

# Supplementary Materials: Impact of C-terminal Chemistry on Self-assembled Morphology of Guanosine Containing Nucleopeptides

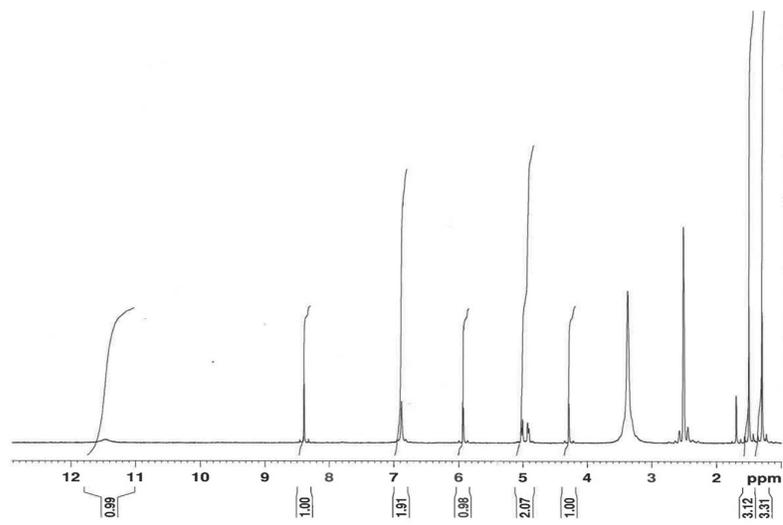
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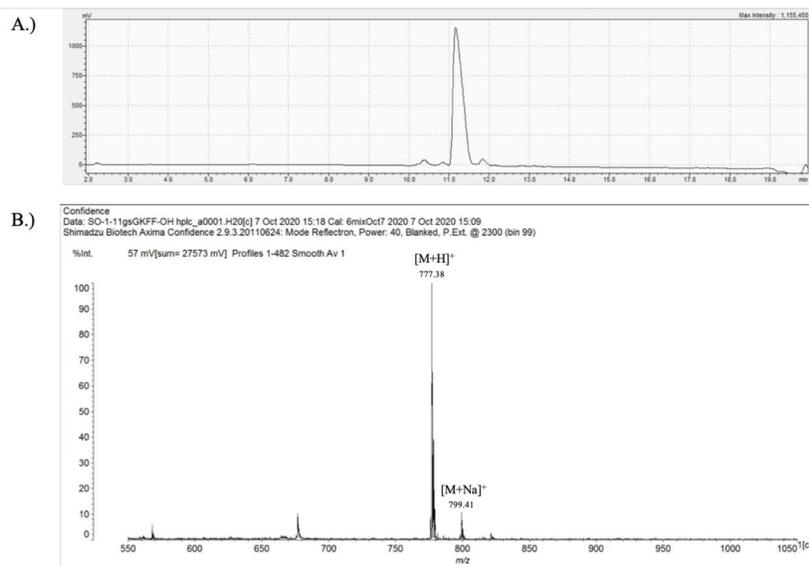
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**Figure S1:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of 2',3'-O-isopropylidene-5'-carboxylic acid.



**Figure S2.** Characterization of purified gsGKFF-OH. A) HPLC chromatogram and B) MALDI TOF mass spectrum of gsGKFF-OH. Exact Mass: 776.32 g/mol.

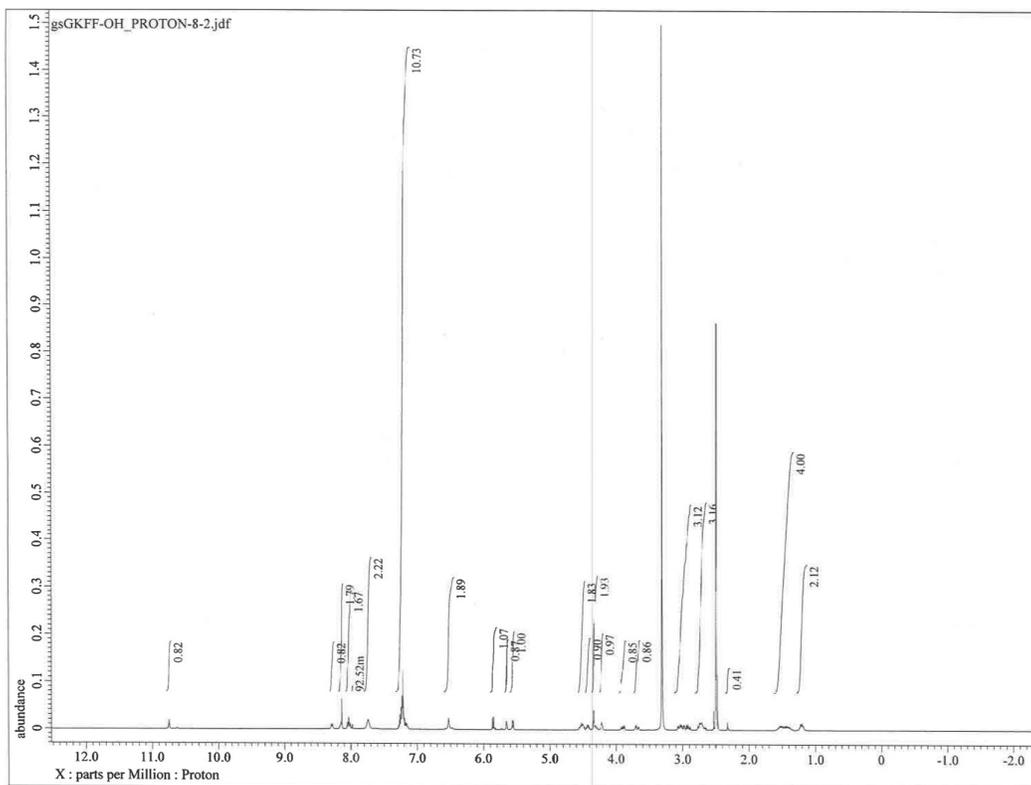


Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of purified gsGKFF-OH.

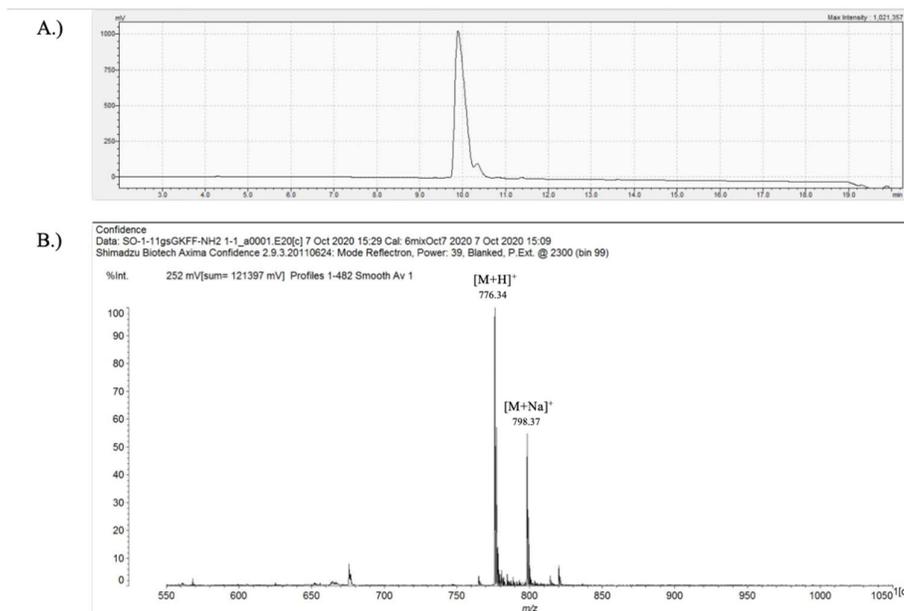
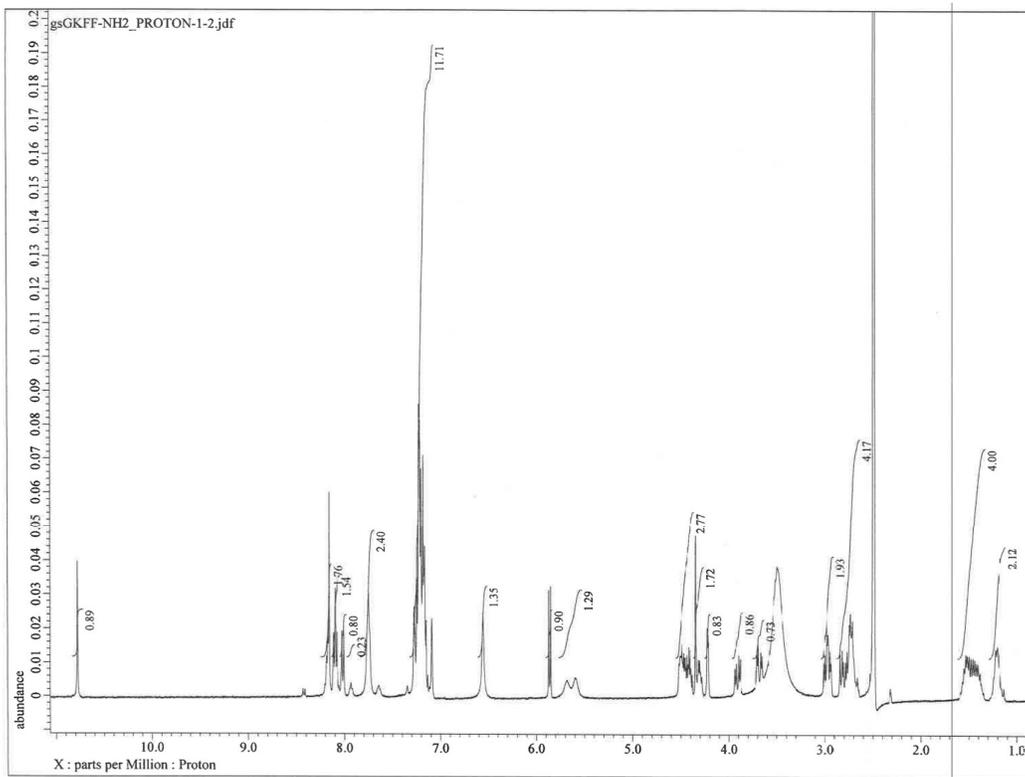


Figure S4. Characterization of purified gsGKFF-NH<sub>2</sub>. A) HPLC chromatogram and B) MALDI TOF mass spectrum of gsGKFF-NH<sub>2</sub>. Exact mass: 775.34 g/mol.

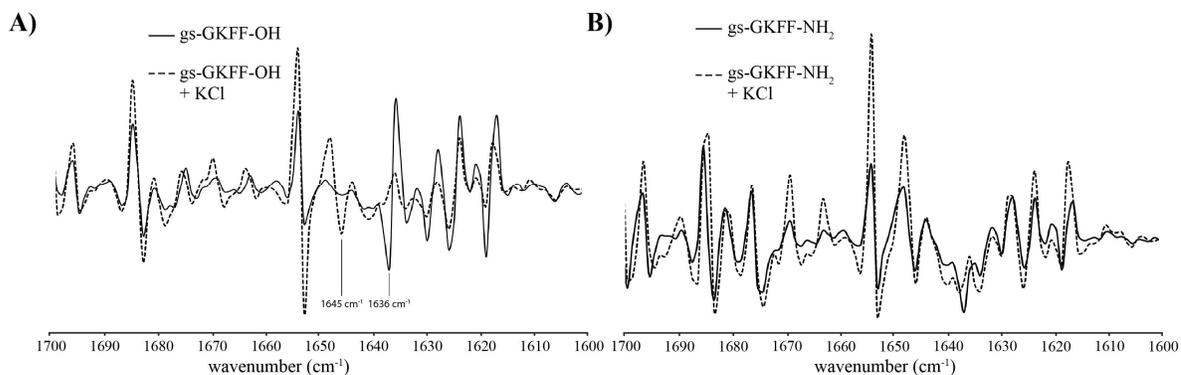


**Figure S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of purified gsGKFF-NH<sub>2</sub>.

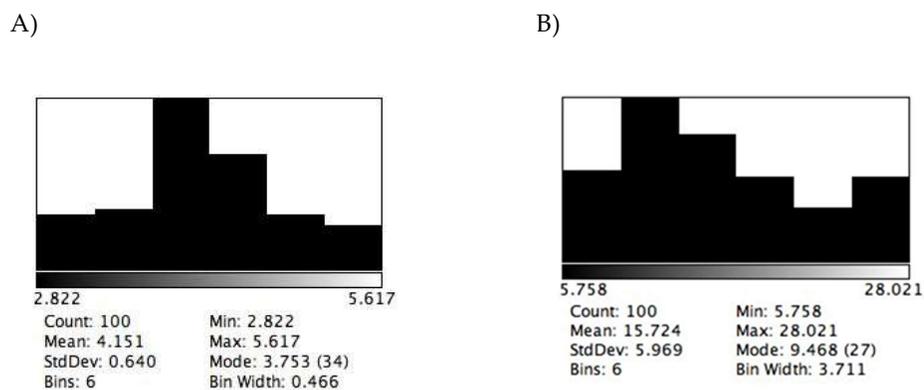


A) gsGKFF loose gel after 24 hours      B) gsGKFF solid gel after one week      C) gsGKFF-NH<sub>2</sub> solution after 24 hours

**Figure S6.** Vial inversion test of nucleopeptides assembled in 20% acetonitrile (*v/v*). Nucleopeptide gsGKFF-OH is a loose gel after 24 hours (**A**) but over time stiffens to a transparent gel that holds in place during vial inversion. The hydrogel remains transparent and stable after 1 week (**B**). The assembled gs-GKFF-NH<sub>2</sub> remains soluble and remains a solution after 24 hours (**C**) and longer.



**Figure S7.** Second derivative FTIR spectra in the absence of KCl (solid line) and presence of 1 eq. KCl (dashed line) for nucleopeptide assemblies of gs-GKFF-OH (**A**) and gs-GKFF-NH<sub>2</sub> (**B**) after one week of assembly.



**Figure S8.** Nanofiber widths measured from TEM of gs-GKFF-OH assembled with 1 eq. KCl in 20% acetonitrile (*v/v*). Measurements were taken of both individual striations seen within nanofibers (**A**) and width of nanofibers (**B**). Widths were measured using ImageJ [1].

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