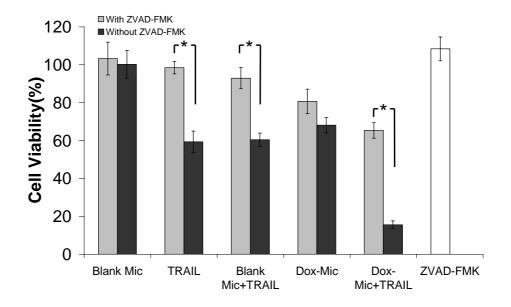
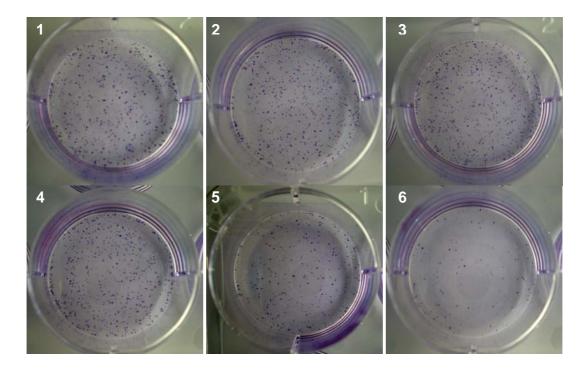
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## **Supplementary Information**



**Figure S1.** Viability of parental SW480 cells in the presence or absence of pan-caspase inhibitor ZVAD-FMK pretreatment (50  $\mu$ M) prior to 48 hour incubation with nanocomplexes. P(MDS-*co*-CES) and TRAIL concentrations were fixed at 5 mg/l and 10 nM respectively. Dox loading level: 8.6%. Cell culture was performed in serum-containing medium. The error bars represent the mean ± S.D. (n=3).



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**Figure S2.** Images of SW480 colony taken at Day 9 subsequent to 48 hours treatment with (1) control, (2) blank nanoparticles, (3) TRAIL, (4) nanoparticle/TRAIL complexes, (5) Dox-loaded nanoparticles and (6) Dox-loaded nanoparticle/TRAIL complexes. P(MDS-*co*-CES) and TRAIL were fixed at 1 mg/l and 10 nM respectively. Dox loading level = 8.6%. Colonies were stained with 0.5% w/v crystal violet.