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1. Confocal microscopy, MALDI-ToF-MS, circular dichroism, surface plasmon resonance, and flow cytometry analyses were performed at Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, Assam, India.

2. LC-MS/MS analysis of protein samples were performed at Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP), NCBS, Bangalore, India, and Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology-Technology Business Incubator (KIIT-TBI), Bhubaneswar, India.

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