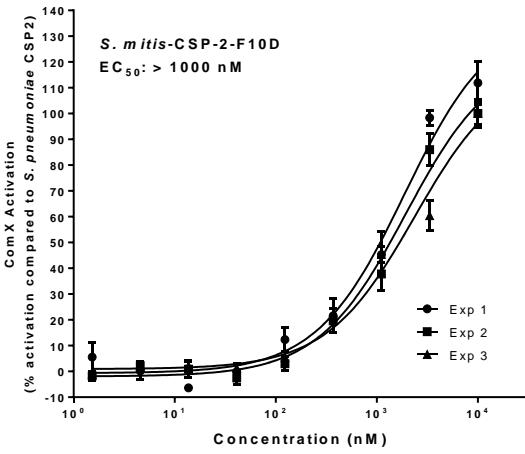
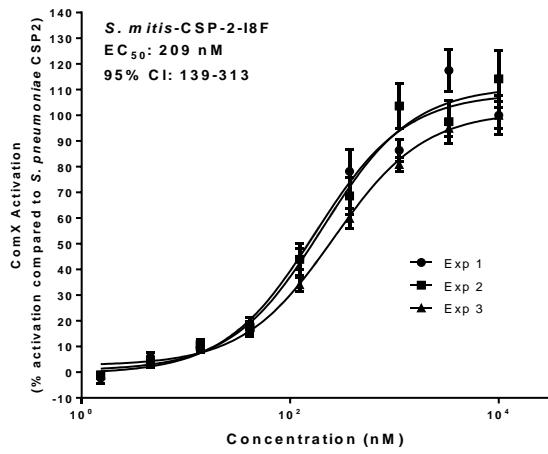
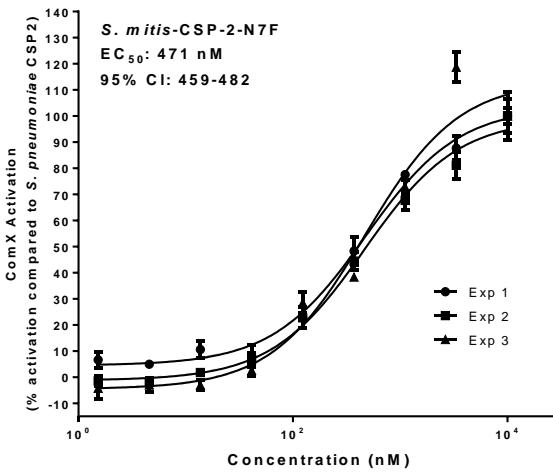
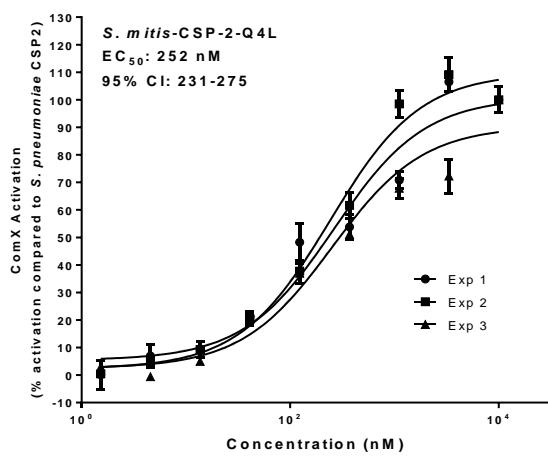
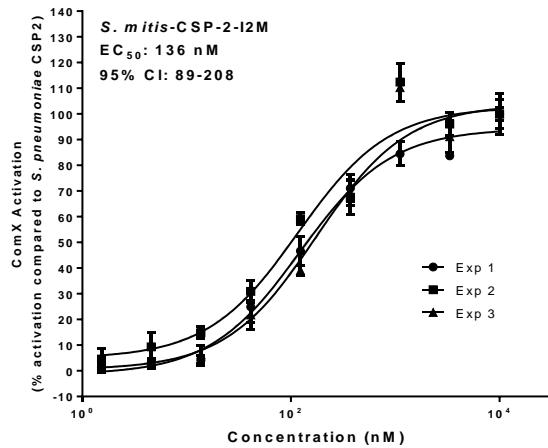
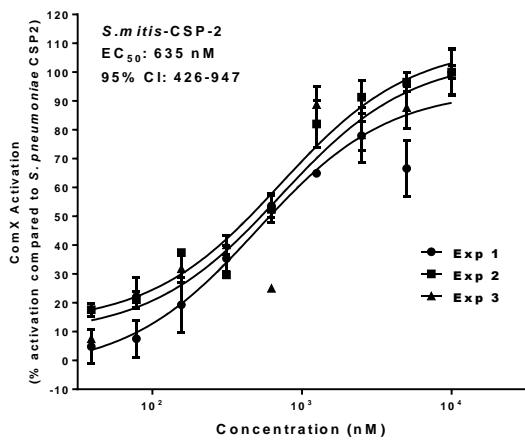
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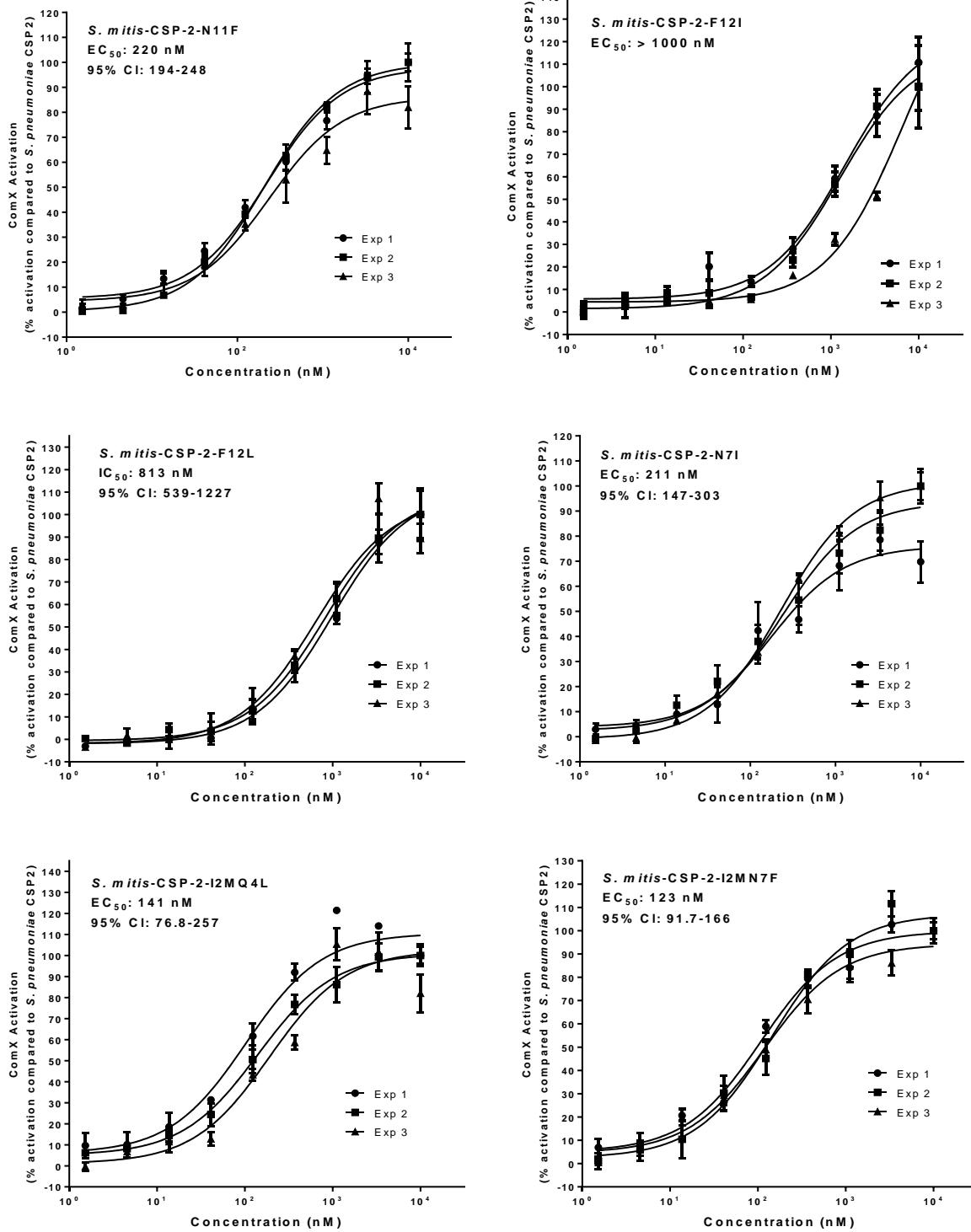


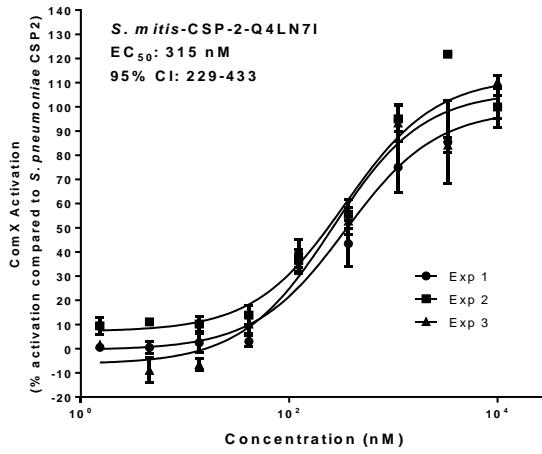
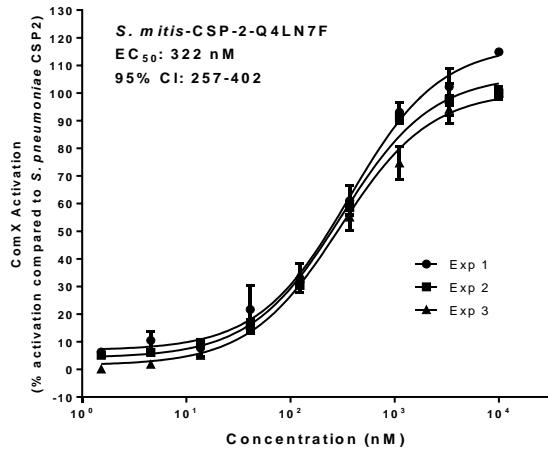
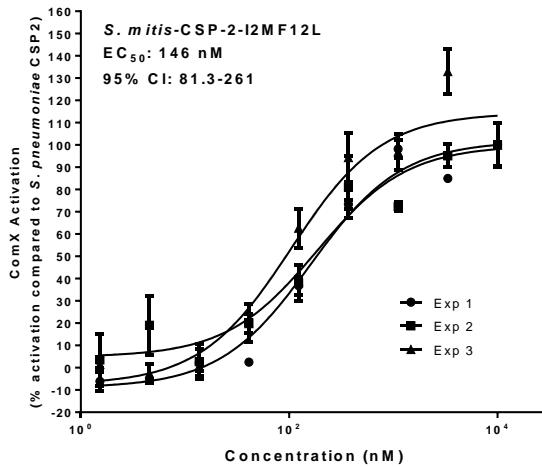
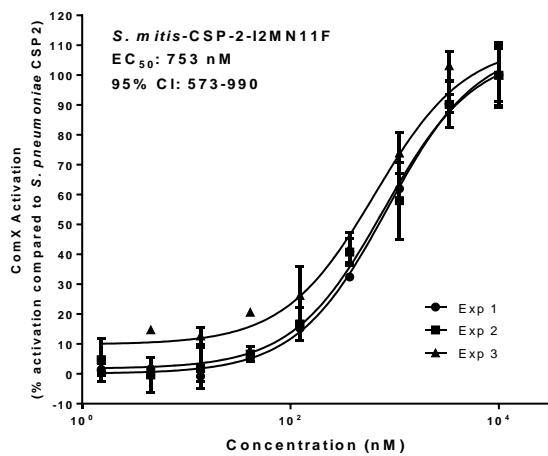
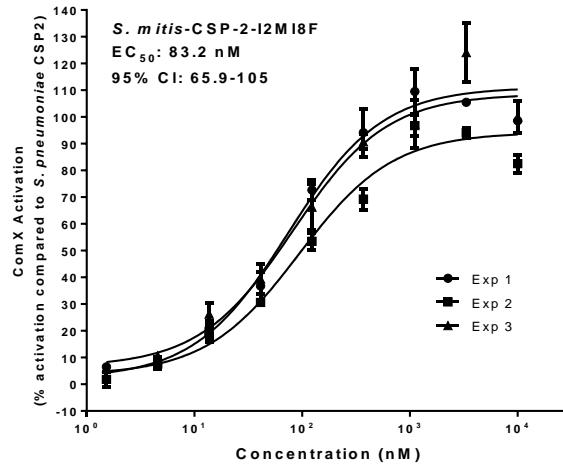
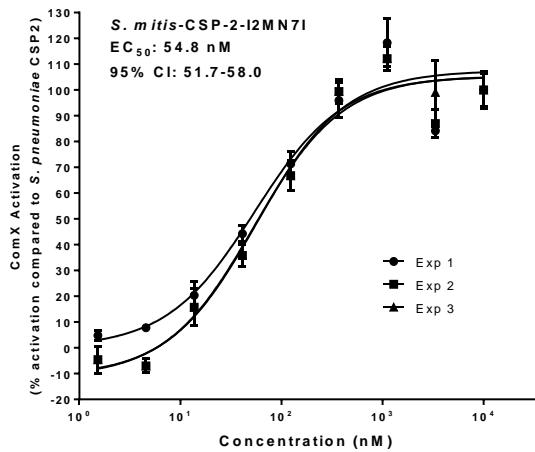


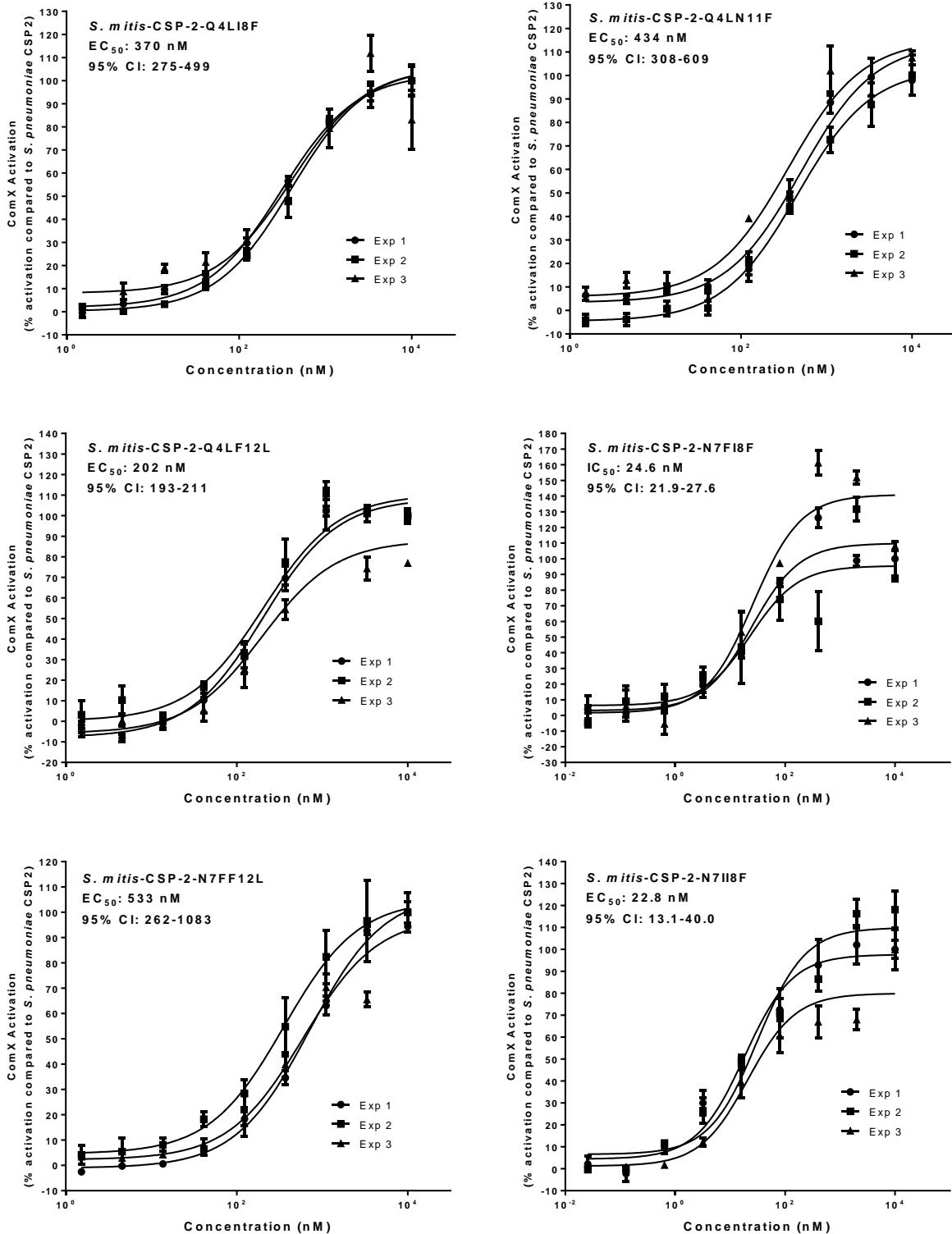
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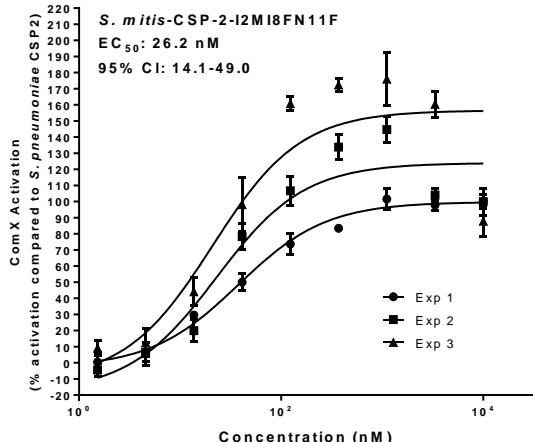
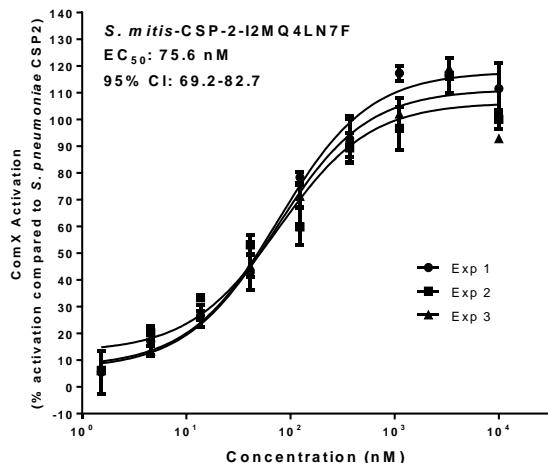
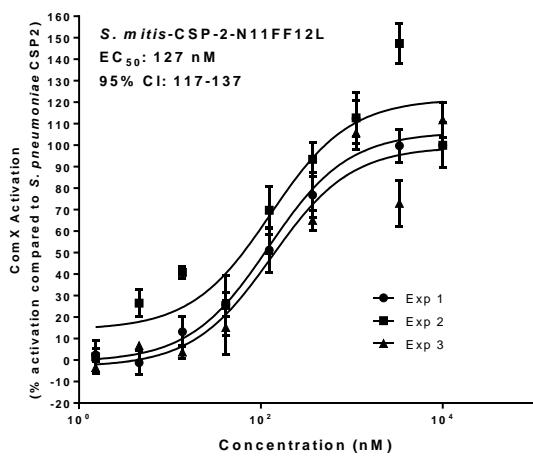
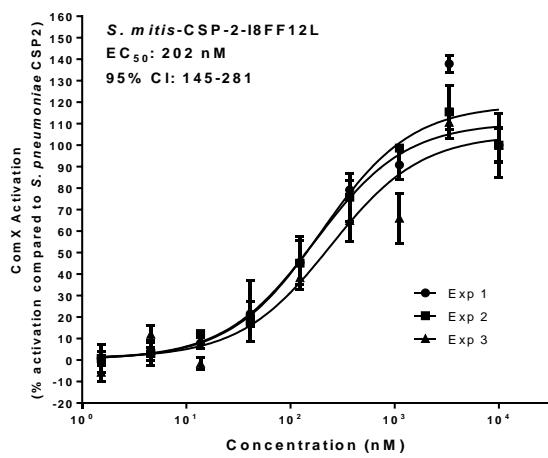
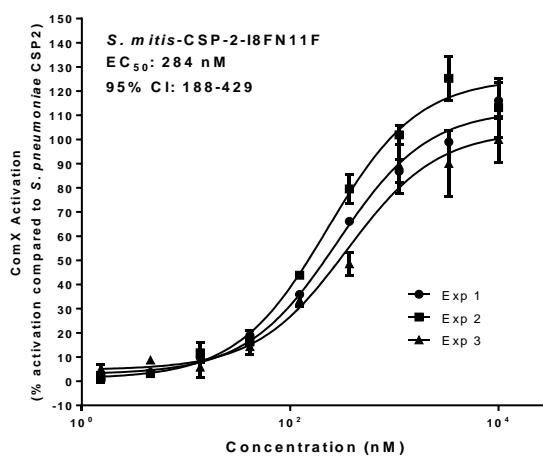
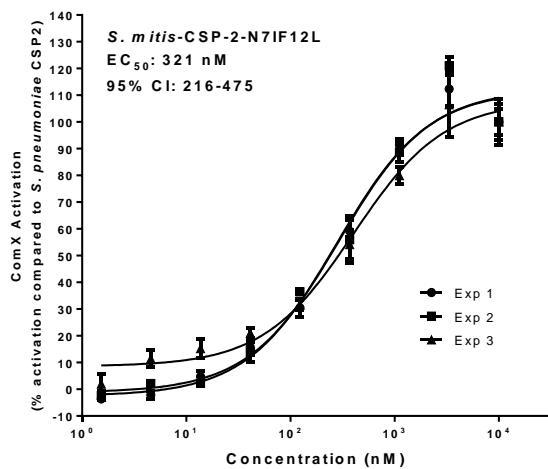
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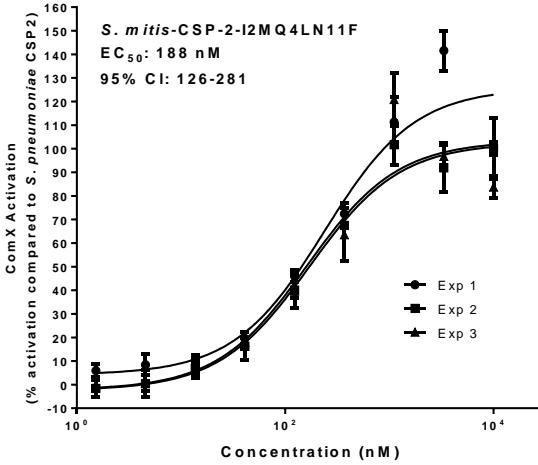
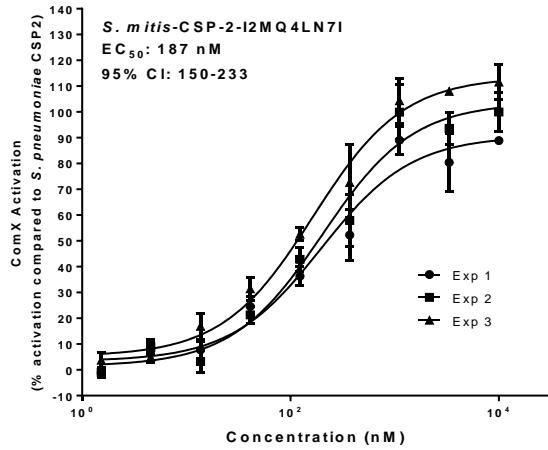
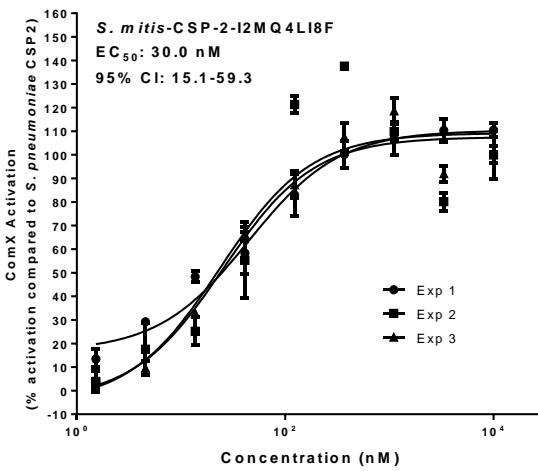
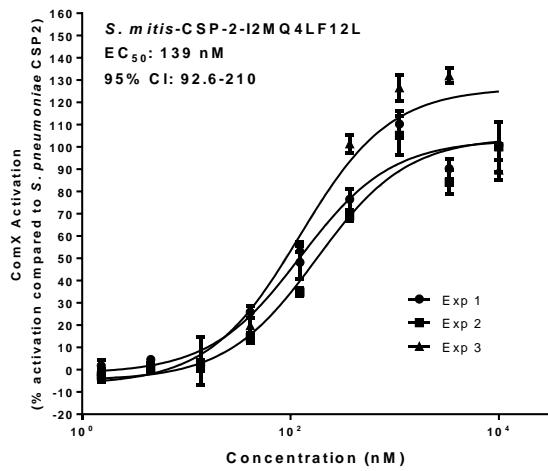
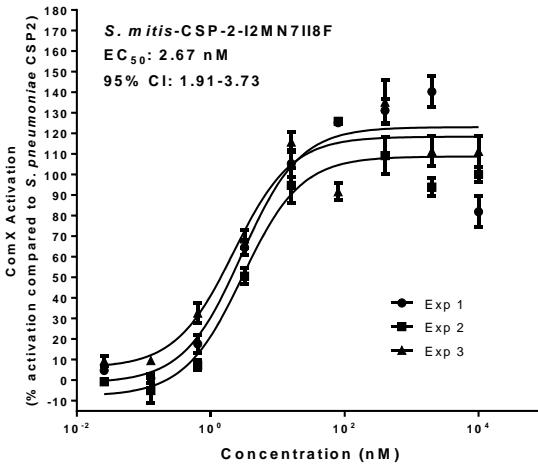
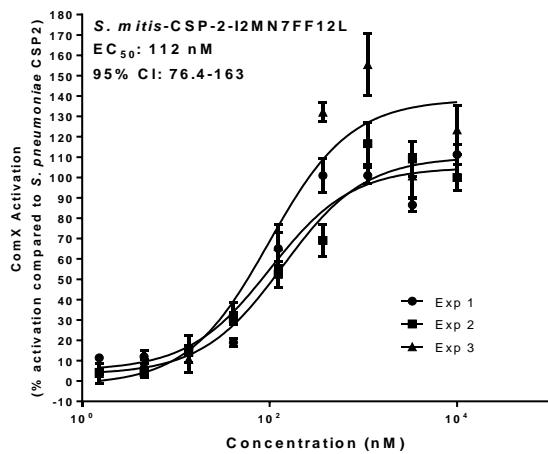


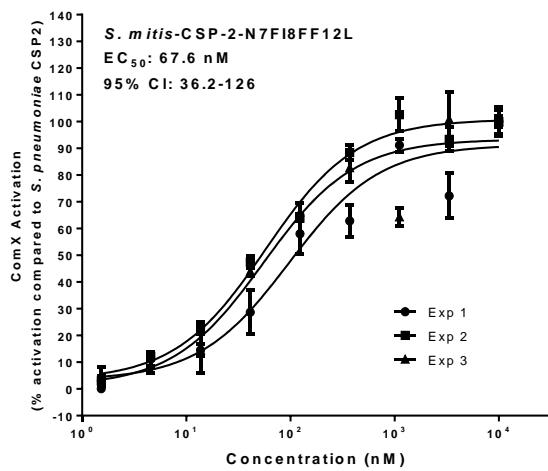
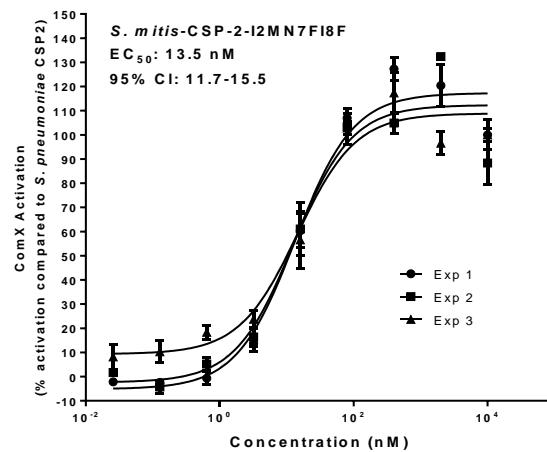
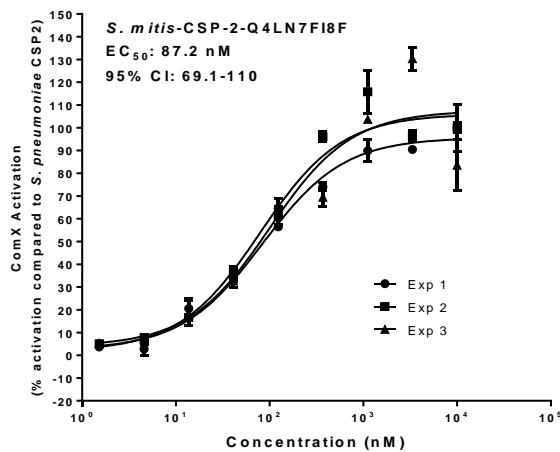




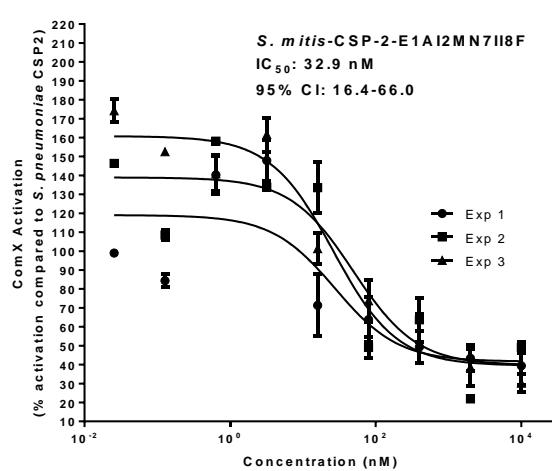
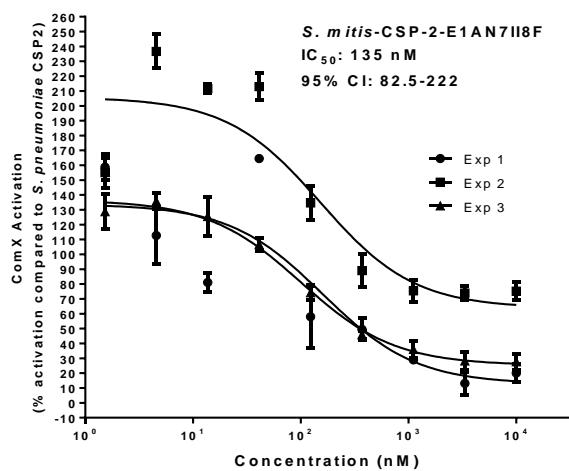


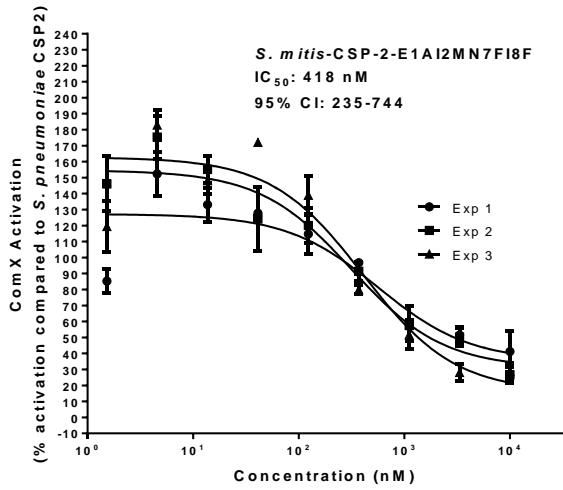






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