# Design of an amphiphilic porphyrin exhibiting high *in vitro* photocytotoxicity

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Figure S13 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 7 (Bruker 300 MHz spectrometer, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

## Photophysics and photochemistry

**Table S1** Electronic absorption, fluorescence and singlet oxygen generation data for porphyrin 7 in chloroform.  $\lambda_{ex}$ : excitation wavelength,  $\lambda_{em}$ : emission wavelength,  $\Phi_{F}$ : fluorescence quantum yield,  $\tau_{F}$ : fluorescence lifetime,  $\Phi_{\Delta}$ : singlet oxygen quantum yield.

	$\lambda_{abs} (nm)$	log ε	$\lambda_{\rm em} ({\rm nm})^a$	$\Phi_{\mathrm{F}}$ (%) <sup><i>a,b</i></sup>	$\tau_{\mathrm{F}}\left(\mathrm{ns}\right)$	$\Phi_{\Delta} (\%)^d$
Soret	419	5.61				
Q <sup>IV</sup>	516	4.23				
Q <sup>III</sup>	552	3.94	653 / 719	11	7.76 <sup>c</sup>	76
Q <sup>II</sup>	591	3.75				
QI	646	3.65				

<sup>a</sup>  $\lambda_{exc} = 515$  nm;

<sup>b</sup> using TPP in CHCl<sub>3</sub> as a reference ( $\Phi_F = 0.11$ );

°  $\lambda_{exc}$  = 490 nm (Q<sup>IV</sup>);

 $^{d}$   $\lambda_{exc}\text{=}$  420 nm, using phenalenone in CHCl3 as reference ( $\Phi_{\Delta}\text{=}$  0.98)^{1}



Figure S14 Time resolved fluorescence decay of 7 in CHCl<sub>3</sub> with the excitation source at  $\lambda_{exc}$ =490 nm while monitored at  $\lambda_{em}$ =725 nm. Inset: residual values after fitting.



Figure S15 Singlet oxygen phosphorescence signal measured after excitation at  $\lambda_{exc}$ =420 nm.



**Figure S16** Plot of the integrated area under the  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  emission spectrum *vs* the absorbance at  $\lambda_{exc}$ =420 nm for various solution of compound 7 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The slops  $S^{S}$  was used for the determination of  $\Phi_{\Delta}$  the singlet oxygen generation quantum yield according to equation (1).



**Figure S17** Plot of the integrated area under the  ${}^{1}O_{2}$  emission spectrum *vs* the absorbance at  $\lambda_{exc}$ =420 nm for various solution of phenalenone in CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The slope *S<sup>ref</sup>* was used for the determination of  $\Phi_{\Delta}$  the singlet oxygen generation quantum yield according to equation (1).

## **Biological experiments**

**Table S2** Preparation of the final concentration solutions of porphyrin 7, from DMSO stock solutions. For each experiment, a final volume of 4.5 mL (duplicate by plate, one plate for dark cytotoxicity and another one for the photo cytotoxicity) for each final concentration was prepared in culture medium and 1 mL was replaced in each well.

DMSO control cells were treated in duplicate with the following percentage of DMSO 0.3 %, 0.15 % and 0.075 %.

Concentration of 7 in stock solution (mM)	10	1	1	1	0.1	0.1
Volume of stock solution (µL)	3.375	13.5	6.75	3.375	13.5	6.75
Final volume (mL)	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Final concentration of 7 (µM)	7.5	3	1.5	0.75	0.3	0.15
DMSO (%, v/v)	0.075	0.3	0.15	0.075	0.3	0.15



**Figure S18** Wide field fluorescence emission spectra of non-treated HT-29 cells (black) and porphyrin 7 treated HT-29 cells (grey). Spectra were acquired at 514 nm and fluorescence emission was recorded between 600 and 780 nm with a step size of 4.5 nm. The fluorescence intensity was normalized relatively to the maximum of each spectrum. The fluorescence emission spectra of treated cells showed the specific spectrum of the porphyrin 7 while the non-treated HT-29 spectrum is linear.

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