## Tetrahydro-β-carboline-3-carboxyl-thymopentin: A nano-

## conjugate for releasing pharmacophores to treat tumor and

### complications

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# **Supporting Information**

#### 1. NMR spectra of MTCTP5



Fig. S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of MTCTP5



Fig. S2 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of MTCTP5



Fig. S3 <sup>13</sup>C DEPT-135 spectrum of MTCTP5



Fig. S4 <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum of MTCTP5



Fig. S5<sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H NOESY spectrum of MTCTP5



Fig. S6 FT-MS spectrum of MTCTP5

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Fig. S7 HPLC of MTCTP5 (CH<sub>3</sub>OH:H<sub>2</sub>O= 95%:5%, C18, 1.0 mL/min, 96%)



Fig. S8 IR spectrum of MTCTP5



Fig. S9 AFM image of MTCTP5 in mouse plasma

#### Molecular association of MTCTP5 in water

The molecular association of MTCTP5 in water (10<sup>-7</sup> nM) was identified with FT-MS spectrum. Figure S10A gives the ion peak of monomer of MTCTP5 at 892.47541 (exact mass of monomer plus H), and the locally amplified spectrum gives the ion peak of trimer of MTCTP5 at 1338.21736 (exact mass of divalent ion of a trimer plus H). **Association manner of 3 monomers of MTCTP5 in water** 

To understand the association manner of 3 monomers of MTCTP5 the NOESY 2D NMR spectrum of MTCTP5 was measured. Figure S10B gives 3 interesting cross-peaks marked with red circles. Cross-peak 1 reflects an interaction of the H of pyrole NH of one molecule with the H of =NH of Arg residue of another molecule. Cross-peak 2 reflects two interactions of phenolic hydroxyl H of Tyr residue of one molecule with the H of NH<sub>2</sub> of Lys residue of another molecule. Cross-peak 3 reflects two interactions of the H of CH<sub>2</sub> of Asp residue of one molecule with the H of 2-NH of carboline moiety of another molecule.



**Fig. S10** FT-MS spectrum, NOESY 2D NMR spectrum and trimer's conformation of MTCTP5. (A) FT-MS spectrum and locally amplified peaks of MTCTP5; (B) NOESY 2D NMR spectrum of MTCTP5, in which the interesting cross-peaks are labelled with red rings; (C) According to NOESY 2D NMR spectrum the trimer of MTCTP5 takes flyer-like conformation.