Supplementary Information

Nanoprodrug of retinoic acid-modified paclitaxel

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$^1$H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl$_3$) $\delta$ 8.13 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.81 - 7.33 (m, 13H), 7.15 -
7.01 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.40 - 6.10 (m, 5H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 5.84 (s, 1H),
5.69 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 4.98 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.46 (s, 1H), 4.32 (d, $J$
= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.17 - 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.82 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H),
2.93 (d, $J = 30.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.64 - 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.45 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 3H), 2.40 - 2.28 (m,
3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.00 (dd, $J = 22.2$, 9.8 Hz, 8H), 1.70 (d, $J = 14.1$ Hz, 6H), 1.31 -
1.20 (m, 10H), 1.14 (s, 4H), 1.03 (s, 6H).
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