

## Supplementary Information

### Characterisation of Elevenin-Vc1 from the Venom of *Conus victoriae*: A Structural Analogue of $\alpha$ -Conotoxins

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**Table S1.** Chemical shifts (ppm) for  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{15}\text{N}$  resonances of elevenin-Vc1. Spectra collected on 1 mM elevenin-Vc1 in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  at pH 4.5 and 283 K. n.a., not assigned. The  $^1\text{H}$  chemical shifts were calibrated using dioxane peak at 3.75 ppm whereas the  $^{15}\text{N}$  chemical were referenced indirectly. The chemical shifts were deposited into BioMagResBank with id: 31054.

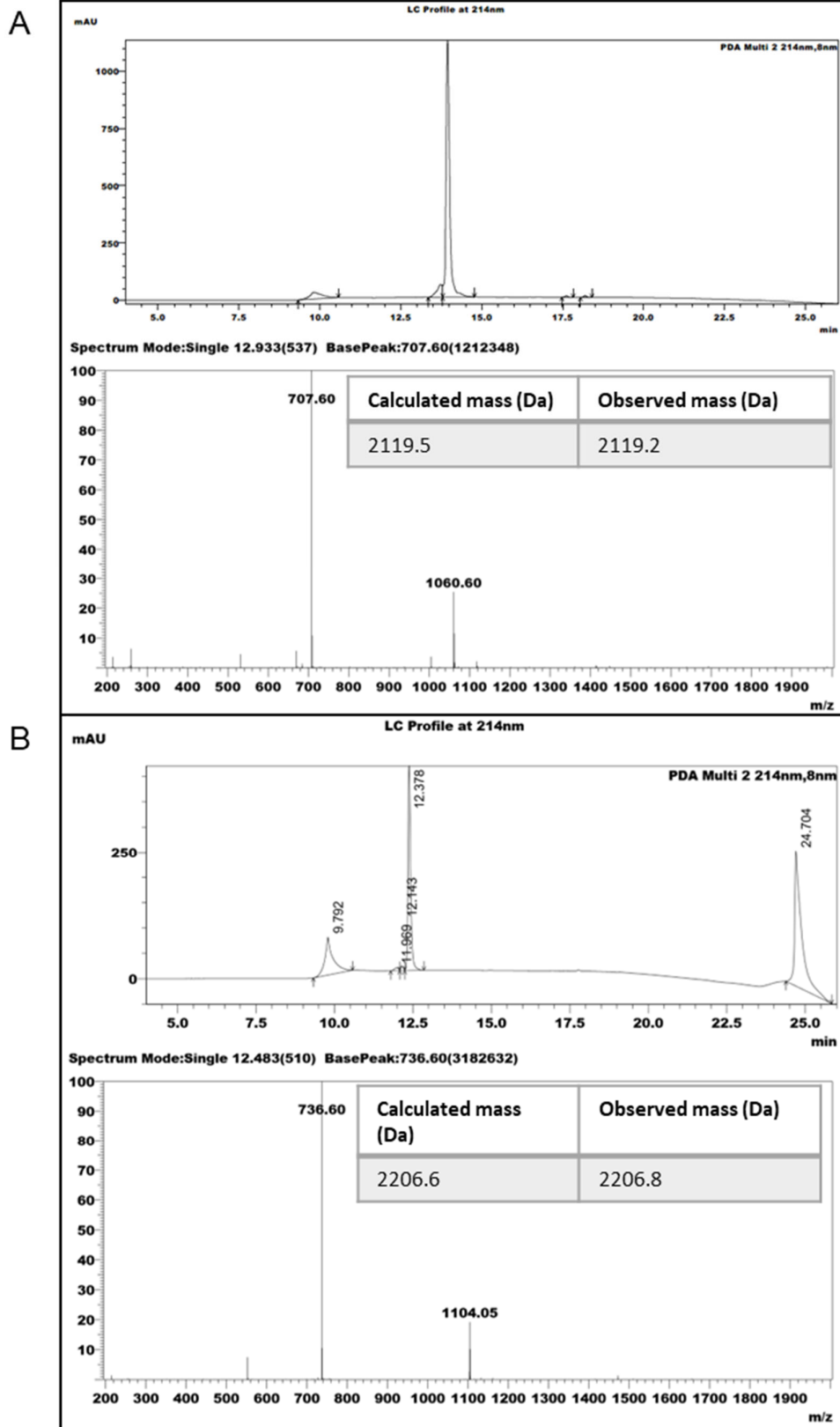
	$\text{H}^{\text{N}}$	$\text{N}^{\text{H}}$	$\text{H}\alpha$	$\text{H}\beta$	Others
R1	n.a. <sup>a</sup>	n.a. <sup>a</sup>	4.03	1.72, 1.90	1.64,1.61 3.21,3.21 7.25
R2	8.87	124.7	4.39	1.79, 1.79	1.64,1.64 3.20,3.20 7.28
I3	8.41	124.4	4.04	1.72	1.36,1.06,0.75,0.67
D4	8.54	124.5	4.70	2.62, 3.07	
C5	8.90	125.3	4.69	2.84, 3.22	
K6	8.58	119.1	4.16	1.82, 1.95	1.50,1.39 1.68,1.68 2.99,2.99
V7	7.25		3.83	1.76	<b>0.31</b> ,0.79
F8	8.23	123.0	4.72	2.71, 3.18	7.37, 7.42
V9	6.95	113.6	3.75	1.83	0.61, <b>0.46</b>
F10	8.26	116.4	4.67	2.97, 3.37	7.26, 7.36
A11	7.75	126.8	4.55	1.49	
P12			4.17	2.02, 2.36	2.21,2.07 3.83,4.01
I13	8.01	114.5	4.25	1.94	0.92,1.52,1.33 0.92
C14	7.96	120.0	4.75	2.99, 3.19,	
R15	7.80	121.3	4.34	1.85, 1.96	1.70,1.70 3.21,3.21 7.24
G16	8.44	110.0	3.93, 4.01		
V17	7.83	119.1	4.13	2.08	0.92,0.94
A18	8.46	128.6	4.32	1.38	
A19	7.99	129.2	4.09	1.32	

<sup>a</sup> Peak broadening due to rapid exchange with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  protons.

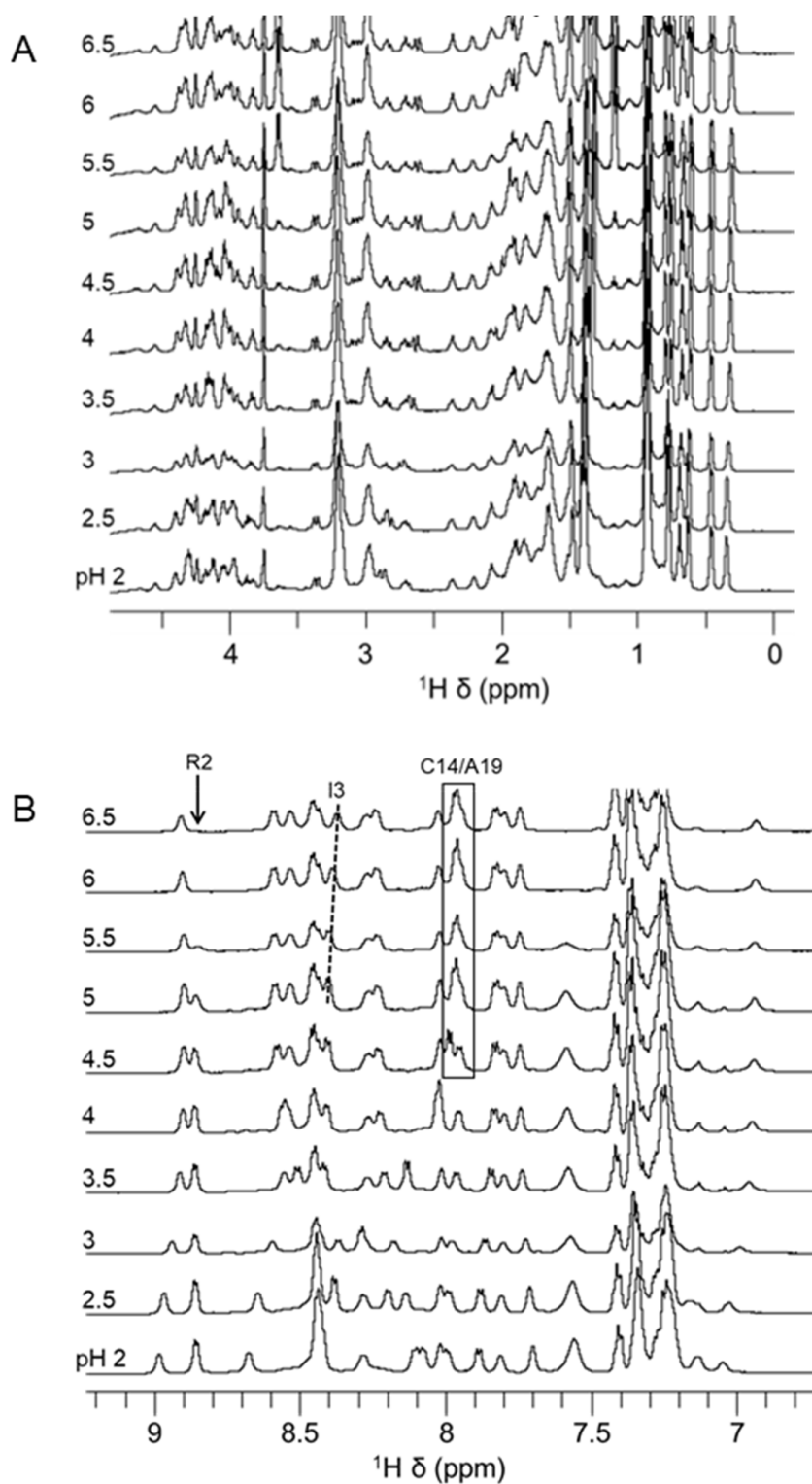
Upfield chemical shifts of Val7 and Val9 methyl groups are highlighted in bold.

**Table S2.** Calculated RMSD values between elevenin-Vc1 and  $\alpha$ -conotoxins.

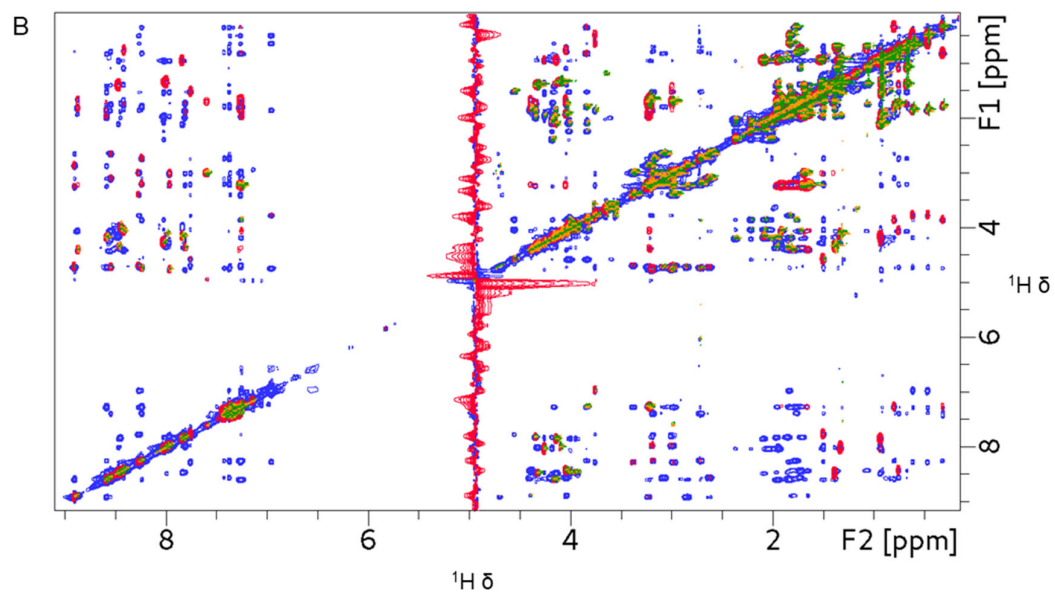
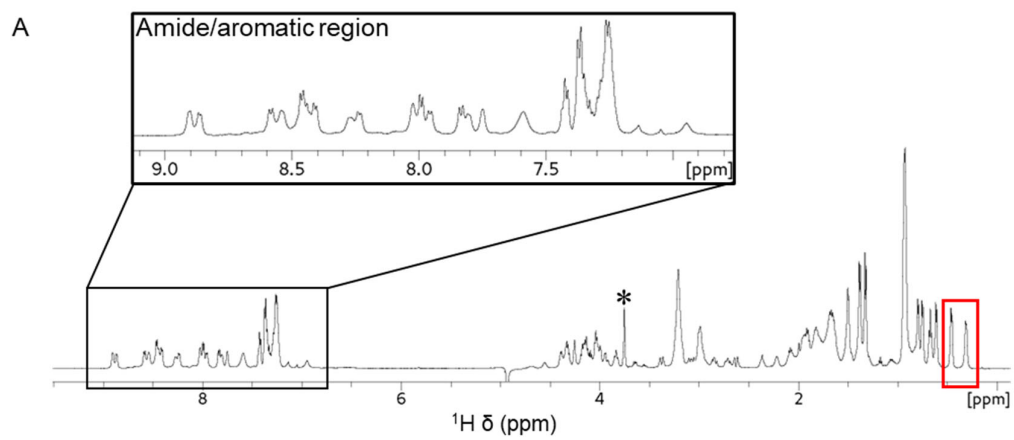
PDB id (peptide residues)	N+C $\alpha$ +CO RMSD (Å)
Elevenin-Vc1 (8-18)/ $\alpha$ -ImI 1IMI (1-11)	0.233
Elevenin-Vc1 (8-15)/ $\alpha$ -RgIA 2JUT (1-9)	0.212
Elevenin-Vc1 (9-19)/ $\alpha$ -Vc1.1 2H8S (1-13)	0.157

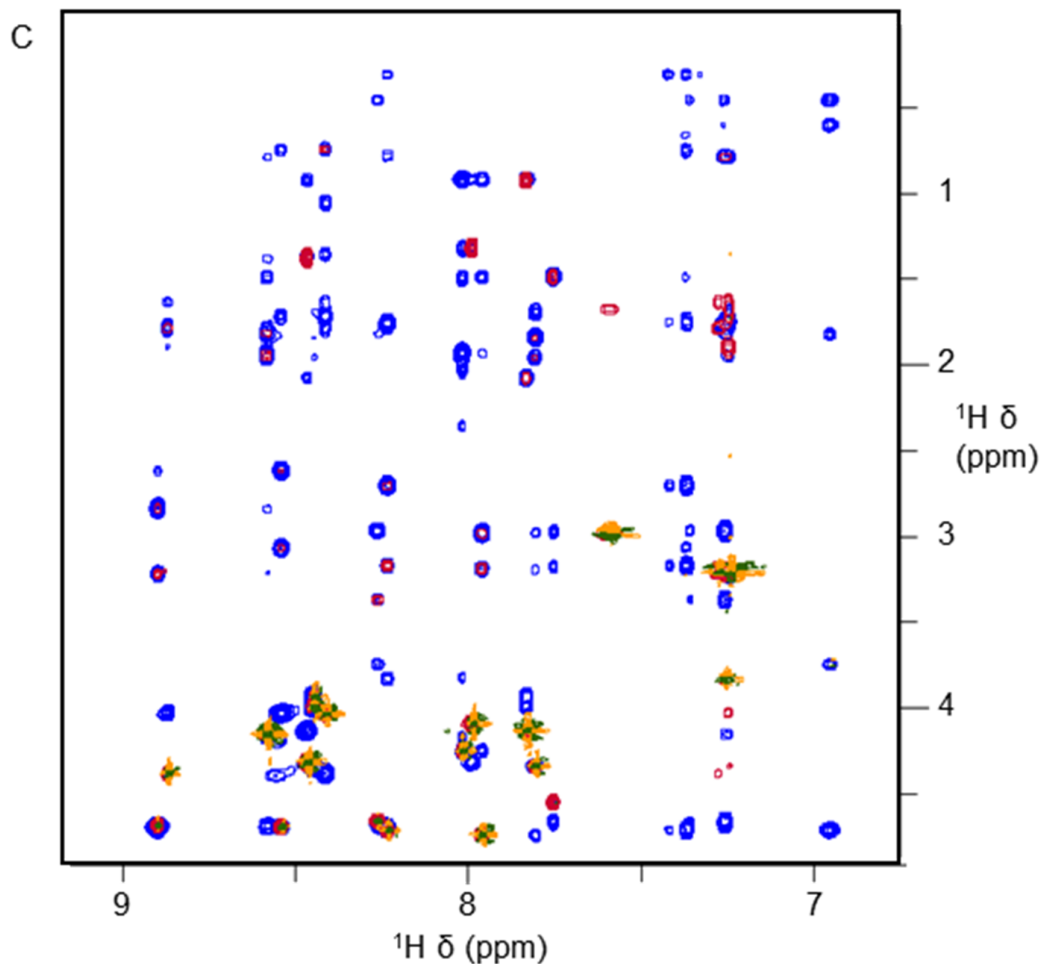


**Figure S1.** LC-MS profiles of (A) elevenin-Vc1 and (B) elevenin-Vc1-DPR. The estimated purity of HPLC purified peptides was ~99 %.

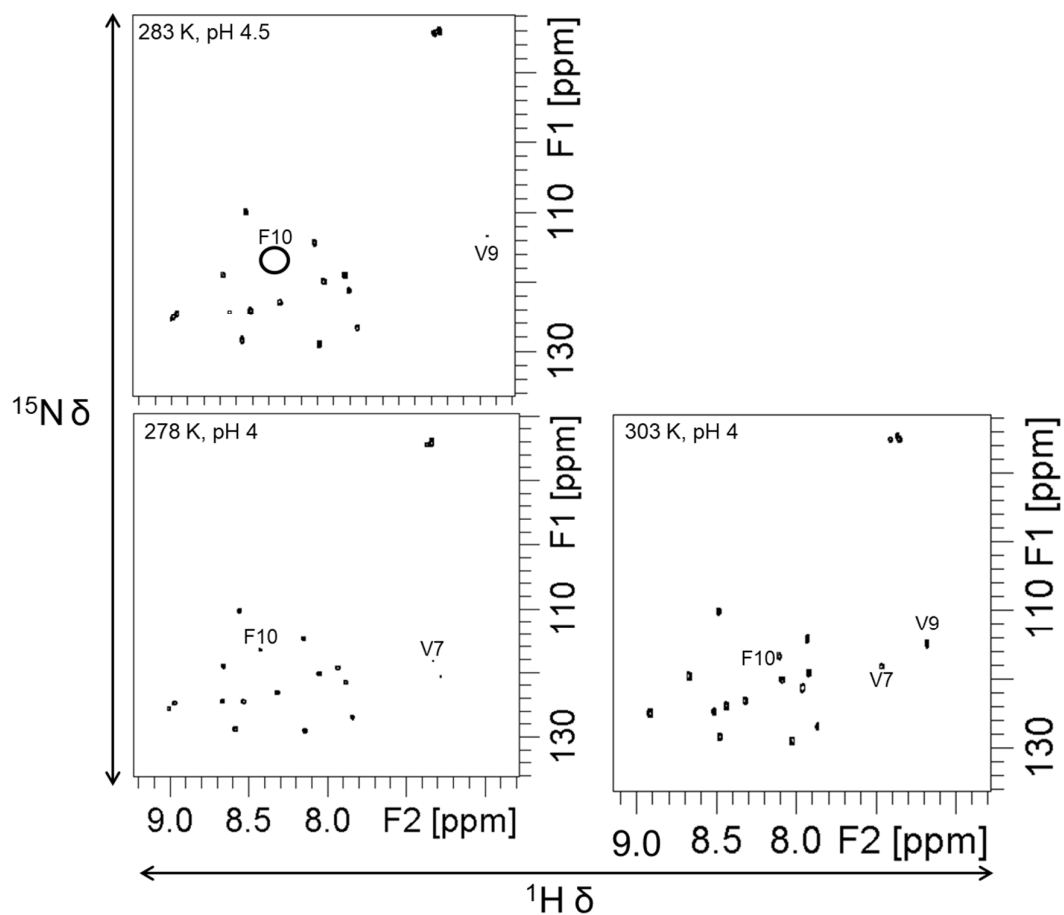


**Figure S2.** One-dimensional  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of elevenin-Vc1 recorded at different pH (2 to 6.5). (A) and (B) are the aliphatic and amide regions. Above pH 4.5, there are no substantial chemical shift changes observed. The chemical shift dispersion is maintained from pH 4.5 to pH 6.5, indicating good conformational stability of the peptide at these pH conditions. However, a slight peak broadening is observed at higher pH owing to pH-dependent amide proton exchange.

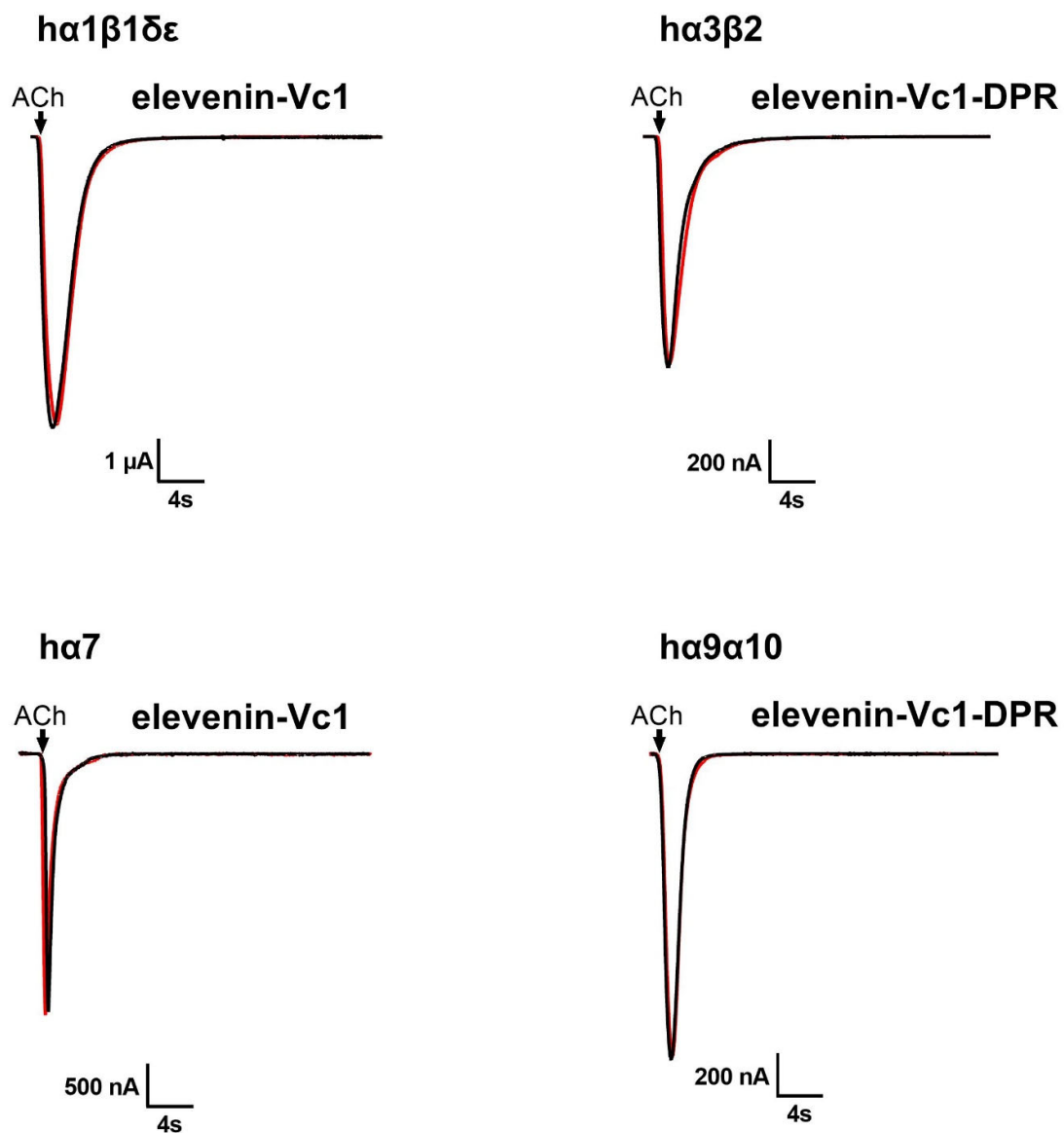




**Figure S3.** (A) One-dimensional  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of elevenin-Vc1. The amide/aromatic region is expanded for clarity. The Val7 and Val9 methyl groups with upfield chemical shifts in the high-field region are red-boxed. (B) Overlay of two-dimensional NOESY (blue), TOCSY (red), and DQF-COSY (green-yellow) spectra of elevenin-Vc1. (C) The fingerprint regions of 2D spectra in B. The spectra were recorded on a Bruker 600 MHz NMR spectrometer operated at 283 K using 0.8 mM elevenin-Vc1 peptide in 95%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ / 5%  $^2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , pH 4.5. \* indicates the peak at 3.75 ppm from the reference compound, dioxane.

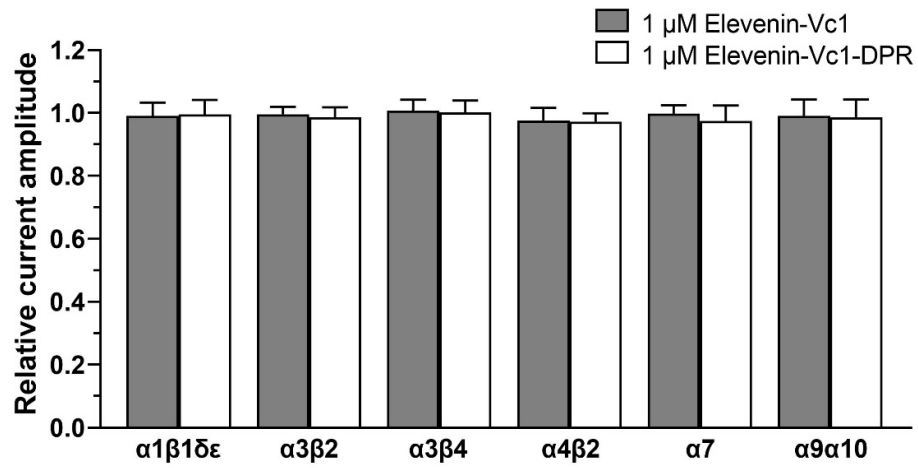


**Figure S4.** Two-dimensional [ $^{15}\text{N}$ - $^1\text{H}$ ]-HSQC spectra of elevenin-Vc1 acquired at different temperatures, as indicated. The data were collected on a Bruker Avance III 600 MHz spectrometer equipped with a cryogenically cooled probe. The peak intensities of Val7, Val9 and Phe10 amide cross-peaks are at noise level at low temperatures but become prominent at the higher temperature.



**Figure S5.** Representative superimposed ACh-evoked currents mediated by human (h)  $\alpha$ 1 $\beta$ 1 $\delta$  $\epsilon$ ,  $\alpha$ 3 $\beta$ 2,  $\alpha$ 7, and  $\alpha$ 9 $\alpha$ 10 nAChRs obtained in the absence (control; 5  $\mu$ M, 6  $\mu$ M, 100  $\mu$ M and 6  $\mu$ M ACh only, respectively, *black trace*) and presence of 1  $\mu$ M elevenin-Vc1 or elevenin-Vc1-DPR (*red trace*).





**Figure S6.** The lack of effect of elevenin-Vc1 and elevenin-Vc1-DPR on six different human nAChR subtypes:  $\alpha 1\beta 1\delta\epsilon$ ,  $\alpha 3\beta 2$ ,  $\alpha 3\beta 4$ ,  $\alpha 4\beta 2$ ,  $\alpha 7$  and  $\alpha 9\alpha 10$ . Bar graph of relative peak ACh-evoked current amplitude in the presence of elevenin-Vc1 or elevenin-Vc1-DPR, determined for each of the nAChR subtypes (mean  $\pm$  SD, n = 6-8).