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Supporting information

for

#### Enhancement of antiproliferative activity by phototautomerization of anthrylphenols

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#### **<u>1. HPLC spectra after irradiation of 1 in the presence of nucleotides</u>**



Fig. S1. HPLC chromatogrames after irradiatio of **1** in the presence of adenine (Left: 1 and 2, before the irradiation; 3 and 4 after 1 h of irradiation; bottom, 5 and 6 after standing at rt, right: MS of the fraction with rt 22-24 min).



Fig. S2. HPLC chromatogrames after irradiatio of **1** in the presence of guanine (1 and 2, before the irradiation; 3 and 4 after 1 h of irradiation; bottom, 5 and 6 after standing at rt).



Fig. S3. HPLC chromatogrames after irradiatio of **1** in the presence of cytosine (1 and 2, before the irradiation; 3 and 4 after 1 h of irradiation; bottom, 5 and 6 after standing at rt).

### 2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum after the irradiation of 1 in the presence of adenine

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#### 3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum after the irradiation of 1 in the presence of glycine ethyl ester



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# 4. MS-MS spectra of photoproducts 10-12



Fig S5. MS-MS spectrum of 10 obtained after the isolation of the molecular ion (m/z 374) and its fragementation with 1 eV.





Fig S6. MS-MS spectrum of 11 obtained after the isolation of the molecular ion (m/z 376) and its fragementation with 0.8 eV.



Fig S7. MS-MS spectrum of **12** obtained after the isolation of the molecular ion (m/z 578) and its fragementation in the source with 0.8 eV.

### 5. NMR spectra of 8

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 8



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# <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **8**



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#### 6. UV-vis spectra of 1 in the presence of BSA



Fig S8. UV-vis spectra of 1 ( $c = 10 \mu$ M, left) and BSA ( $c = 3 \mu$ M, right), in phosphate buffer (pH = 7, 1 mM), before and after the irradiation (Luzchem, 8 × 350 nm, 15 min).



Fig S9. UV-vis spectra of 1 ( $c = 10 \mu$ M), BSA ( $c = 3 \mu$ M, right) in phosphate buffer (pH = 7, 1 mM), and their mixture (left), before and after the irradiation (Luzchem, 8 × 350 nm, 15 min, right).

### 7. Fluorescence spectra of 1 in the presence of BSA and DNA



Fig S10. Normalized fluorescence spectra of BSA ( $c = 3 \mu M$ ) in phosphate buffer (pH = 7,  $c = 1 \mu M$ ) at different excitation wavelengths.



Fig S11. Normalized fluorescence spectra of  $\mathbf{1}$  ( $c = 10 \ \mu\text{M}$ ) in phosphate buffer (pH = 7,  $c = 1 \ \text{mM}$ ) at different excitation wavelengths.



Fig S 12. Fluorescence spectra ( $\lambda_{ex} = 280 \text{ nm}$ ) of **1** ( $c = 10 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$ ), BSA ( $c = 3 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$ ), and their corresponding mixture in phosphate buffer (pH = 7, c = 1 mM).



Fig S13. Normalized excitation spectra ( $\lambda_{em} = 390 \text{ nm}$  and  $\lambda_{em} = 420 \text{ nm}$ ) of 1 ( $c = 10 \mu M$ ), with and without BSA ( $c = 3 \mu M$ ) in phosphate buffer (pH = 7, c = 1 mM).



Fig S14. Normalized excitation ( $\lambda_{em} = 420 \text{ nm}$ ) and emission ( $\lambda_{ex} = 345 \text{ nm}$ ) spectra of **1** ( $c = 10 \mu$ M), with and without BSA ( $c = 3 \mu$ M) in phosphate buffer (pH = 7, c = 1 mM).



Fig S15. Fluorescence spectra ( $\lambda_{ex} = 345 \text{ nm}$ ) of **1** ( $c = 10 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$ ), in the presence of ct-DNA ( $c = 100 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$ ) or BSA ( $c = 3 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$ ) in aqueous cacodylate buffer (pH = 7, 50 mM).

## 8. CD Spectra



Fig S16. CD spectra of 1 ( $c = 1 \times 10^{-5}$  M), ct-DNA ( $c = 4 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in H<sub>2</sub>O before and after the irradiation in Luzchem (8×350 nm, 15 min).



Fig S17. CD spectra of **1** ( $c = 1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) and BSA ( $c = 3 \times 10^{-6}$  M) in phosphate buffer (pH = 7, 1mM, left), and BSA ( $c = 3 \times 10^{-6}$  M) in phosphate buffer (pH = 7, 1mM) in the presence of DMSO, before and after the irradiation (Luzchem, 8×350 nm, 15 min; right).



Fig S18. CD spectra of 1 ( $c = 1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) and BSA ( $c = 3 \times 10^{-6}$  M) in phosphate buffer (pH = 7, 1mM) before and after the irradiation in Luzchem ( $8 \times 350$  nm, 15 min).