## **Supporting Information**

## Synthesis and *in vitro* photodynamic activities of di-a-substituted zinc(II)

## phthalocyanine derivatives

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- **Fig. S1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **9b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with a trace amount of pyridine- $d_5$ .
- Fig. S2 Electronic absorption spectra of 6a and 9a in the RPMI culture medium.
- Fig. S3 Visualisation of intracellular fluorescence of HT29 after incubation with 6a-6d and 9a-9b.

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra of all the new compounds



**Fig. S1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **9b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with a trace amount of pyridine- $d_5$ . Signals for the residual solvents are marked with asterisks.



Fig. S2 Electronic absorption spectra of 6a (-----), and 9a (-----), formulated with Cremophor EL, in the RPMI culture medium (both at 8  $\mu$ M).



**Fig. S3** Visualisation of intracellular fluorescence of HT29 after incubation with (a) **6a**, (b) **6b**, (c) **6c**, (d) **6d**, (e) **9a** and (f) **9b** for 2 h.

In all of the following spectra, residual solvent signals are marked with asterisks



 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR spectrum of **4a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.







<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



 $^{13}C{^{1}H}$  NMR spectrum of **4c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



 $^{1}$ H NMR spectrum of **6a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with a trace amount of pyridine-d<sub>5</sub>.



 $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR spectrum of  $\boldsymbol{6a}$  in CDCl\_3 with a trace amount of pyridine-d\_5.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **6b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with a trace amount of pyridine-d<sub>5</sub>.



 $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR spectrum of 6b in CDCl\_3 with a trace amount of pyridine-d\_5.



 $^{1}$ H NMR spectrum of **6c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with a trace amount of pyridine-d<sub>5</sub>.



 $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of **6c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with a trace amount of pyridine-d<sub>5</sub>.



<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **6d** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **8a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



 $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR spectrum of  $\boldsymbol{8a}$  in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

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 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR spectrum of **8b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 9a in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with a trace amount of pyridine-d<sub>5</sub>.



 $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR spectrum of  $\boldsymbol{9a}$  in CDCl\_3 with a trace amount of pyridine-d\_5.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **9b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with a trace amount of pyridine-d<sub>5</sub>.



 $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR spectrum of 9b in CDCl\_3 with a trace amount of pyridine-d\_5.