# **Supporting Information**

### Physical Mixture of a Cyclic Lipopeptide Vaccine Induced High Titres of Opsonic IgG Antibodies against Group A *Streptococcus*

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#### **Azido-functionalised J8-PADRE**



#### **BB1** (KKSS-C16-C16-NH<sub>2</sub>)



**Figure S2. A)** KKSS-C16-C16-NH<sub>2</sub> Structure. **B)** RP-HPLC trace and mass spectra for **KKSS-C16-C16-NH**<sub>2</sub> (10.6 mg, 48%.).  $R_t = 20.9 \text{ min}$  (C<sub>4</sub> column, 0-100% solvent B, 30 min). Molecular weight (C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>99</sub>N<sub>9</sub>O<sub>8</sub>): 954.4 g/mol. ESI-MS: [M + 1H]<sup>+1</sup> m/z 955.0 (calcd: 955.4).



**Figure S3.** RP-HPLC trace and mass spectra for **BB2** (5.4 mg, 32%).  $R_t = 19.0 \text{ min} (C_{18} \text{ column}, 0.100\% \text{ solvent B, 30 min})$ . Molecular weight  $(C_{51}H_{79}N_{13}O_{12})$ : 1066.27 g/mol. ESI-MS:  $[M + 1H]^{+1} \text{ m/z} 1066.7$  (calcd: 1067.27),  $[M + 2H]^{+2} \text{ m/z} 533.8$  (calcd: 534.1).



**Figure S4.** RP-HPLC trace and mass spectra for **BB4** (4.8 mg, 16%). R<sub>t</sub> = 27.3 min (C<sub>4</sub> column, 0-100% solvent B, 30 min). Molecular weight ( $C_{106}H_{172}N_{16}O_{18}$ ): 1958.64 g/mol. ESI-MS: [M + 1H]<sup>+1</sup> m/z 1960.2 (calcd: 1959.64), [M + 2H]<sup>+2</sup> m/z 980.0 (calcd: 980.32), [M + 3H]<sup>+3</sup> m/z 654.2 (calcd: 653.9).



**Figure S5.** RP-HPLC trace and mass spectra for **VC-2** (2.3 mg, 14%.).  $R_t = 21.0 \text{ min} (C_4 \text{ column}, 0-100\% \text{ solvent B, 30 min}). Molecular weight (<math>C_{520}H_{866}N_{142}O_{140}$ ): 11347.50 g/mol. ESI-MS:  $[M + 6H]^{+6}$  m/z 1892.7 (calcd: 1892.3),  $[M + 7H]^{+7}$  m/z 1622.0 (calcd: 1622.1),  $[M + 8H]^{+8}$  m/z 1419.4 (calcd: 1419.4),  $[M + 9H]^{+9}$  m/z 1261.9 (calcd: 1261.8),  $[M + 10H]^{+10}$  m/z 1136.1 (calcd: 1135.8),  $[M + 11H]^{+11}$  m/z 1032.5 (calcd: 1032.6).



**Figure S6.** RP-HPLC trace and mass spectra for **VC-0** (3.5 mg, 19%).  $R_t = 19.6 \text{ min} (C_{18} \text{ column}, 0.100\% \text{ solvent B, 30 min}).$  Molecular weight  $(C_{471}H_{787}N_{141}O_{134})$ : 10569.33 g/mol. ESI-MS:  $[M + 8 \text{ H}]^{+8} \text{ m/z}$  1324.4 (calcd: 1322.2),  $[M + 9\text{H}]^{+9}$  m/z 1175.7 (calcd: 1175.4),  $[M + 10\text{H}]^{+10}$  m/z 1058.0 (calcd: 1057.9),  $[M + 11\text{H}]^{+11}$  m/z 962.1 (calcd: 961.8),  $[M + 12\text{H}]^{+12}$  m/z 881.8 (calcd: 881.8),  $[M + 13\text{H}]^{+13}$  m/z 813.7 (calcd: 814.0).

 Table S1. Vaccine building block dose for conjugated and physically mixed vaccine candidates per mouse.

| Vaccine Groups             | VC-2  | VC-0    | J8-PADRE | BB1    | BB2    | BB4    |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Physical Mixture A         | -     | -       | 24.8 ug  | 2.5 ug | 2.7 ug | -      |
| VC-0                       | -     | 27.3 ug | -        | -      | -      | -      |
| VC-2                       | 30 ug | -       | -        | -      | -      | -      |
| VC-4                       | -     | 27.3 ug | -        | 2.5 ug | -      | -      |
| VC-5                       |       |         | 24.8 ug  | -      | -      | 5.2 ug |
| VC-6                       | -     | -       | 24.8 ug  | 2.5 ug | -      | -      |
| VC-7                       | -     | -       | 24.8 ug  | -      | 2.7 ug | -      |
| Cyclic Peptide Alone (BB2) | -     | -       | -        | -      | 2.7 ug | -      |

| Vaccine Groups             | Particle size (nm)                           | PDI          |  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Physical Mixture A         | 857.1 ± 56.9 (100%)                          | 0.29 ±0.034  |  |
| VC-5                       | 249.3 ± 8.1 (100%)                           | 0.456 ± 0.03 |  |
| VC-6                       | 228.6 ± 17.3 (100%)                          | 0.636 ±0.167 |  |
| VC-7                       | 200.3 ± 8.4 (100%)                           | 0.471 ±0.69  |  |
| BB1                        | 1713 ± 210.7 (100%)                          | 0.393 ±0.067 |  |
| Cyclic Peptide Alone (BB2) | 242.6 ± 14.7 (83.4%)<br>5138 ± 198.9 (16.6%) | 0.586 ±0.092 |  |
| BB4                        | 184.4 ± 16.1 (85.7%)<br>5324 ± 196.2 (14.3%) | 0.544 ±0.077 |  |
| J8-PADRE                   | 310.5 ± 29.9 (68.7%)<br>92.2 ± 9.2 (31.3%)   | 0.56 ±0.045  |  |

**Table S2.** DLS measurement for all vaccine compounds and Physical Mixtures.



**Figure S7.** Circular dichroism of individual vaccine building blocks (**J8-PADRE**, **BB1** [KKSS-C16-C16-NH<sub>2</sub>], **Cyclic Peptide Alone** [**BB2**]) and **Physical Mixture A**, **VC-5**, **VC-6**, and **VC-7**.