# **Supporting Information**

# Synthesis and evaluation of new 5-aminolevulinic acid derivatives as

# prodrugs of protoporphyrin for photodynamic therapy

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# Synthesis and characterization

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported as in units of parts per million (ppm), and J-values are in Hz. ESI-MS spectra were recorded on a Micromass triple quadrupole mass spectrometer. HRMS spectra were recorded on a Brucker Daltonics APEXIII 7.0 tesla FT mass spectrometer.

Figure S1-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) of 5a



Figure S1-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>,100 MHz) of 5a



#### Figure S1-3. HRMS (MALDI-TOF) of 5a



Figure S2-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) of 5b











Figure S3-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) of 5c



## Figure S3-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) of 5c

#### Figure S3-3. HRMS (MALDI-TOF) of 5c



Figure S4-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) of 5d











Figure S5-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) of 6a



#### Figure S5-3. HRMS (MALDI-TOF) of 6a



Figure S6-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) of 7a



## Figure S6-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) of 7a









Figure S7-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) of 9a



#### Figure S7-3. HRMS (MALDI-TOF) of 9a



Figure S8-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) of 9b



## Figure S8-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) of 9b









Figure S9-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d6*, 100 MHz) of 9c



#### Figure S9-3. HRMS (MALDI-TOF) of 9c



Figure S10-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) of 11a



## Figure S10-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) of 11a



#### Figure S10-3. HRMS (MALDI-TOF) of 11a





Figure S11-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) of 11b



#### Figure S11-3. HRMS (MALDI-TOF) of 11b



Figure S12-1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) of 11c



### Figure S12-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d6*, 100 MHz) of 11c



#### Figure S12-3. HRMS (MALDI-TOF) of 11c





Figure S13-2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-d6, 100 MHz) of 13a



#### Figure S13-3. HRMS (MALDI-TOF) of 13a



**Figure S14** Efficacy of **11c** against sarcoma cell in Kunming mice bearing S 180 cells. Images of mice bearing S 180 tumors at 15 mg/kg before and following PDT at 1 h, 3 h, 5 h, and 7 h on the 5th day.



**Figure S15** Efficacy of **9c** against sarcoma cell in Kunming mice bearing S 180 cells. Images of mice bearing S 180 tumors at 15 mg/kg before and following PDT at 1 h, 3 h, 5 h, and 7 h on the 5th day.



**Figure S16** Efficacy of **11b** against sarcoma cell in Kunming mice bearing S 180 cells. Images of mice bearing S 180 tumors at 15 mg/kg before and following PDT at 1 h, 3 h, 5 h, and 7 h on the 5th day.



**Figure S17** Efficacy of **9b** against sarcoma cell in Kunming mice bearing S 180 cells. Images of mice bearing S 180 tumors 15 mg/kg before and following PDT at 1 h, 3 h, 5 h, and 7 h on the 5th day.