| Peptide        | Sequence  |
|----------------|---|
| CM4            | <i>RWKIFKKIEKVGQNIRDGIVKAGPAVAVVGQAATI-</i> COOH              |
| P1 (CM4-MA II) | <i>RWKIFKKI</i> GIGKFLHSAKKF                                  |
| P2 (CM4-ME)    | <i>RWKIFKKI</i> GAVLKVL                                       |
| P3 (AcNH-CM4)  | AcNH- <i>RWKIFKKIEKVGQNIRDGIVKAGPAVAVVGQAATI</i>              |
| P4 (KKKKKKCM4) | KKKKKKRWKIFKKIEKVGQNIRDGIVKAGPAVAVVGQAATI                     |
| CM4N           | <i>RWKIFKKIEKVGQNIRDGIVKAGPAVAVVGQAATI-</i> CONH <sub>2</sub> |

Table S1. The sequence of peptide

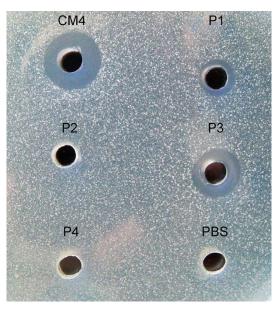


Figure S1. Inhibition zone assay of the bioactivity of ABP-CM4 (16  $\mu$ M), P1 (32  $\mu$ M), P2, (32  $\mu$ M), P3 (32  $\mu$ M) and P4 (32  $\mu$ M) in comparison to the control treatment with PBS.

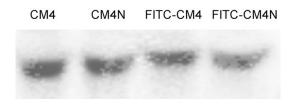
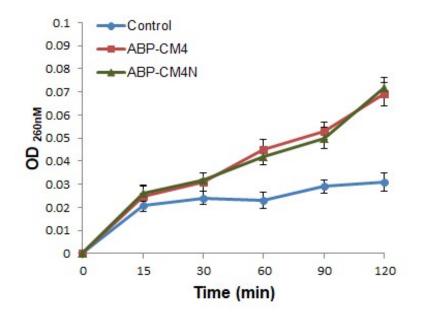


Figure S2. Tricine/SDS–PAGE analysis of ABPs and FITC-ABPs.



**Figure S3.** The analysis of total nucleotide leakage caused by ABPs by ultraviolet absorption. The peptides concentration of ABP-CM4 was 16  $\mu$ M. The peptides concentration of ABP-CM4N was 8  $\mu$ M. Data points present mean  $\pm$  SE (n=3) of three independent experiments.

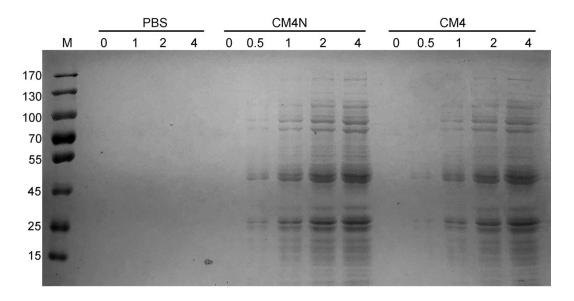


Figure S4. The analysis of total protein leakage caused by ABPs by SDS-PAGE. The peptides concentration of ABP-CM4 was 16  $\mu$ M. The peptides concentration of ABP-CM4 was 8  $\mu$ M.

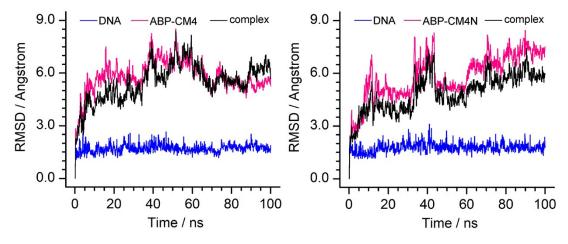
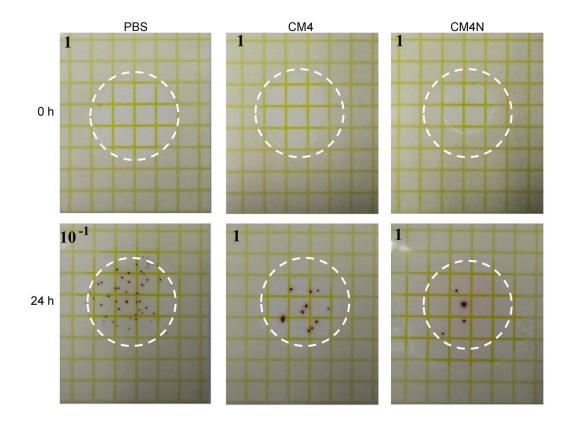
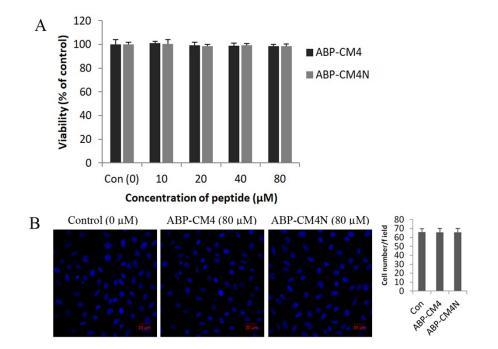


Figure S5. RMSDs of the ABP-CM4–DNA and ABP-CM4N–DNA binding complexes.



**Figure S6.** Inhibition of bacteria in meat samples of porks. The peptides concentration of ABP-CM4 or ABP-CM4N was 16  $\mu$ M. Each value is expressed as the mean  $\pm$  SE (n=3) of three independent experiments. The average number of positive colonies treated by FITC-CM4 or FITC-CM4N was 26  $\pm$  2 CFU/mL and 14

 $\pm$  2 CFU/mL (p < 0.05). The average number of colonies treated with PBS was 940  $\pm$  9 CFU/mL.



**Figure S7.** Cytotoxicity assay of ABP-CM4 and ABP-CM4N to HEK-293 cells. Cell viability was measured following a standard MTT assay procedure (A). The mean absorbance of the control values representing 100% cell viability, and the mean absorbance of treated cells was related to control values to determine sensitivity. Data points present mean  $\pm$  SE (n=3) of three independent experiments. There was no difference in the cell viability compared with the control group. The cell number treated with high concentration peptides (80  $\mu$ M) was observed by fluorescence microscope (B). The nucleus was stained by DAPI. Data points present mean  $\pm$  SE (n=10) of ten independent visual field. There was no difference in the number of cells treated with 80  $\mu$ M peptides compared with the control group.