# Susceptibility of the antioxidant selenoenyzmes thioredoxin reductase and glutathione peroxidase to alkylation-mediated inhibition by anticancer acylfulvenes

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**Figure S2.** Inhibition curves for treatment of Gpx with iodoacetamide. Gpx (0.4 pmol) was allowed to react with iodoacetamide (1.87 mM) for 40 min in a total volume of 0.5 mL phosphate buffer (0.1 M, 1 mM EDTA, pH 7.0) at 37 °C. Average IC<sub>50</sub> for two trials is  $2.4 \pm 0.1$  mM.

**Figure S3.** LC/MS spectra derived from AFs-treated Gpx. Gpx (1.6 nmol) was allowed to react with AFs (1.25 mM) in a total volume of 1 mL TE buffer. Gpx samples were then concentrated and unbound compound removed before LC/MS analysis.

**Figure S4.** Response of HeLa cells toward illudin S and AFs. Cells were treated with drugs for 12 h, which is the same treatment time for the cellular TrxR inhibition experiment. By assessing this toxicity first, we selected the drug concentration range that can ensure 80% of cells survive for cellular TrxR activity evaluation. Although high concentrations were tested,  $IC_{50}s$  could not be reached due to the short time treatment.

**Figure S5.** Induction of cellular TrxR by selenite (Na<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>4</sub>). HeLa cells were cultured in medium with or without addition of sodium selenite (1  $\mu$ M) for three continuous days. The cellular TrxR protein level (A) and activity (B) were determined.

### Table S1.

Illudin S (µM)	Average Activity (%)
0	100 ± 31
0.5	119 ± 41
2	125 ± 34
20	128 ± 36
200	110 ± 24
1000	160 ± 10

AF (μM)	Average Activity (%)
0	99 ± 14
0.5	102 ± 6
2	102 ± 17
20	144 ± 12
200	198 ± 25
1000	196 ± 34

HMAF (µM)	Average Activity (%)
0	100 ± 59
0.25	111 ± 46
0.5	129 ± 58
2	162 ± 12
200	155 ± 22

### Figure S1.



Figure S2.



Figure S3.



Figure S4.



## Figure S5.

