

Supporting Information
for
Triazol-substituted titanocenes by strain-driven 1,3-
dipolar cycloadditions

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Experimental procedures and compound characterization,
cytotoxicity studies

Experimental Section:

All starting materials were purchased from commercial sources and used as received unless stated otherwise. Dichloromethane was dried prior to use over CaH_2 . Diazides and amino azides **A**, **B**, **C**, **D** were synthesised as reported in literature [1-4].

Physical measurements and instrumentation:

^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a DPX 300 and DPX 400 Bruker spectrometer; the chemical shifts (in ppm) are reported relative to nondeuterated solvent residual as reference. EI mass spectra were recorded on a MS 50 spectrometer from Kratos as well as on a MAT 95 spectrometer from Thermoquest. ESI mass spectra were recorded on a micrOTOF-Q spectrometer from Bruker Daltonik and IR spectra were recorded on an ATR Nicolet 380 spectrometer from Thermo Electron. Melting Points were measured on a Büchi 530 Melting Point and are uncorrected.

Determination of cell concentration and cell viability:

In a similar manner as described in [5], cell viability was determined by CASY® Cell Counter + Analyzer System of Schaefer System GmbH (Reutlingen, Germany). Settings were specifically defined for the requirements of the used cells. With this system the cell concentration is analyzed simultaneously in three different size ranges: cell debris, dead cells, and viable cells were determined in one measurement. BJAB cells were seeded at a density of 1×10^5 cells/mL and treated with different concentrations of a titanocene-derivate, non treated cells served as controls. After 24 h of incubation at 37 °C, 5% CO_2 , cells were resuspended properly and 100 μL of each well was diluted in 10 mL CASYton (ready-to-use isotonic saline solution) for an immediate automated count of the cells.

Measurement of DNA fragmentation:

In a similar manner as described in [6], apoptotic cell death was determined by a modified cell cycle analysis, which detects DNA fragmentation on the single cell level. For measurement of DNA fragmentation cells were seeded at a density of 1×10^5 cells/mL and treated with different concentrations of a titanocene-derivate. After 72 h of incubation at 37 °C, 5% CO_2 , cells were collected by centrifugation at 1500 rpm for 5 min, washed with PBS at 4 °C, and fixed in PBS/2% (v/v) formaldehyde on ice for 30 min. After fixation, cells were incubated with ethanol/PBS (2:1, v/v) for 15 min, pelleted, and resuspended in PBS containing 50 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ RNase A. After incubation for 30 min at 37 °C, cells were pelleted again and finally resuspended in PBS containing 50 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ propidium iodide. Nuclear DNA fragmentation was then quantified by flow cytometric determination of hypodiploid DNA. Data were collected and analyzed using a FACScan (Becton Dickinson, Heidelberg, Germany) equipped with the CELLQuest software. Data are given in percentage of hypoploidy (subG1), which reflects the number of apoptotic cells.

AnnexinV-propidium iodide binding assay:

In a similar manner as described in [7], early apoptotic rates were assessed with flow

cytometry using the annexin V–fluorescein isothiocyanate/propidium iodide (PI) kit (BD Pharmingen, San Diego, CA, USA), in which annexin V bound to exposed phosphatidylserine of the early apoptotic cells, whereas PI stained the cells that had an increased membrane permeability, i.e., the late apoptotic cells. Samples were prepared according to the manufacturer's instructions. Flow cytometry analysis was performed using a FACS-Calibur cytometer (Becton Dickinson, Heidelberg, Germany). The annexin-V+/PI- cells were defined as early apoptotic cells.

General procedure for the synthesis of azide-functionalized titanocenes from carboxylates

To a solution of the carboxylate (1 equiv.) in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL/mmol) was added SOCl_2 (3 mL/mmol). After stirring for 3 h at r.t. excess SOCl_2 and solvent was removed in vacuo for 6 h at 45 °C. The resulting acid chloride was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (6 mL/mmol) and transferred via syringe to a suspension of NaH (10 equiv.) and amino azide (2 equiv.) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL/mmol). Stirring was continued for 16 h at r.t.. After filtration through Celite the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed on BioBeads S-X3 to yield the desired product.

Synthesis of **4**: Carboxylate (313 mg, 1 mmol), SOCl_2 (3 mL), NaH (240 mg, 10 equiv.) and **A** (228 mg, 2 equiv.) to yield **4** (347 mg, 78%) over two steps;

M.p.: 72-76 °C (decomposition); ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 11.93 (br. s, 1H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.68 (s, 5H), 6.60 – 6.53 (m, 1H), 5.95 – 5.89 (m, 1H), 3.30 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.38 – 3.24 (m, 1H), 3.26 – 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.97 – 2.85 (m, 1H), 1.72 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.24 (s, 6H); ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 176.5, 150.2, 125.4, 121.4, 119.5, 117.2, 109.3, 51.0, 46.3, 41.2, 34.6, 30.3, 26.4, 26.4, 26.0; MS: (10.0 eV, ESI): m/z (%) = 405.2 (100); HRMS (10.0 eV, ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2^{48}\text{Ti}^+$: 405.1766; found: 405.1765 [$\text{M} - 2\text{Cl} + \text{OCH}_3$] $^+$; IR: ATR, ν [cm^{-1}] = 2935, 2870, 2090, 1610, 1550, 1440, 1370, 1285, 1190, 1000, 825, 730, 415. Crystallized from CH_2Cl_2 , Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{26}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_4\text{OTi}$ (CH_2Cl_2): C 49.89, H 5.76, N 12.12; found: C 49.69, H 6.02, N 12.04.

Synthesis of **5**: Carboxylate (313 mg, 1 mmol), SOCl_2 (3 mL), NaH (240 mg, 10 equiv.) and **B** (436 mg, 2 equiv.) to yield **5** (280 mg, 51%) over two steps;

M.p.: 155 °C (decomposition); ^1H -NMR (400 MHz; CDCl_3): δ = 11.92 (br. s, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.83 - 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.70 (s, 5H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 5.98 (m, 1H), 3.74 - 3.56 (m, 13H), 3.49-3.39 (m, 1H), 3.38 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 3H), 3.22 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (s, 6H); ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3): 176.3, 150.2, 124.9, 121.3, 120.0, 116.4, 108.9, 70.7, 70.6, 70.5, 70.4, 70.08, 68.6, 50.8, 46.5, 41.5, 34.4, 29.6, 26.6; MS (2.0 eV, ESI): m/z (%) = 509.2 (100), 475.2 (8); HRMS (2.0 eV, ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3^{46}\text{Ti}^+$: 543.1854; found 543.1851 [$\text{M} - \text{Cl} + \text{OCH}_3$] $^+$; IR: ATR, ν [cm^{-1}] = 2922, 2871, 2023, 1615, 1556, 1102, 826, 417; Crystallized from CH_2Cl_2 , Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{34}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_4\text{OTi}$ (CH_2Cl_2): C 45.45, H 5.72, N 8.83; found: C 45.52, H 5.82, N 8.84.

Synthesis of **6**: Carboxylate (626 mg, 2 mmol), SOCl₂ (6 mL), NaH (480 mg, 10 equiv.) and **C** (649 mg, 2 equiv.) to yield **6** (878 mg, 89%) over two steps;

M.p.: 185 °C (decomposition); ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 12.78 (br. s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.94 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.86 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 6.54 – 6.49 (m, 1H), 6.46 (s, 5H), 6.03 – 5.99 (m, 1H), 4.51 (dd, *J* = 14.5 Hz, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 14.5 Hz, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 3.33 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 176.6, 150.7, 136.8, 135.1, 128.9, 128.6, 124.7, 121.2, 120.7, 116.2, 109.4, 54.4, 47.1, 44.9, 34.8, 30.1, 26.1; MS (10.0 eV, ESI): *m/z* (%) = 453.2 (100); HRMS (10.0 eV, ESI): calcd. for C₂₄H₂₉N₄O₂⁴⁸Ti⁺: 453.1767; found: 453.1768 [M – 2Cl + OCH₃]⁺; IR: ATR, ν [cm⁻¹] = 2920, 2095, 1605, 1550, 1445, 1370, 1235, 1205, 1025, 825, 680, 560. Crystallized from CH₂Cl₂, Anal. calcd. for C₂₃H₂₆Cl₂N₄OTi (CH₂Cl₂): C 54.61, H 5.22, N 10.98; found: C 54.61, H 5.30, N 10.99.

Synthesis of **7**: Carboxylate (352 mg, 1 mmol), SOCl₂ (3 mL), NaH (240 mg, 10 equiv.) and **A** (228 mg, 2 equiv.) to yield **7** (436 mg, 89%) over two steps;

M.p.: 108 °C; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 12.30 (br. s, 1H), 6.99 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.94 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.66 (s, 5H), 6.63 – 6.58 (m, 1H), 6.13 – 6.08 (m, 1H), 3.45 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.38 – 3.29 (m, 1H), 3.28 – 3.19 (m, 1H), 2.78 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 1.84 – 1.53 (m, 10H), 1.50 – 1.31 (m, 3H), 1.24 – 1.11 (m, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 176.4, 150.7, 125.4, 121.2, 121.1, 116.0, 110.2, 51.0, 46.1, 41.0, 38.8, 38.4, 34.1, 26.4, 26.0, 25.4, 22.2, 21.7; MS (10.0 eV, ESI): *m/z* (%) = 445.2 (100); HRMS (8.0 eV, ESI): calcd. for C₂₃H₃₃N₄O₂⁴⁸Ti⁺: 445.2080; found: 445.2078 [M – 2Cl + OCH₃]⁺; IR: ATR, ν [cm⁻¹] = 2925, 2850, 2090, 1610, 1550, 1440, 1375, 1000, 825, 730. Crystallized from CH₂Cl₂, Anal. calcd. for C₂₂H₃₀Cl₂N₄OTi (CH₂Cl₂): C 51.81, H 5.98, N 10.79; found: C 52.04, H 6.27, N 10.92.

Synthesis of **8**: Carboxylate (352 mg, 1 mmol), SOCl₂ (3 mL), NaH (240 mg, 10 equiv.) and **C** (324 mg, 2 equiv.) to yield **8** (334 mg, 63%) over two steps;

M.p.: 108 °C; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 12.76 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.92 – 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.49 (s, 5H), 6.45 – 6.41 (m, 1H), 6.17 – 6.11 (m, 1H), 4.47 (dd, *J* = 14.2 Hz, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, *J* = 13.9 Hz, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 1.86 – 1.05 (m, 10H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 176.6, 150.6, 137.0, 135.1, 128.8, 128.8, 124.8, 122.4, 121.1, 115.2, 110.6, 54.5, 46.9, 44.9, 38.7, 38.6, 33.9, 25.3, 22.3, 21.7; MS (8.0 eV, ESI): *m/z* (%) = 493.2 (100), 527.2 (5); HRMS (8.0 eV, ESI): *m/z*: calcd. for C₂₇H₃₃N₄O₂⁴⁶Ti⁺: 491.2124; found: 491.2124 [M – 2Cl + OCH₃]⁺; IR: ATR, ν [cm⁻¹] = 2925, 2850, 2090, 1605, 1555, 1435, 1375, 1240, 1020, 825, 730, 685. Crystallized from CH₂Cl₂, Anal. calcd. for C₂₆H₃₀Cl₂N₄OTi (CH₂Cl₂): C 57.18, H 5.57, N 10.18; found: C 57.13, H 5.57, N 10.24.

Synthesis of **9**: Carboxylate (530 mg, 1.5 mmol), SOCl₂ (4.5 mL), NaH (360 mg, 10 equiv.) and **D** (486 mg, 2 equiv.) to yield **9** (635 mg, 71%) over two steps;

M.p.: 108 °C (decomposition); ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 12.76 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.92 – 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.49 (s, 5H), 6.45 – 6.41 (m, 1H), 6.17 – 6.11 (m, 1H), 4.47 (dd, *J* = 14.2 Hz, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, *J* = 13.9 Hz, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 1.86 – 1.05 (m, 10H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 176.6, 150.6, 137.0, 135.1, 128.8, 128.8, 124.8, 122.4, 121.1, 115.2, 110.6, 54.5, 46.9, 44.9, 38.7, 38.6, 33.9, 25.3, 22.3, 21.7; MS (8.0 eV, ESI): *m/z* (%) = 493.2 (100), 527.2 (5); HRMS (8.0 eV, ESI): calcd. for C₂₇H₃₃N₄O₂⁴⁶Ti⁺: 491.2124; found 491.2124 [M – 2Cl + OCH₃]⁺; Crystallized from CH₂Cl₂, Anal. calcd. for C₂₆H₃₀Cl₂N₄OTi (CH₂Cl₂): C 57.18, H 5.57, N 10.18; found: C 57.15, H 5.93, N 10.12.

Synthesis of **10**: Carboxylate (396 mg, 1 mmol), SOCl₂ (3 mL), NaH (240 mg, 10 equiv.) and **B** (436 mg, 2 equiv.) to yield **10** (323 mg, 51%) over two steps;

M.P. 165 °C (decomposition); ¹H-NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): δ = 11.07 (br. s, 1H), 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.70 (s, 5H), 6.49 - 6.42 (m, 1H), 6.33 (m, 1H), 5.98 (m, 1H), 3.91 - 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.74 - 3.56 (m, 12H), 3.50 - 3.42 (m, 1H), 3.37 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 1.79 - 1.44 (m, 4H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.39 – 1.17 (m, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.64 (m, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ = 183.1, 149.9, 126.5, 120.8, 119.9, 116.9, 109.3, 70.7, 70.6, 70.4, 70.3, 70.0, 68.9, 50.8, 47.7, 46.6, 42.3, 39.4, 39.1, 23.8, 21.9, 17.8, 17.5, 15.2, 15.03; MS (8.0 eV, ESI): *m/z* (%) = 593.3 (100), 579.3 (48). HRMS (8.0 eV, ESI): calcd. for C₃₀H₄₉N₄O₅⁴⁸Ti⁺: 593.3182, found: 593.3180 [M – 2Cl + OCH₃]⁺; IR: ATR, ν [cm⁻¹] = 2958, 2869, 2098, 1585, 1525, 1440, 1348, 1282, 1022; Crystallized from CH₂Cl₂, Anal. calcd. for C₂₇H₄₆Cl₂N₄O₄Ti (CH₂Cl₂): C 50.16, H 6.73, N 7.80; found: C 50.19, H 6.77, N 7.83.

Synthesis of **11**: Carboxylate (794 mg, 2 mmol), SOCl₂ (6 mL), NaH (480 mg, 10 equiv.) and **D** (649 mg, 2 equiv.) to yield **11** (357 mg, 31%) over two steps;

M.p.: 94 °C (decomposition); ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 11.88 (br. s, 1H), 7.39 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.44 – 6.36 (m, 2H), 6.25 (s, 5H), 6.03 – 5.98 (m, 1H), 4.77 (dd, *J* = 15.1 Hz, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd, *J* = 15.1 Hz, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 1.78 – 1.14 (m, 7H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.69 – 0.55 (m, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 184.4, 150.1, 135.9, 133.2, 129.8, 128.9, 128.0, 127.4, 125.7, 121.1, 120.7, 117.7, 110.7, 52.7, 48.5, 46.9, 42.8, 38.8, 38.8, 23.7, 21.9, 18.0, 17.6, 15.2, 14.9; MS (8.0 eV, ESI): *m/z* (%) = 541.2 (100), 537.3 (84), 523.3 (5), 445.2 (40), 431.2 (10); HRMS (8.0 eV, ESI): calcd. for C₃₀H₄₁N₄O₂⁴⁶Ti⁺: 535.2750; found 535.2753 C₃₀H₄₁N₄O₂⁴⁶Ti⁺ = [M – 2Cl + OCH₃]⁺; IR: ATR, ν [cm⁻¹] = 2960, 2870, 2095, 1575, 1520, 1360, 1255, 1010, 825, 725; Crystallized from CH₂Cl₂, Anal. calcd. for C₂₉H₃₈Cl₂N₄OTi (CH₂Cl₂): C 59.65, H 6.57, N 13.31; found: C 59.73, H 6.37, N 13.22.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Triazoles from Azides

To a solution of the carboxylate (1 equiv.) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL/mmol) was added cyclooctyne (5 equiv.). After stirring for 16 h at r.t. the solvent was removed and the residue washed with cyclohexane and chromatographed on BioBeads S-X3 to yield the desired product.

Synthesis of **12**: Azide **4** (99 mg, 0.22 mmol) with cyclooctyne (119 mg) to yield **12** (97 mg, 80%);

M.p.: 82 °C; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 12.07 (br. s, 1H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.82 – 6.74 (m, 1H), 6.66 (s, 5H), 6.59 – 6.52 (m, 1H), 5.93 – 5.86 (m, 1H), 4.27 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 3.35 – 3.20 (m, 2H), 3.16 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (m, 3H), 2.77 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.51 – 1.34 (m, 4H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 176.5, 149.6, 144.3, 133.7, 125.6, 121.3, 119.2, 117.4, 109.0, 47.2, 45.7, 40.9, 34.4, 29.5, 28.3, 27.3, 26.9, 26.3, 26.0, 25.5, 24.8, 24.4, 21.7; MS (8.0 eV, ESI): *m/z* (%) = 517.2 (7), 513.3 (100), 499.3 (3), 375.2 (3); HRMS (8.0 eV, ACN, ESI): calcd. for C₂₇H₃₈ClN₄O⁴⁸Ti⁺: 517.2211, found 517.2207 [M – Cl]⁺; IR: ATR, ν [cm⁻¹] = 2925, 2850, 1610, 1550, 1440, 1370, 1290, 1200, 825, 725; Crystallized from CH₂Cl₂, Anal. calcd. for C₂₇H₃₈Cl₂N₄O₄Ti (CH₂Cl₂): C 52.68, H 6.32, N 8.78; found: C 52.69, H 6.55, N 8.74.

Synthesis of **13**: Azide **4** (220 mg, 0.4 mmol) with cyclooctyne (216 mg) to yield **13** (231 mg, 88%);

M.p.: >200 °C; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃): 12.00 (br. s, 1H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.75 (s, 5H), 6.65 – 6.55 (m, 1H), 6.11 – 5.94 (m, 1H), 4.71 – 4.52 (m, 2H), 4.01 – 3.95 (m, 2H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.69 – 3.48 (m, 10H), 3.40 – 3.34 (m, 1H), 3.25 – 3.19 (m, 1H), 3.07 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.93 – 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.82 – 2.74 (m, 1H), 1.93 – 1.78 (m, 4H), 1.52 (m, 4H), 1.31 (s, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃): δ = 176.2, 150.4, 142.6, 136.5, 124.7, 121.4, 120.4, 116.6, 109.3, 70.7, 70.7, 70.6, 70.5, 69.6, 68.6, 49.3, 46.7, 41.6, 34.4, 29.7, 27.9, 26.5, 26.0, 25.9, 24.6, 23.6, 22.0; MS (7.0 eV, ESI): *m/z* (%) = 617.3 (100); HRMS (8.0 eV, ESI): calcd. for C₃₂H₄₈ClN₄O₅⁴⁷Ti⁺: 651.2793 found: 651.2791 [M – Cl + OCH₃]⁺; IR: ATR, ν [cm⁻¹] = 3379, 2023, 1615, 1556, 1102, 826; Crystallized from CH₂Cl₂, Anal. calcd. for C₃₁H₃₆Cl₂N₄O₄Ti (CH₂Cl₂): C 51.77, H 6.52, N 7.55, found: C 51.76, H 6.52, N 7.57.

Synthesis of **14**: Azide **6** (115 mg, 0.23 mmol) with cyclooctyne (120 mg) to yield **14** (126 mg, 78%);

M.p. 152 °C; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 12.81 – 12.73 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.54 – 6.48 (m, 1H), 6.45 (s, 5H), 6.03 – 5.96 (m, 1H), 5.44 (s, 2H), 4.47 (dd, *J* = 14.6 Hz, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, *J* = 14.6 Hz, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.96

– 2.87 (m, 3H), 2.63 – 2.59 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.32 (m, 4H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H); ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 176.6, 150.5, 145.2, 136.6, 135.2, 133.6, 128.6, 127.6, 124.8, 121.2, 120.6, 116.4, 109.4, 51.5, 46.8, 44.7, 34.8, 29.9, 28.2, 26.2, 26.1, 25.9, 24.7, 24.6, 21.9; MS (8.0 eV, ESI): m/z (%) = 561.3 (100); HRMS (8.0 eV, ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2^{47}\text{Ti}^+$: 560.2742, found 560.2754 [$\text{M} - 2\text{Cl} + \text{OCH}_3$] $^+$; IR: ATR, ν [cm^{-1}] = 2920, 2850, 1605, 1555, 1435, 1370, 1020, 825, 600, 560; Crystallized from CH_2Cl_2 , Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{38}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_4\text{OTi}$ (CH_2Cl_2): C 56.00, H 5.87, N 8.16, found: C 56.02, H 5.90, N 8.10.

Synthesis of **15**: Azide **8** (267 mg, 0.5 mmol) with cyclooctyne (270 mg) to yield **15** (295 mg, 79%);

M.p.: 174 °C; ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 12.90 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.45 (m, 1H), 6.43 (s, 5H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.44 – 5.41 (s, 2H), 4.45 (dd, J = 14.3 Hz, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dd, J = 14.4 Hz, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.70 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.57 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.49 (m, 10H), 1.45 – 1.26 (m, 7H), 1.17 – 1.06 (m, 1H); ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 176.6, 150.3, 145.1, 136.8, 135.2, 133.6, 128.7, 127.5, 125.1, 122.0, 121.1, 115.6, 110.7, 51.5, 46.6, 44.7, 38.6, 38.4, 34.1, 28.2, 26.1, 25.8, 25.3, 24.7, 24.5, 22.2, 21.9, 21.7; MS (8.0 eV, ESI): m/z (%) = 635.3 (2), 601.3 (100), 463.2 (2); HRMS (8.0 eV, ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2^{46}\text{Ti}^+$: 599.3063; found: 599.3063 [$\text{M} - 2\text{Cl} + \text{OCH}_3$] $^+$; IR: ATR, ν [cm^{-1}] = 2925, 2850, 1605, 1555, 1435, 1375, 1235, 1020, 915, 825, 725; Crystallized from CH_2Cl_2 , Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{42}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_4\text{OTi}$ (CH_2Cl_2): C 56.63, H 6.00, N 7.49, found: C 56.75, H 5.99, N 7.40.

Synthesis of **16**: Azide **9** (267 mg, 0.5 mmol) with cyclooctyne (270 mg) to yield **16** (279 mg, 79%);

M.p.: 178 °C; ^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 12.74 (br. s, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.50 (s, 5H), 6.41 (m, 1H), 6.15 (m, 1H), 5.74 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (dd, J = 14.8 Hz, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, J = 14.8 Hz, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.92 – 2.83 (m, 1H), 2.78 – 2.69 (m, 1H), 2.47 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 1.83 – 1.58 (m, 8H), 1.56 – 1.27 (m, 9H), 1.15 – 1.01 (m, 1H); ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 176.8, 150.7, 144.7, 135.3, 134.8, 133.3, 130.7, 129.3, 128.8, 124.2, 123.2, 121.4, 114.8, 110.2, 50.2, 47.6, 42.9, 38.9, 38.5, 33.8, 28.4, 26.3, 25.7, 25.3, 24.7, 24.6, 22.3, 22.2, 21.8; MS: (8.0 eV, ESI): m/z (%) = 601.3 (100), 450.2 (2); HRMS (8.0 eV, ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2^{46}\text{Ti}^+$: 599.3063; found: 599.3067 [$\text{M} - 2\text{Cl} + \text{OCH}_3$] $^+$; IR: ATR, ν [cm^{-1}] = 2925, 2850, 1600, 1555, 1440, 1375, 1235, 1015, 825, 730, 685; Crystallized from CH_2Cl_2 , Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{42}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_4\text{OTi}$ (CH_2Cl_2): C 59.46, H 6.24, N 7.99; found: C 59.41, H 6.43, N 7.94.

Synthesis of **17**: Azide **10** (267 mg, 0.5 mmol) with cyclooctyne (270 mg) to yield **17** (341 mg, 92%);

M.p.: >200 °C; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz; CDCl_3): δ = 11.00 (br. s, 1H), 7.35 - 7.30 (m, 1H), 6.71 (s, 5H), 6.56 - 6.50 (m, 1H), 6.44 - 6.40 (m, 1H), 5.96 - 5.86 (m, 1H), 4.43 - 4.33 (m, 2H), 3.90 - 3.77 (m, 3H), 3.73 - 3.60 (m, 3H), 3.60 - 3.53 (m, 2H), 3.53 - 3.38 (m, 6H), 2.95 - 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.82 - 2.77 (m, 2H), 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.76 - 1.69 (m, 4H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.62 - 1.38 (m, 8H), 1.31 - 1.18 (m, 2H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.80 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.66 - 0.56 (m, 1H), $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (400 MHz; CDCl_3): δ = 183.1, 149.7, 143.9, 134.9, 126.5, 120.9, 119.8, 117.6, 110.0, 70.7, 70.5, 70.3, 70.2, 69.8, 68.9, 48.1, 47.6, 46.5, 42.2, 39.4, 39.1, 28.4, 26.3, 26.0, 24.8, 24.4, 23.9, 21.8, 21.7, 17.7, 17.5, 15.2, 14.9; MS (8.0 eV, ESI): m/z (%) = 701.4 (100), 687.4 (44); HRMS (8.0 eV, ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{61}\text{N}_4\text{O}_5^{48}\text{Ti}^+$: 701.4121, found: 701.4120 [$\text{M} - 2\text{Cl} + \text{OCH}_3$] $^+$; IR: ATR, ν [cm^{-1}] = 2923, 2850, 1599, 1555, 1443, 1378, 1235, 1015; Crystallized from CH_2Cl_2 , Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{58}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_4\text{O}_4\text{Ti}$ (CH_2Cl_2): C 55.22, H 7.36, N 6.78; found: C 55.20, H 7.33, N 7.76.

Synthesis of **18**: Azide **11** (289 mg, 0.5 mmol) with cyclooctyne (270 mg) to yield **18** (257 mg, 75%);

M.p.: 181 °C; $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 11.95 (br. s, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 7.2 Hz, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 7.2 Hz, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 - 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.43 - 6.40 (m, 2H), 6.39 (s, 5H), 6.06 - 6.02 (m, 1H), 5.89 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (dd, J = 14.7 Hz, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd, J = 14.8 Hz, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.98 - 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.84 - 2.70 (m, 2H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.76 - 1.41 (m, 11H), 1.33 - 1.13 (m, 4H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.62 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 184.4, 150.3, 145.1, 134.4, 134.3, 133.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 127.8, 125.7, 121.2, 120.9, 117.5, 110.5, 49.2, 48.6, 47.0, 43.2, 38.9, 38.8, 28.4, 26.2, 26.1, 24.8, 24.7, 23.8, 21.9, 21.9, 18.2, 17.7, 15.1, 15.0; MS (8.0 eV, ESI): m/z (%) = 645.4 (100), 631.3 (3); HRMS (8.0 eV, ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{53}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2^{48}\text{Ti}^+$: 645.3646; found: 645.3646 [$\text{M} - 2\text{Cl} + \text{OCH}_3$] $^+$; IR: ATR, ν [cm^{-1}] = 2930, 2870, 1570, 1520, 1440, 1400, 1360, 1235, 1195, 1050, 1010, 825, 730; Crystallized from CH_2Cl_2 , Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{50}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_4\text{OTi}$ (CH_2Cl_2): C 59.23, H 6.80, N 7.27; found: C 59.16, H 6.88, N 7.28.

Figure S1: Apoptosis-induction by 15

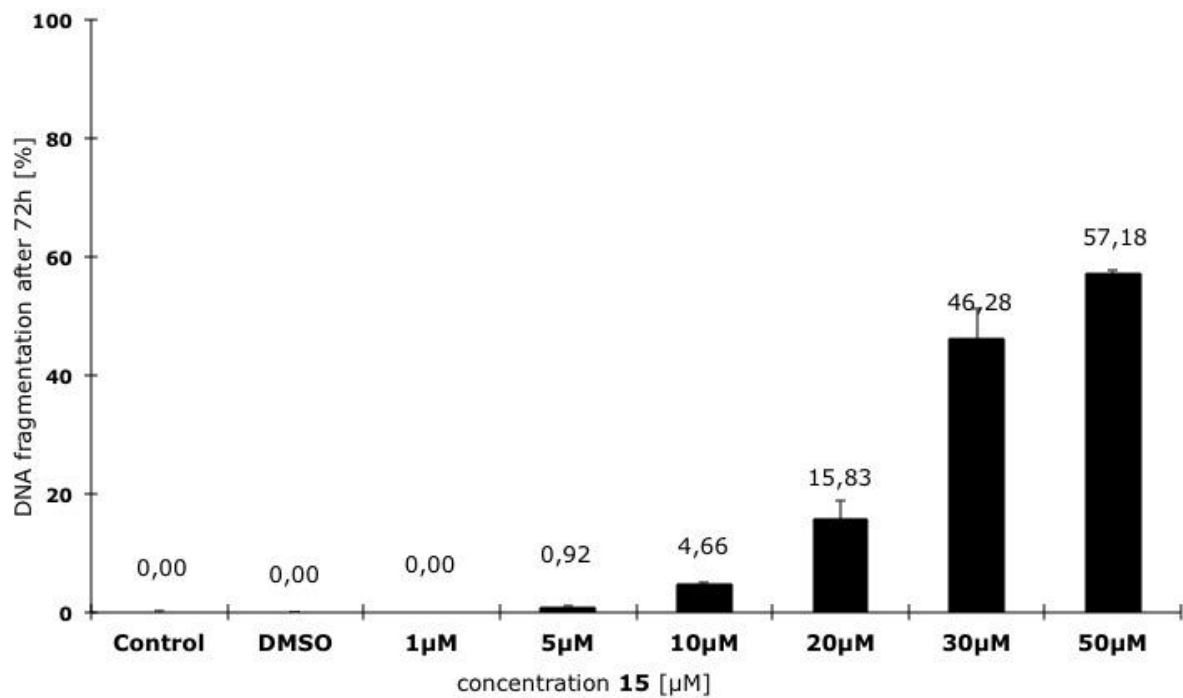


Figure S2: Viability of 15

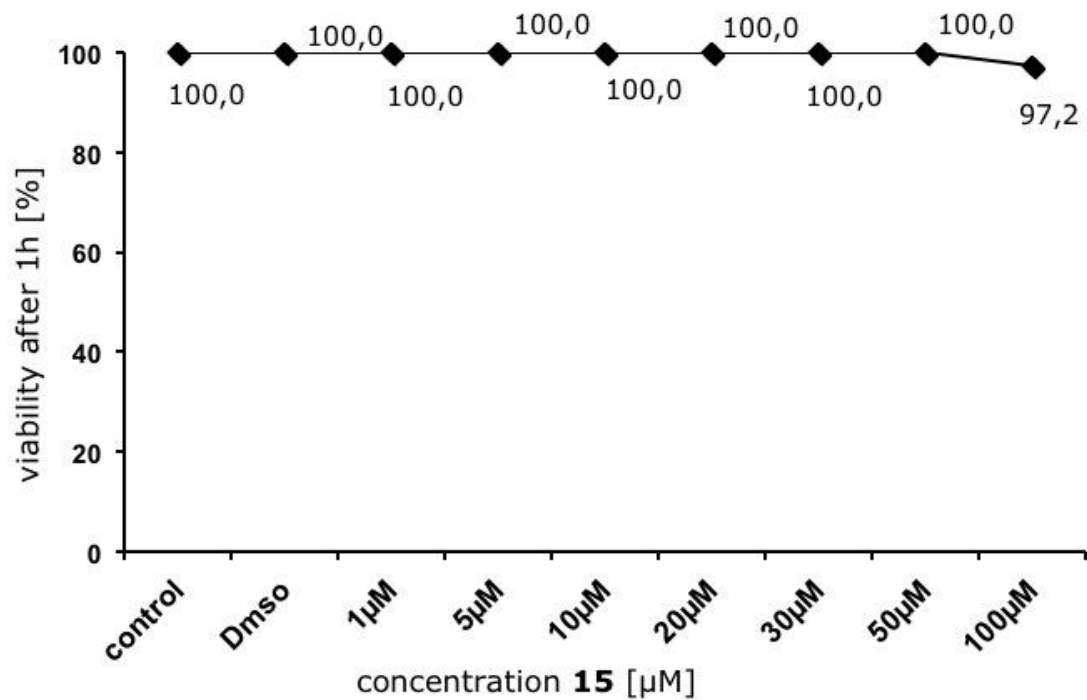


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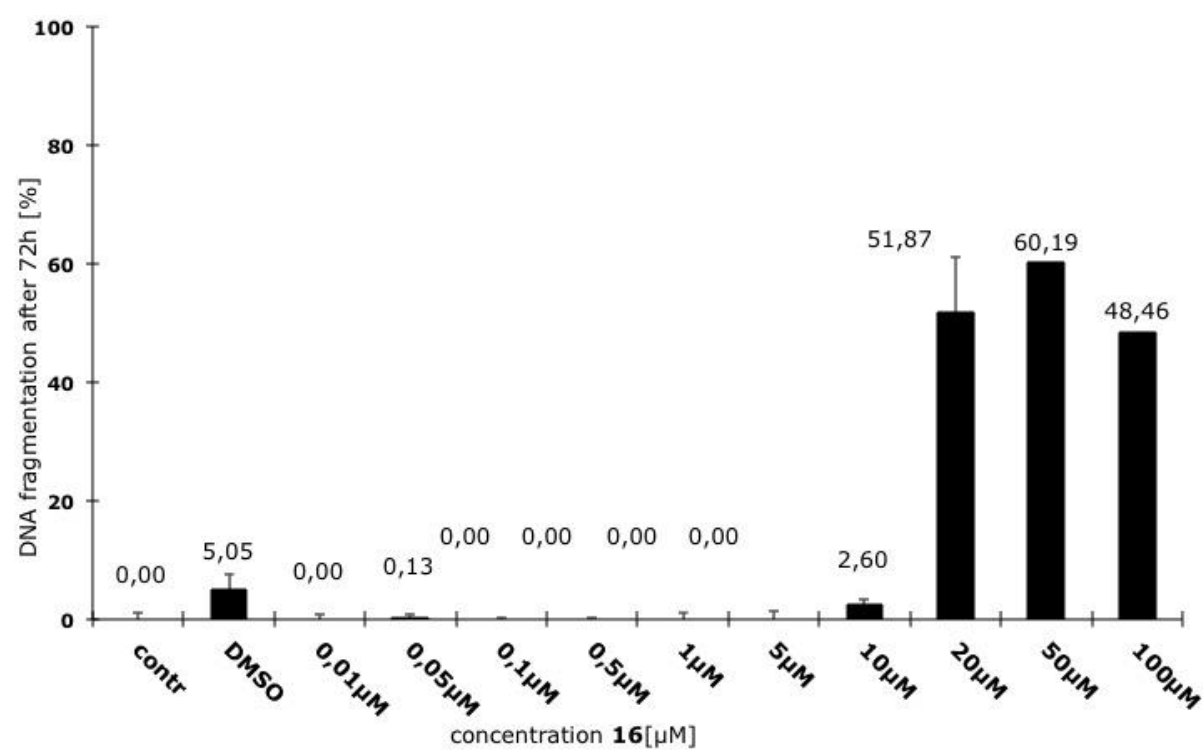


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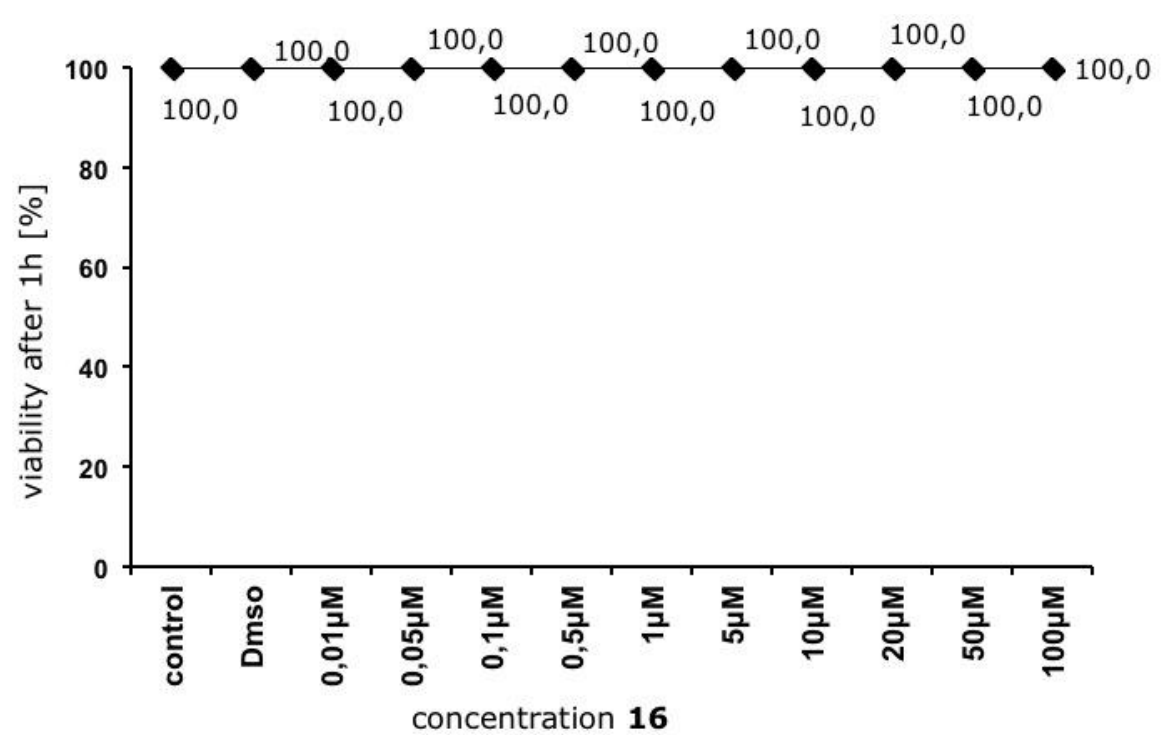


Figure S5: Apoptosis-induction by **18**

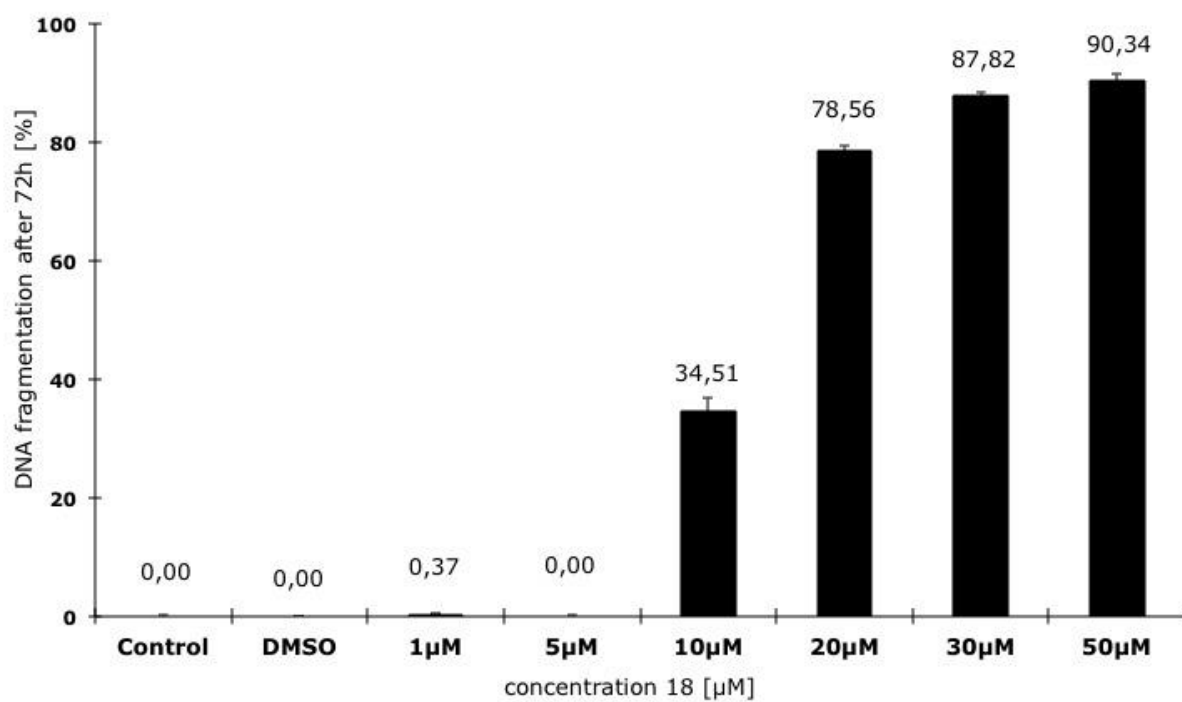
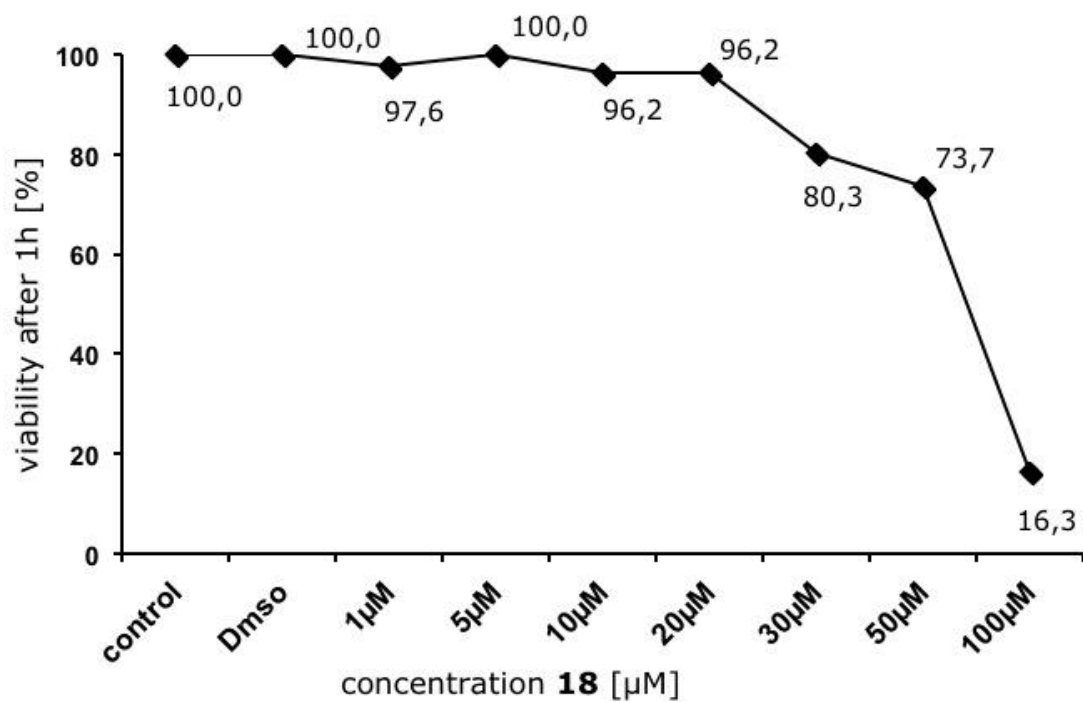


Figure S6: Viability of **18**



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