**Supporting Information** 

## Effect of a Novel Compound as Dietary Supplement on Growth of Decapod Crustaceans

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**Fig. S1. Characterization of CGE-1 using <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectra.** The distribution of characteristic aromatic and aliphatic protons according to their occurrence in those regions was confirmed with proton NMR.



**Fig. S2.** <sup>13</sup>**C NMR Spectra of CGE-1**. The carbon NMR spectrum was used to confirm the two benzene rings along with the diamine aliphatic region according to their prediction space in the spectra.



**Fig. S3.** The changes in mean weight gain (%) for the experimental groups of *P. homarus*. Both sets of treated groups gained significantly more weight than the respective sets of control groups (data represented as mean  $\pm$  SEM where P<0.001and n=10 for both 'oral' and 'injected' groups).



Fig. S4. Changes in hemolymph ecdysteroid concentration (20E) titer during different molting stages. 20E, Growth enhancer and eyestalk ablation (EA) caused a large, ephemeral increase in ecdysteroid concentration in the hemolymph (values are represented as mean  $\pm$  SEM, n=10). Lobsters were sampled at various time intervals and ecdysteroid was quantified by enzyme-immunoassay (EIA). The dotted line represents the significant increase in the ecdysteroid titer before Ecdysis.



Fig. S5. Time course activity of CGE-1, 20E and eyestalk ablation on hemolymph glucose titers in *Panulirus homarus* in relation to controls. Values are expressed as means  $\pm$  SD. The level of hemolymph glucose in the eyestalk ablated group was significantly lower compared to eyestalk intact lobsters (p < 0.001). Asterisk represents a maximum hemolymph glucose level was observed at 2h after initiating the experiment.



Fig. S6. Relative changes in total protein from muscle. The treatment of CGE-1 led to an enhanced protein synthesis capacity as compared to control. Increased muscle protein content under CGE-1 administration suggests an affinity growth of tail muscle without causing damage in its structure. Results are expressed as the standard error of the mean, where n=10 (P<0.001).



Fig. S7. A group based differences of hepatopancreas protein concentration (g/100g) in *P. homarus*. Muscle protein concentration differed significantly among the experimental groups (data represented as mean  $\pm$  SEM, n=10, P<0.0001).



Fig. S8. Post experimental HDL quantification from hepatopancreas of *P. homarus*. There was a marked increase in the amount of lipoproteins when compared to control group HDL content. Such a difference was observed in both oral and injected groups. Results are expressed as the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n=10, P<0.001).