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SI 1 Characterization of dextrins and succinoylated dextrin intermediates. Panels (a, c, e) show FT-IR spectra for (a) 10,500 g/mol dextrin and its succinoylated intermediates, (c) 28,000 g/mol dextrin and its succinoylated intermediates, and (e) 48,500 g/mol dextrin and its succinoylated intermediates. Panels (b, d, f) show the change in relative molecular weight in the presence of amylase (100 IU/L in PBS at 37 °C) by GPC of (b) 10,500 g/mol dextrin and its succinoylated intermediates, (d) 28,000 g/mol dextrin and its succinoylated intermediates, (d) 28,000 g/mol dextrin and its succinoylated intermediates. (*n*=1).



SI 2A FPLC elution profiles of dextrin-colistin conjugates (3 mg/mL) from a Superdex 75 FPLC column, following incubation with amylase (100 IU/L in PBS at 37 °C). Panels show conjugates containing (a) 7,500 g/mol dextrin with 1.1 mol% succinoylation, (b) 7,500 g/mol dextrin with 2.5 mol% succinoylation, (c) 7,500 g/mol dextrin with 8.3 mol% succinoylation, (d) 7,500 g/mol dextrin with 21.3 mol% succinoylation, (e) 10,500 g/mol dextrin with 2.2 mol% succinoylation, and (f) 10,500 g/mol dextrin with 4.3 mol% succinoylation, $(V_0 = \text{void volume } (7.7 \text{ mL})).$



SI 2B FPLC elution profiles of dextrin-colistin conjugates (3 mg/mL) from a Superdex 75 FPLC column, following incubation with amylase (100 IU/L in PBS at 37 °C). Panels show conjugates containing (g) 10,500 g/mol dextrin with 7.0 mol% succinoylation, (h) 28,000 g/mol dextrin with 2.0 mol% succinoylation, (i) 28,000 g/mol dextrin with 3.4 mol% succinoylation, (j) 28,000 g/mol dextrin with 6.1 mol% succinoylation, (k) 48,500 g/mol dextrin with 17.4 mol% succinoylation, and (l) 48,500 g/mol dextrin with 28.6 mol% succinoylation (V_0 = void volume (7.7 mL)).

	4 °C		37 °C		
	PBS	Water	PBS	Water	PBS + amylase (100 IU/L)
1.1 mol%	4.6	5.3	67.3	70.4	79.9
2.5 mol%	1.7	2.8	46.9	40.7	67.9
4.7 mol%	2.4	4.1	37.1	30.0	56.8
8.3 mol%	1.1	2.6	26.2	14.6	40.3
CMS	13.2	10.4	33.0	14.4	-

 Table SI 1 Liberated colistin at 48 h (% total).

MIC (mg/L) **Bacterial species** 2.5 mol% 4.7 mol% 8.3 mol% V4 A. baumannii MDR ACB >1024 >1024 >1024 V9 A. baumannii V19 A. baumannii 7789 >1024 >1024 V20 A. lwoffi 8065 V22 A. Iwoffi 6056 >1024 >1024 >1024 >1024 >1024 <1 V5 E. coli AIM-1 <1 <1 >1024 <1 V11 E. coli 5702 V24 E. coli 7273 >1024 V12 K. pneumoniae 5725 V6 K. pneumoniae IR25 >1024 >1024 >1024 >1024 >1024 V8 K. pneumoniae K3 >1024 >1024 >1024 >1024 V3 K. pneumoniae KP05 506 >1024 >1024 >1024 >1024 >1024 V13 P. aeruginosa PA01 V1 P. aeruginosa R22 256 256 256 >1024 >1024 >1024 >1024 >1024 V2 P. aeruginosa MDR 301 512 512 512 >1024 >1024 >1024 >1024 >1024 >1024 >1024 >1024 >1024 >1024 V7 P. stuartii IR57 >1024 >1024 >1024 >1024

Table SI 2 Antimicrobial activity of dextrin-colistin conjugates* (with and without amylase pre-exposure), measured by MIC assay. Data is

expressed as mode (n=3). *MIC value represents equivalent collistin concentration of conjugates.