

Supplemental Information

Cube-octameric silsesquioxane-mediated cargo peptide delivery into living cancer cells

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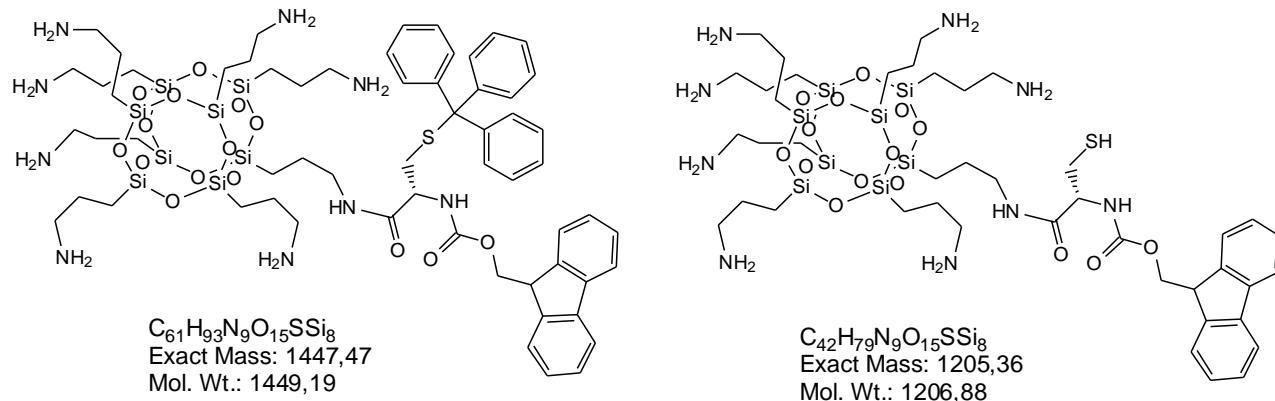


Fig. S1: Chemical structure of Fmoc-(S-trityl)-L-cysteine heptaamino-COSS **2a** (left) and unprotected Fmoc-L-cysteine heptaamino-COSS **2** (right).

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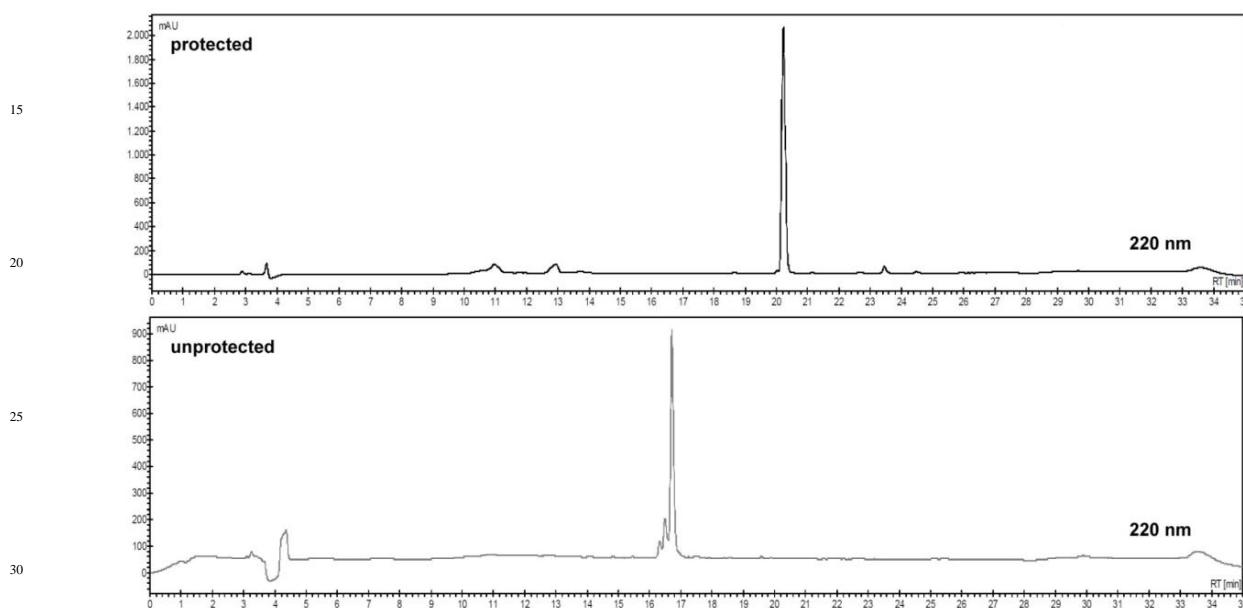


Fig. S2: Analytical RP-HPLC traces of trityl-protected (**2a**) and deprotected Fmoc-L-cysteine heptaamino-COSS **2**. (Varian 940-35 LC equipped with a Phenomenex Luna C₁₈ column (5 μ , 100 A, 250×4.60 mm, 5 μ m). Eluent A: 0.1% aq. trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), eluent B: 90 % aq. acetonitrile in 0.1% aq. TFA; 10 → 80% B in 20 min preceded by 5 min isocratic 10 % B at a flow rate of 1 mL min⁻¹).

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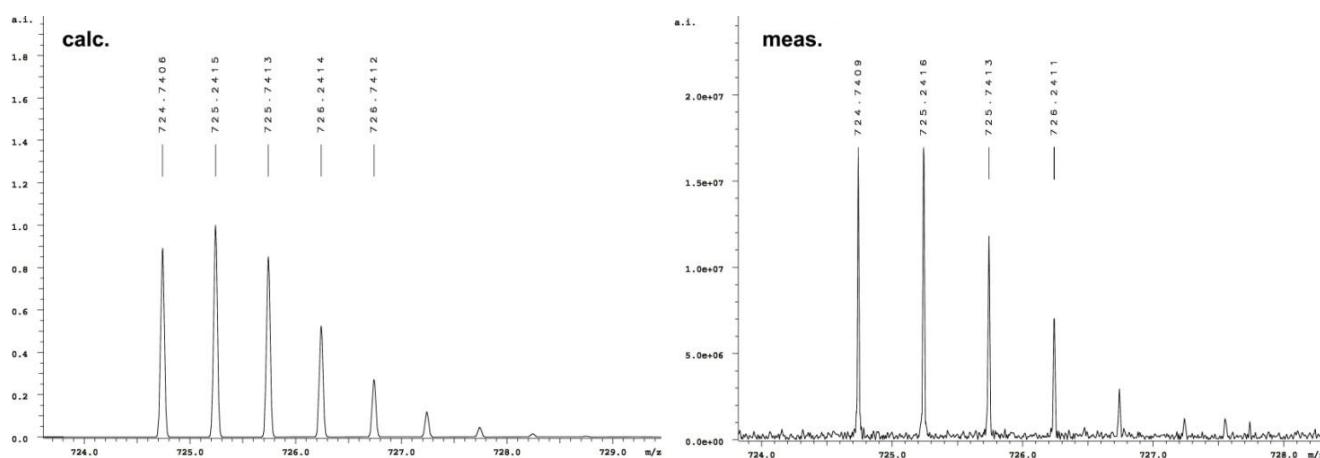


Fig. S3: HR-MS measurement of compound **2a**; left: calculated isotopic pattern $[M+2H]^{2+} = 724.7406$; right: measured isotopic pattern $[M+2H]^{2+} = 724.7409$.

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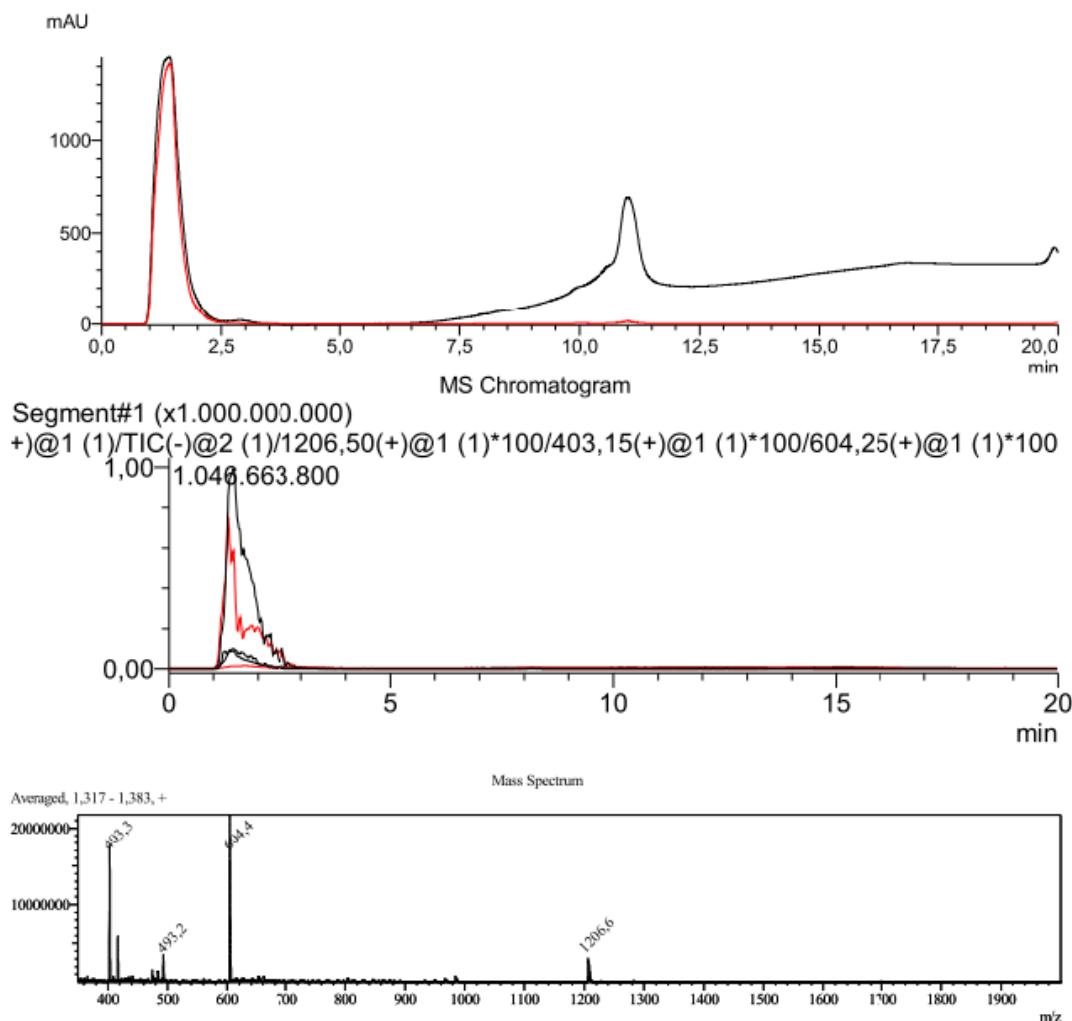
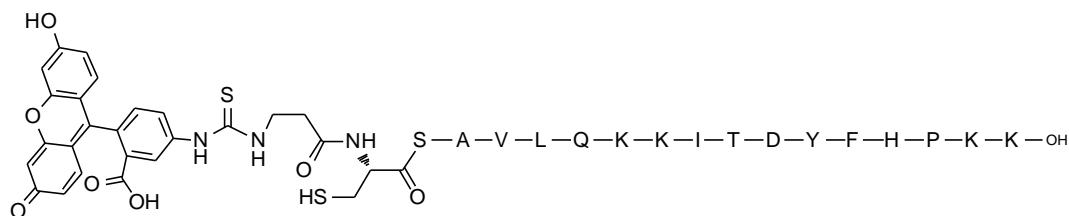


Fig. S4 LC-MS (ESI) measurement of compound **2**.

Compound 3 (fluorescein-labeled PCNA binding peptide)



Chemical Formula: $C_{116}H_{164}N_{26}O_{30}S_2$

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Molecular Weight: 2466,83

Fig. S5: Amino acid sequence and chemical structure of fluorescein-labeled PCNA binding peptide **3**.

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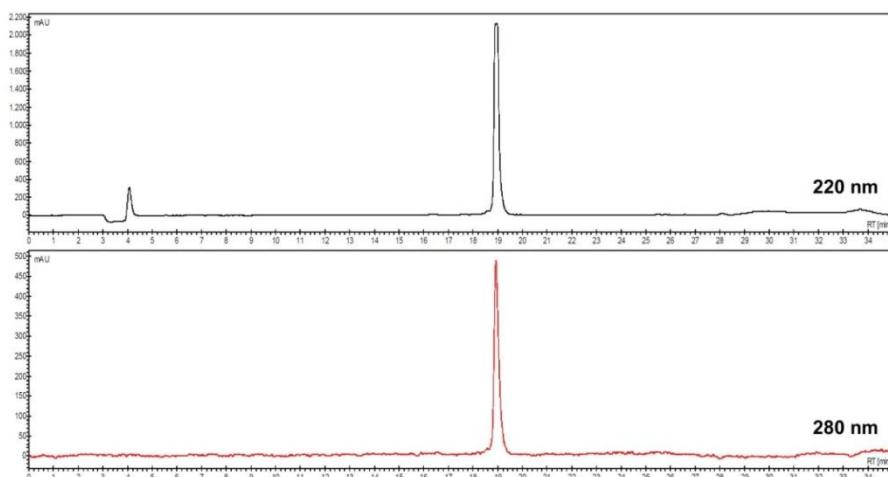


Fig. S6: Analytical RP-HPLC traces of FITC-labeled PCNA binding peptide **3** (Varian 940-LC equipped with a Phenomenex Luna C₁₈ column (5 μ , 100 Å, 250×4.60 mm, 5 μ m). Eluent A: 0.1% aq. trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), eluent B: 90 % aq. acetonitrile in 0.1% aq. TFA; 25 → 50% B in 20 min preceded by 5 min isocratic 25 % B at a flow rate of 1 mL min⁻¹).

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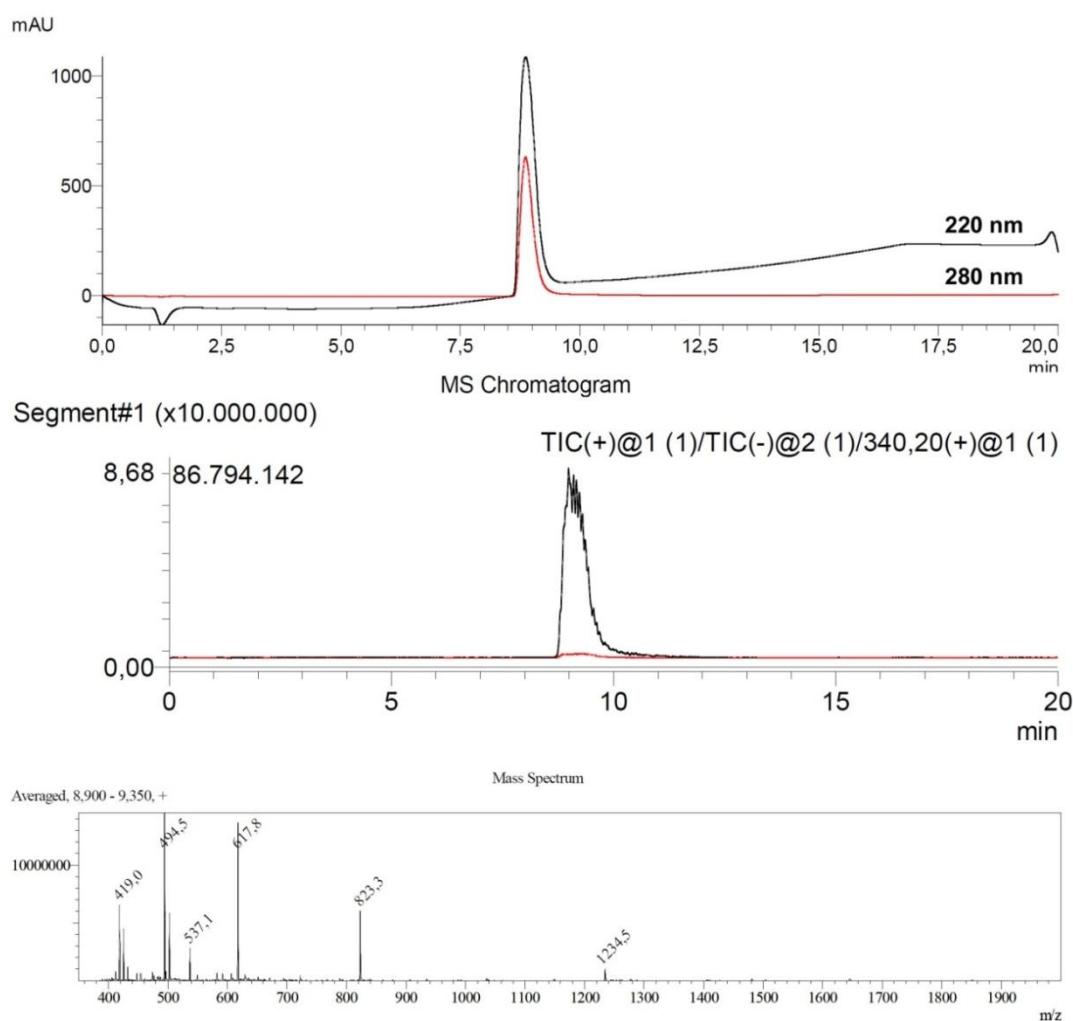
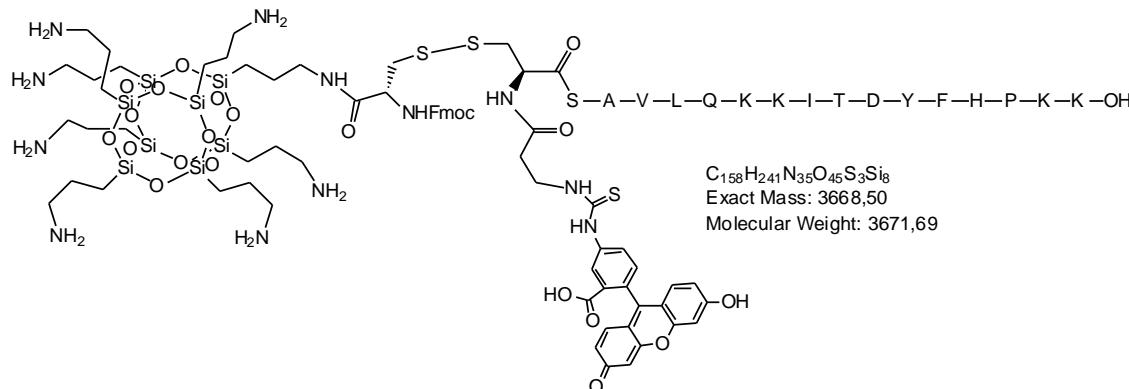


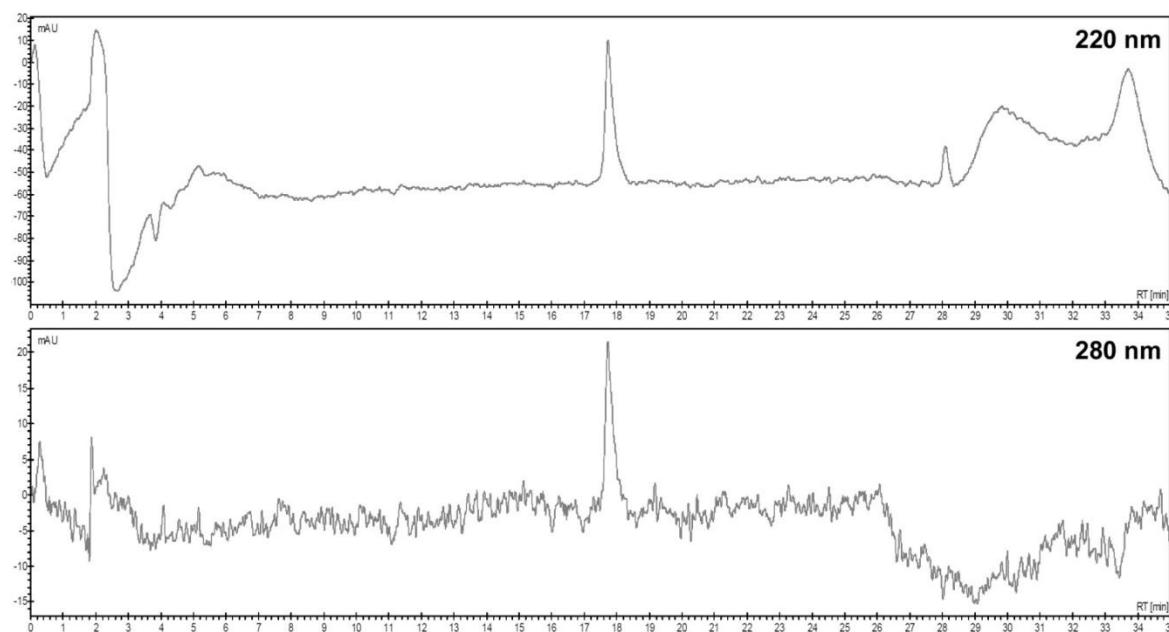
Fig. S7: LC-MS (ESI) measurement of the purified fluorescein-labeled PCNA binding peptide **3**.

Compound 4 (fluorescently labeled PCNA binding peptide coupled to Fmoc-L-cysteine heptaamino-COSS)



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Fig. S8: Chemical structure of compound 4.



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Fig. S9: Analytical RP-HPLC traces of compound 4 (Varian 940-LC equipped with a Phenomenex Luna C₁₈ column (5 μ m, 100 A, 250 \times 4.60 mm, 5 μ m). Eluent A: 0.1% aq. trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), eluent B: 90 % aq. acetonitrile in 0.1% aq. TFA; 25 \rightarrow 50% B in 20 min preceded by 5 min isocratic 10 % B at a flow rate of 1 mL min⁻¹).

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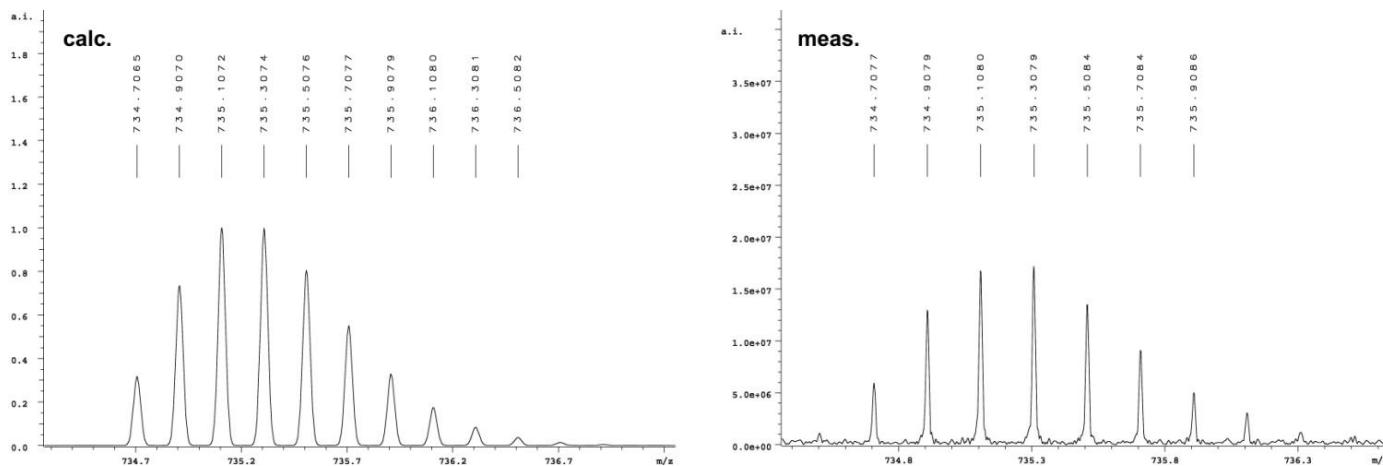
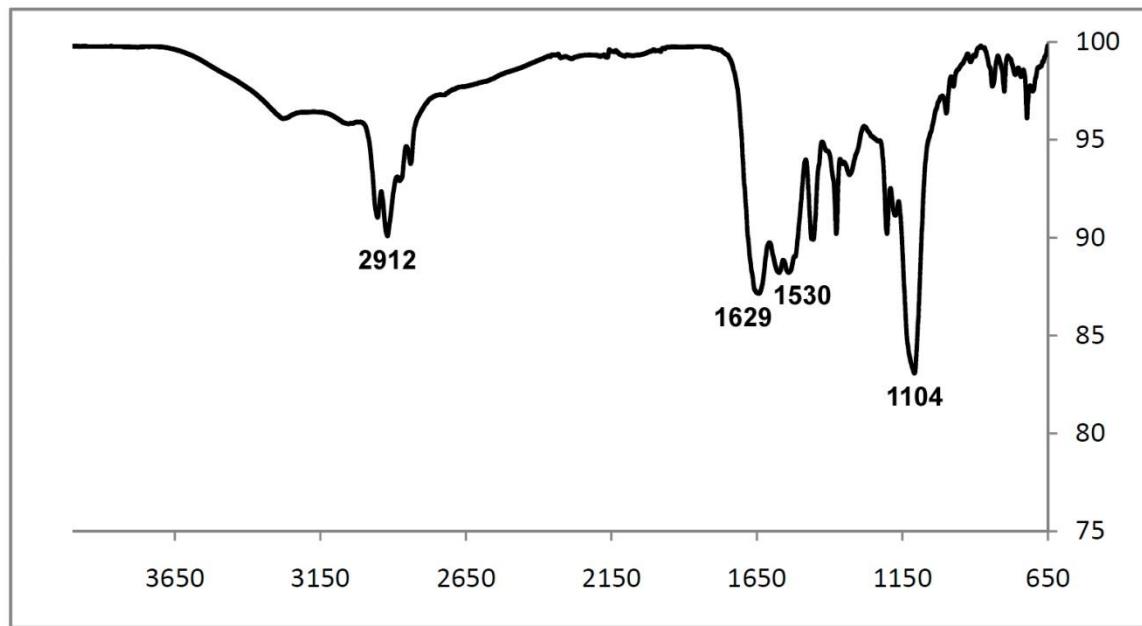


Fig. S10: HR-MS measurement of compound 4; left: calculated isotopic pattern $[M+5H]^{5+} = 734.7065$; right: measured isotopic pattern $[M+5H]^{5+} = 734.7077$.

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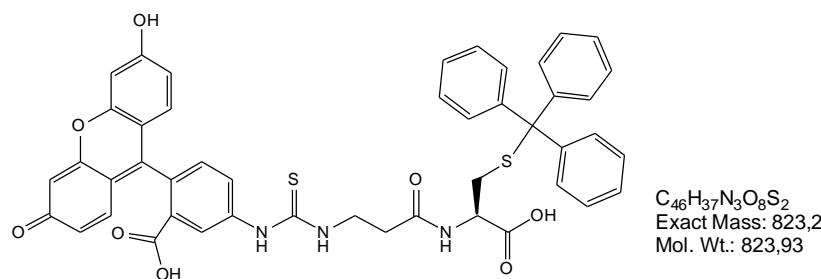


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Fig. S11: FT-IR spectrum of compound 4.

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Compound 5 (cysteine- β -alanine-fluorescein heptaamino-COSS), 5a (cysteine-(S-trityl)- β -alanine-fluorescein), and 5b (cysteine-(S-trityl)- β -alanine-fluorescein heptaamino-COSS)



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Fig. S12: Chemical structure of compound 5a.

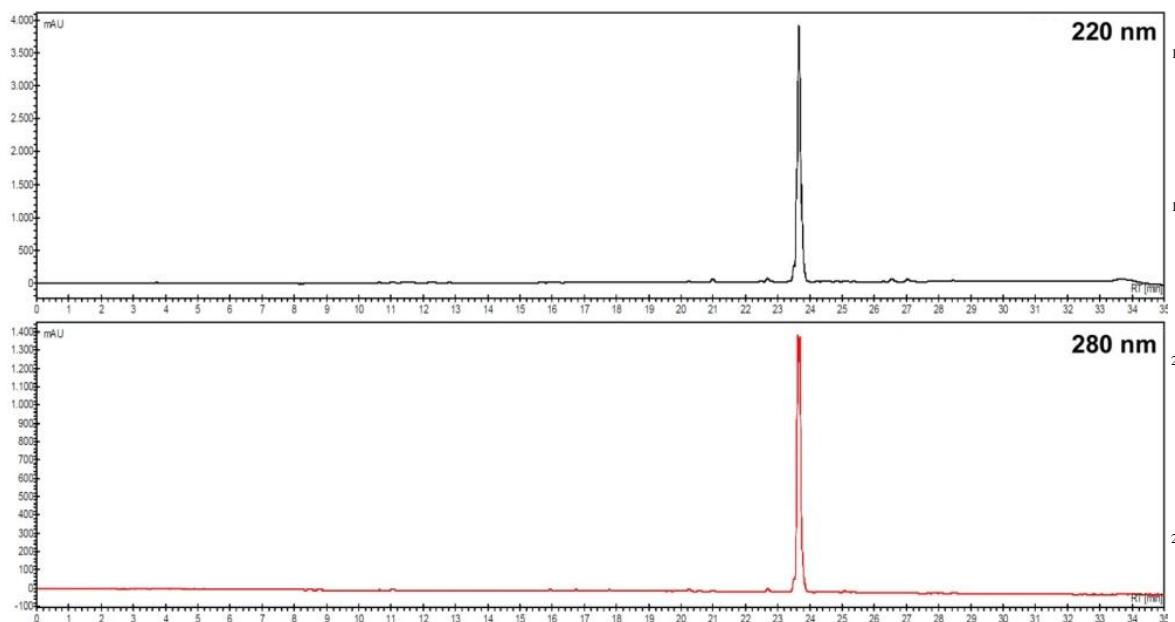
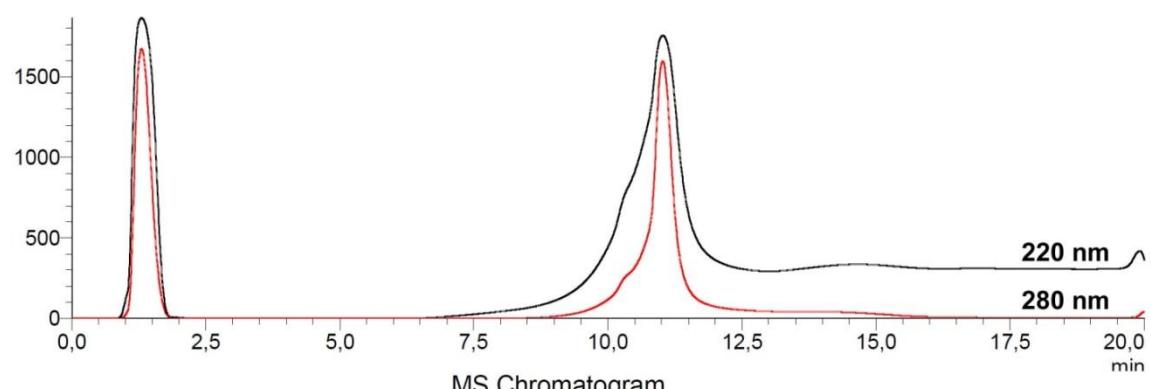


Fig. S13: Analytical RP-HPLC traces of compound 5a. (Varian 940-LC equipped with a Phenomenex Luna C₁₈ column (5 μm, 100 Å, 250×4.60 mm, 5 μm). Eluent A: 0.1% aq. trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), eluent B: 90 % aq. acetonitrile in 0.1% aq. TFA; 10 → 100% B in 20 min preceded by 5 min isocratic 10 % B at a flow rate of 1 mL min⁻¹).

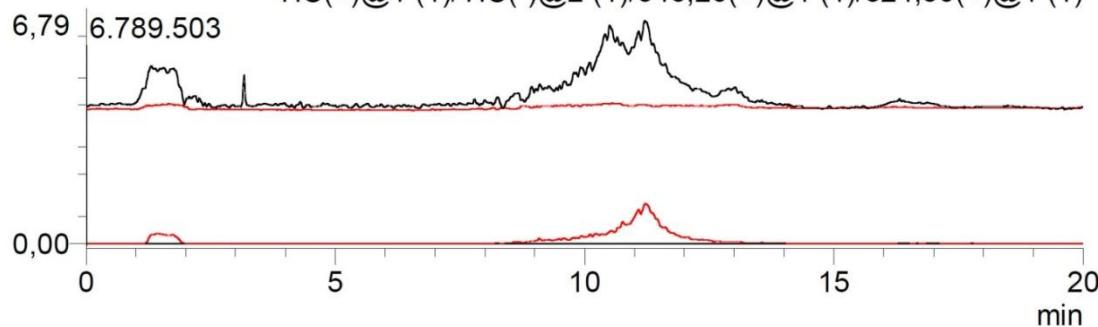
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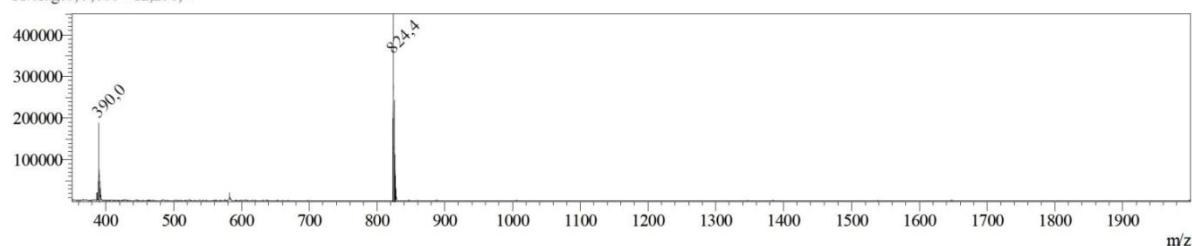
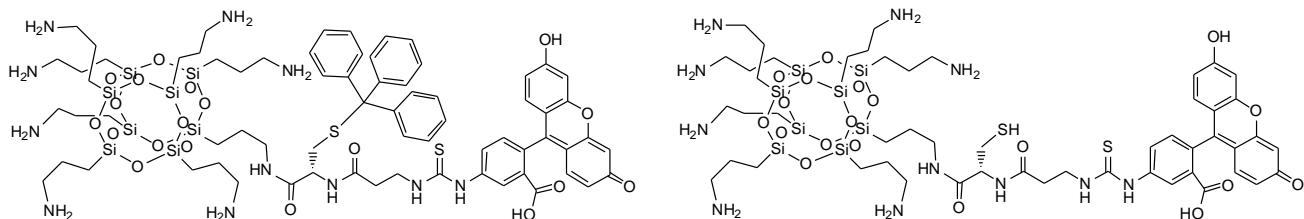


Fig. S14: LC-MS (ESI) measurement of compound **5a**.



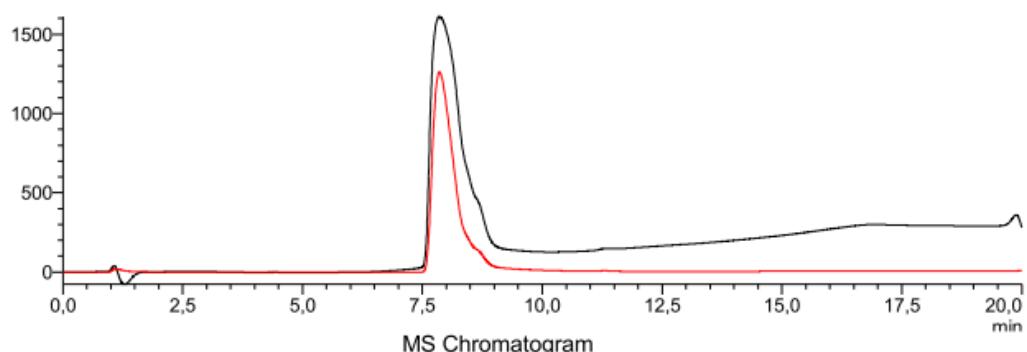
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Fig. S15: Chemical structures of trityl protected **5b** (left) and unprotected cysteine- β -alanine-fluorescein heptaamino-COSS **5** (right).

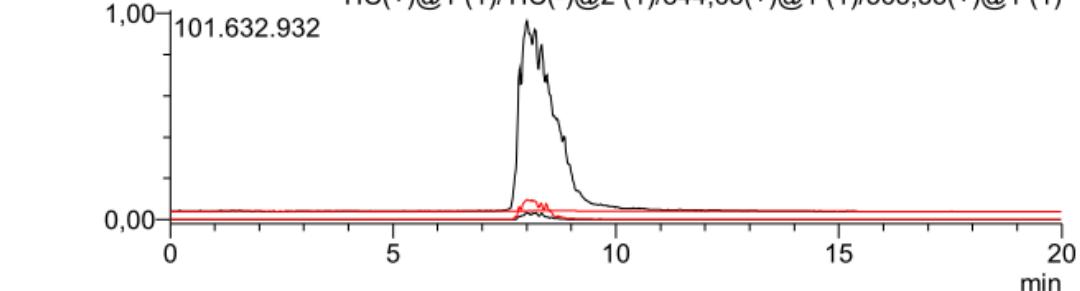
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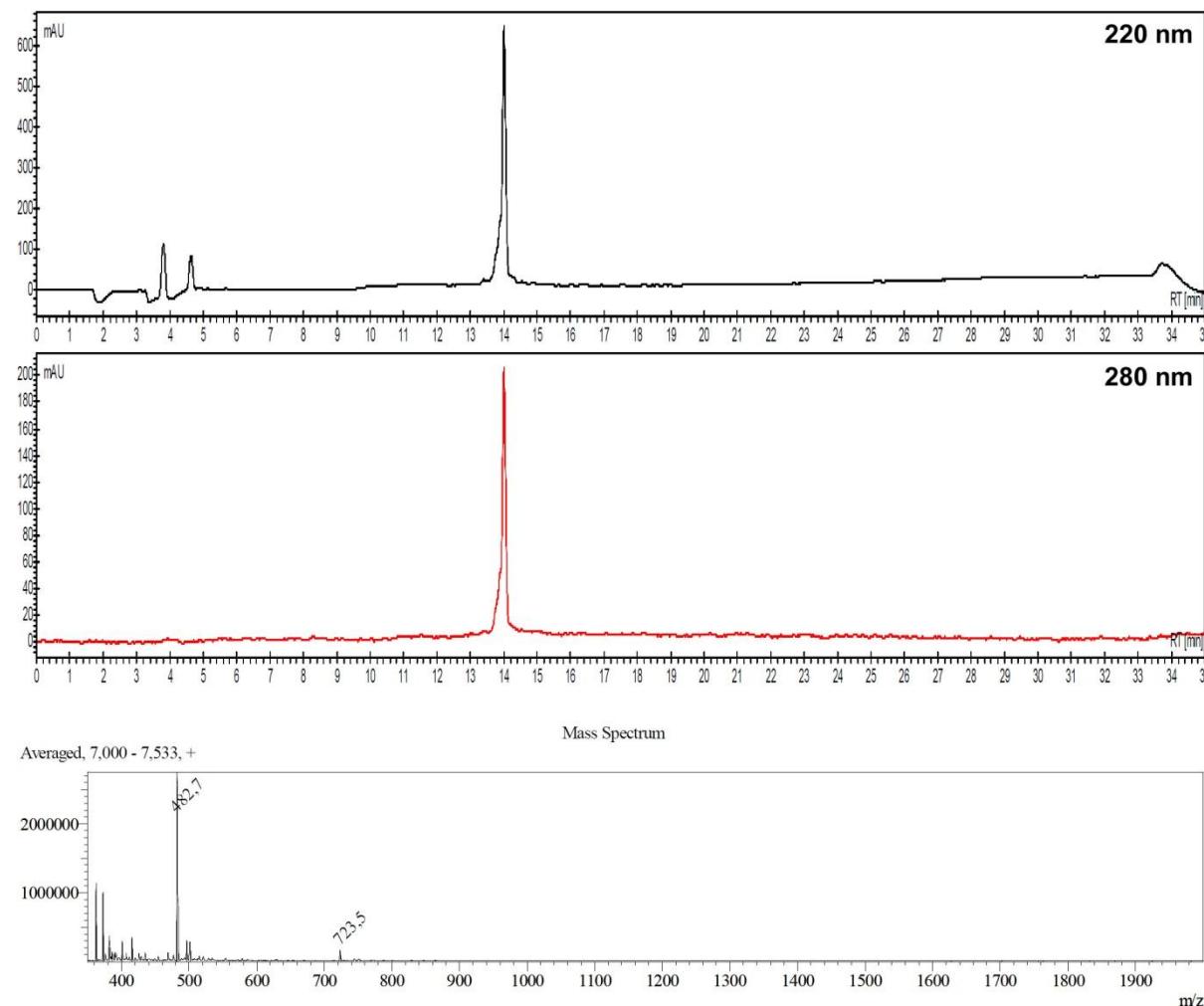
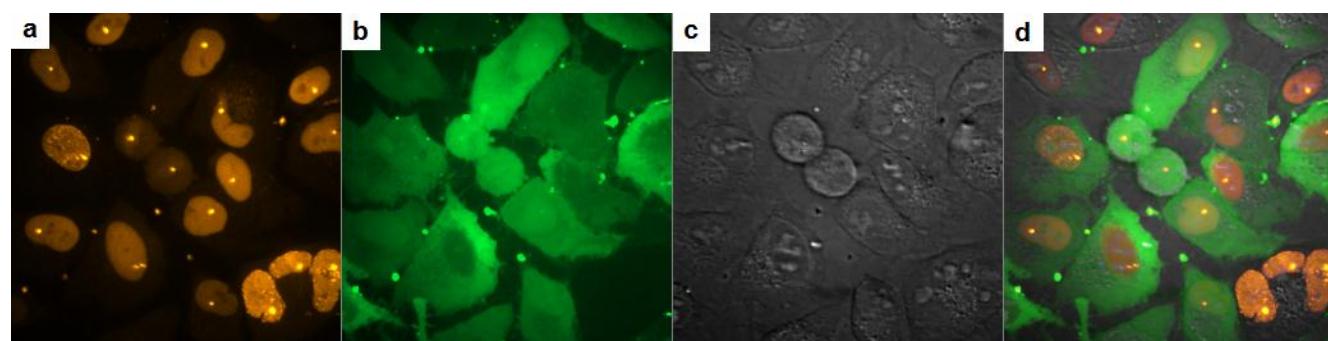


Fig. S17: Analytical RP-HPLC traces (Varian 940-LC equipped with a *Phenomenex Luna C₁₈* column (5 μ , 100 Å, 250×4.60 mm, 5 μ m). Eluent A: 0.1% aq. trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), eluent B: 90 % aq. acetonitrile in 0.1% aq. TFA; 10 → 100% B in 20 min preceded by 5 min isocratic 10 % B at a flow rate of 1 mL min⁻¹) and MS analysis of cysteine-β-alanine-fluorescein heptaamino-COSS **5**.

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Microirradiation experiment and subsequent co-localization of fluorescently labeled PCNA binding peptide and RFP labeled PCNA after the addition of compound **4**



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Fig. S18: Fluorescence microscopic analysis of irradiated HeLa cells 30 minutes after the addition of compound **4**. (a) PCNA (red); (b) cleaved fluorescein-labeled peptide **3** (green); (c) contrast image ; (d) overlay.