

Supporting Information

Effect of Salts on the Self-Assembly Behavior and Antibacterial
Activity of a Surfactant-Like Peptide

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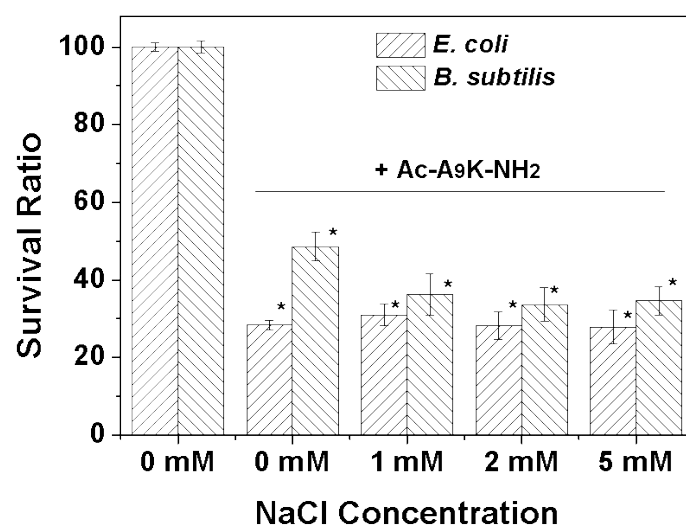


Figure S1. The antibacterial activity of 0.1 mM Ac-A₉K-NH₂ against (a) *E. coli*. and (b) *B. subtilis* at different concentrations of NaCl.

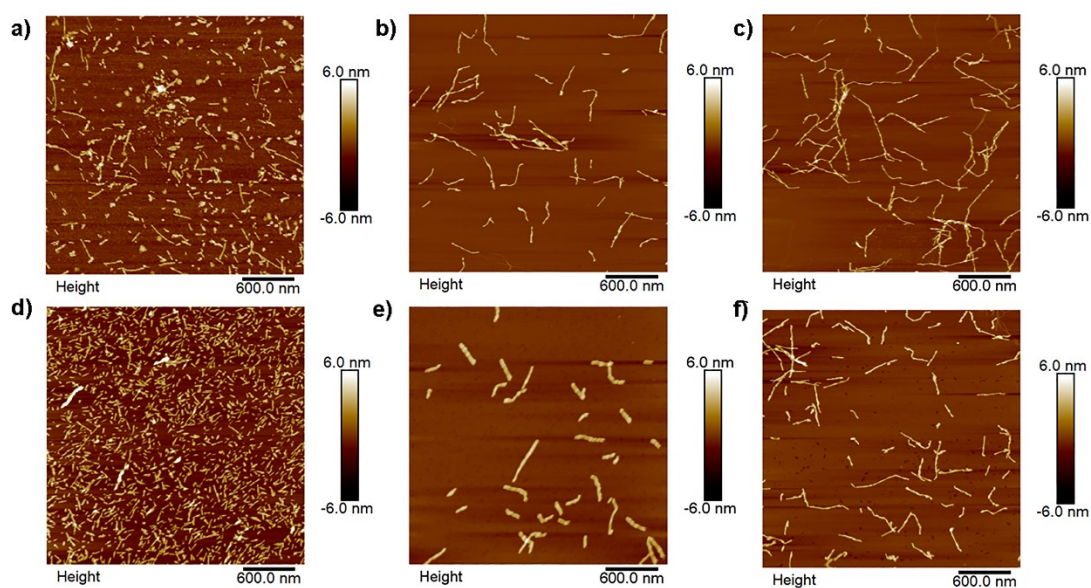


Figure S2. AFM height images of Ac-A₉K-NH₂ in the presence of different salts at varied concentrations: (a) 0.1 mM CaCl₂, (b) 1 mM CaCl₂, (c) 2 mM CaCl₂, (d) 0.1 mM NaCl, (e) 1 mM NaCl, and (f) 2 mM NaCl.

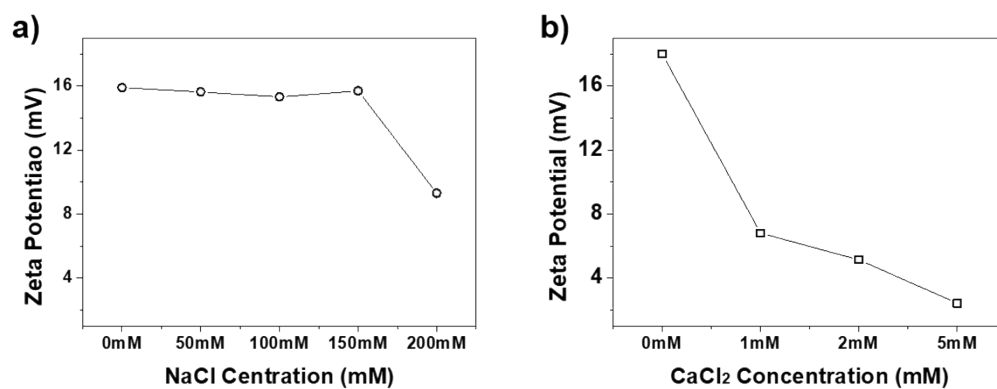


Figure S3. Zeta potential of Ac-A₉K-NH₂ assemblies in the presence of different concentrations of (a) NaCl and (b) CaCl₂.

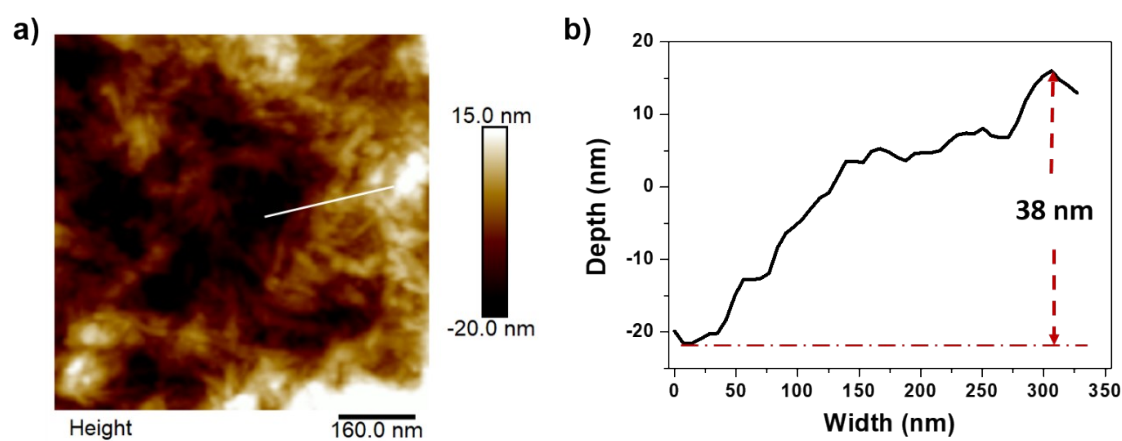


Figure S4. AFM height images of *E. coli* surface after incubation with Ac-A₉K-NH₂ in the presence of 200 mM NaCl. b) Corresponding cross-sectional height profiles indicated in a.

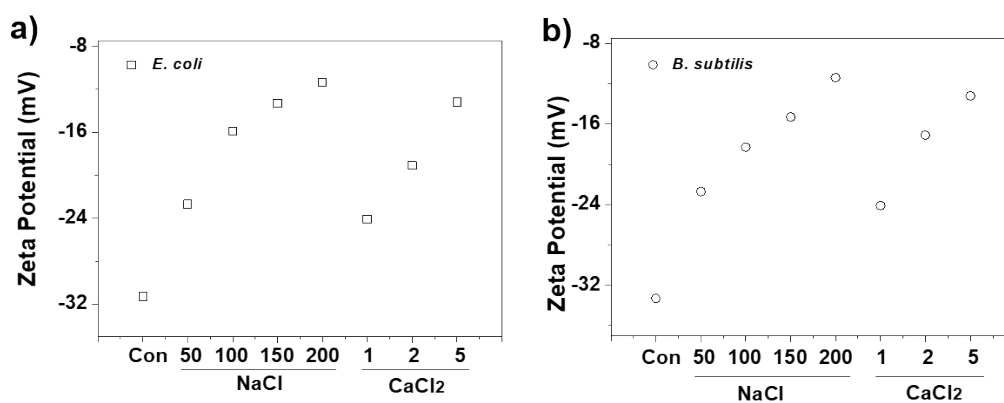


Figure S5. Zeta potential of (a) *E. coli* and (b) *B. subtilis* in the presence of different concentrations of NaCl and CaCl₂.