



## Antimicrobial Peptides as New Weapons to Fight Antimicrobial Resistance

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The emergence of resistance to multiple antimicrobial agents has become a serious public health threat with great social and economic impacts. It should also be highlighted that the discovery, development, manufacture, and marketing of new antibiotics has significantly slowed down in the past 20 years. Thus, effective alternative strategies to conventional antibiotics are urgently needed. Consequently, naturally occurring host defence peptides (HDPs), first called antimicrobial peptides (AMPs), have attracted considerable attention because of their antimicrobial, anti-biofilm, and immunomodulatory properties but, above all, because they generally do not lead to selection of resistant strains, since this would require an almost complete remodeling of the bacterial membrane architecture.





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