

Antifungal Protein and Peptide Research Group



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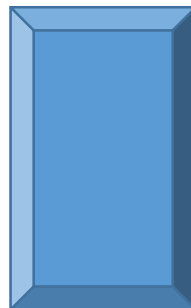
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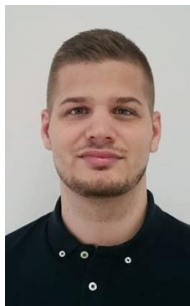
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Our mission:

Development of fundamental new protein/peptide-based antifungal strategies not just for the medical treatment, but also for the pest control and food preservation to improve human welfare.

Main research areas:

- Isolation and purification of antifungal proteins from filamentous fungi and plants
- Investigating the antifungal efficacy and the mode of action of antifungal proteins and their *de novo* designed peptide derivatives
- Investigating the biological role of antifungal proteins in the producer organism
- Development of expression systems for bulk production of antifungal proteins
- Investigating the potential application of antifungal proteins in the medicine and agriculture
- Rational design of antifungal proteins and peptide derivatives

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Some recent publication



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Article

Rational Design of Antifungal Peptides Based on the γ -Core Motif of a *Neosartorya (Aspergillus) fischeri* Antifungal Protein to Improve Structural Integrity, Efficacy, and Spectrum

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ARTICLE

Hard nut to crack: Solving the disulfide linkage pattern of the *Neosartorya (Aspergillus) fischeri* antifungal protein 2

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Isolation and identification of fungal biodeteriogens from the wall of a cultural heritage church and potential applicability of antifungal proteins in protection

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The combination of *Neosartorya (Aspergillus) fischeri* antifungal proteins with rationally designed γ -core peptide derivatives is effective for plant and crop protection

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Ongoing projects:

- Drug repurposing according to mechanism of action of an antifungal protein to inhibit *Candida* biofilms (OTKA K 146131)
- Antifungal proteins - Investigation of antifungal mechanism and biological role for new therapeutic approaches (OTKA FK 134343)
- Biofungicide and bioactivator potential of novel defensin-like proteins from *Solanum lycopersicum* L. (OTKA PD 134284)

