

## Supplementary Information

### Peptide density targets and impedes triple negative breast cancer metastasis

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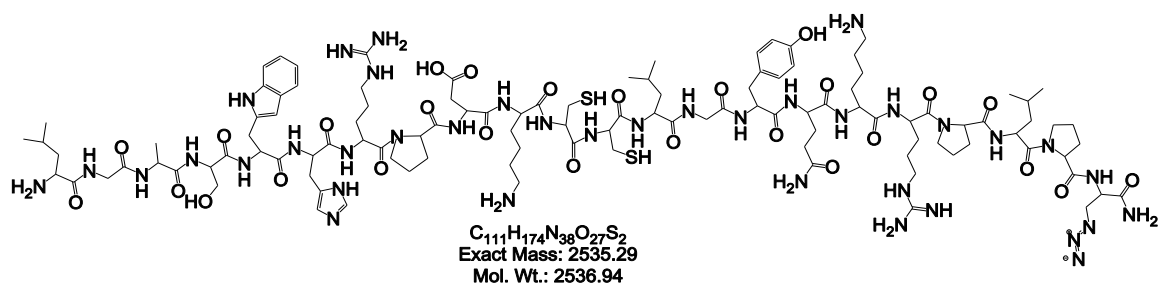
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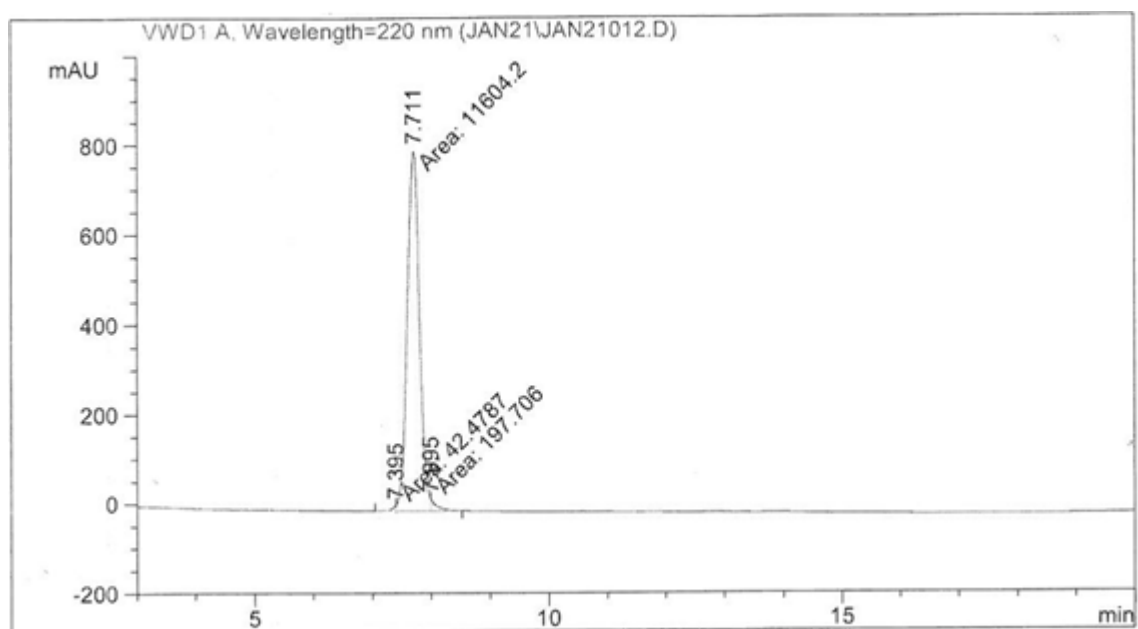
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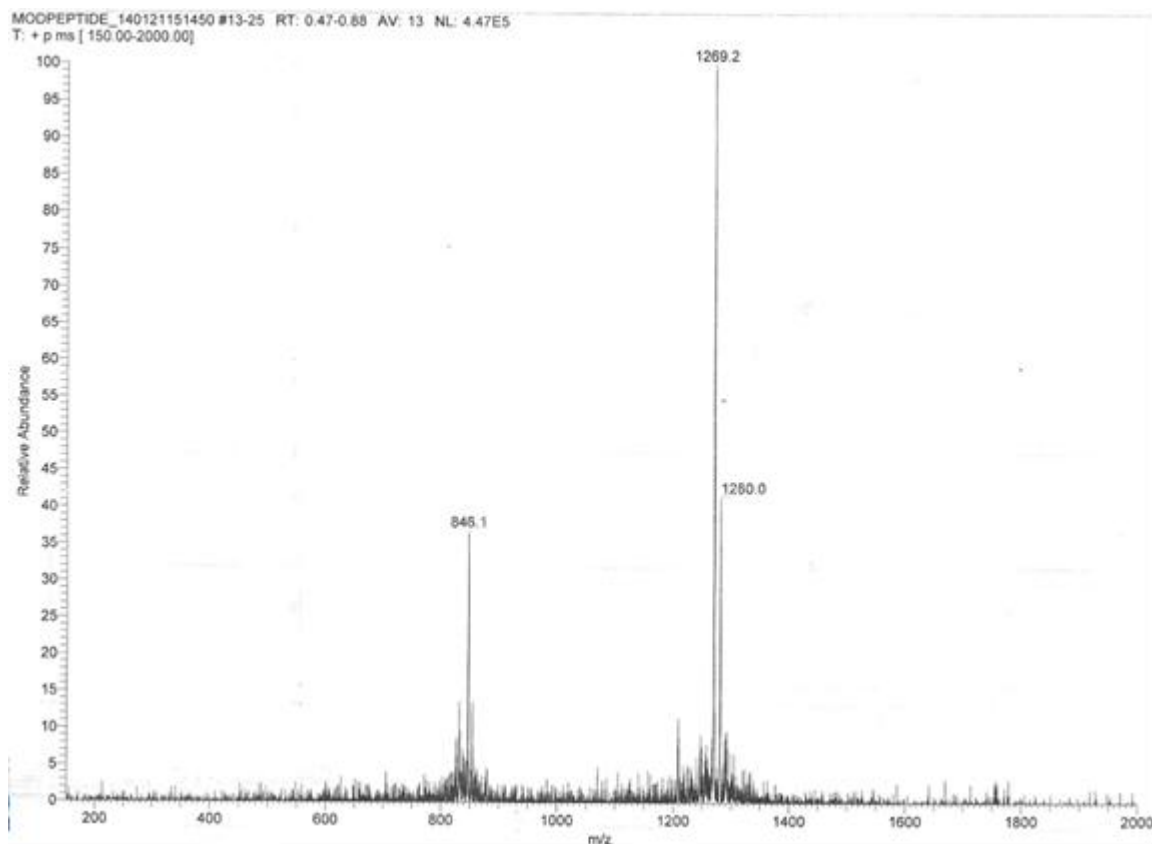
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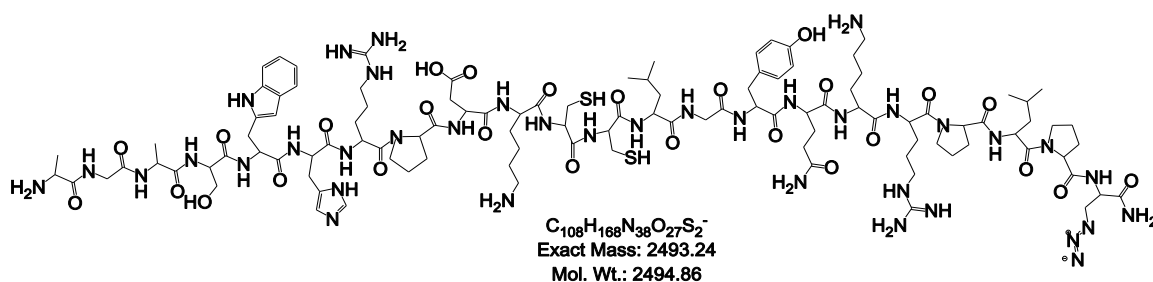
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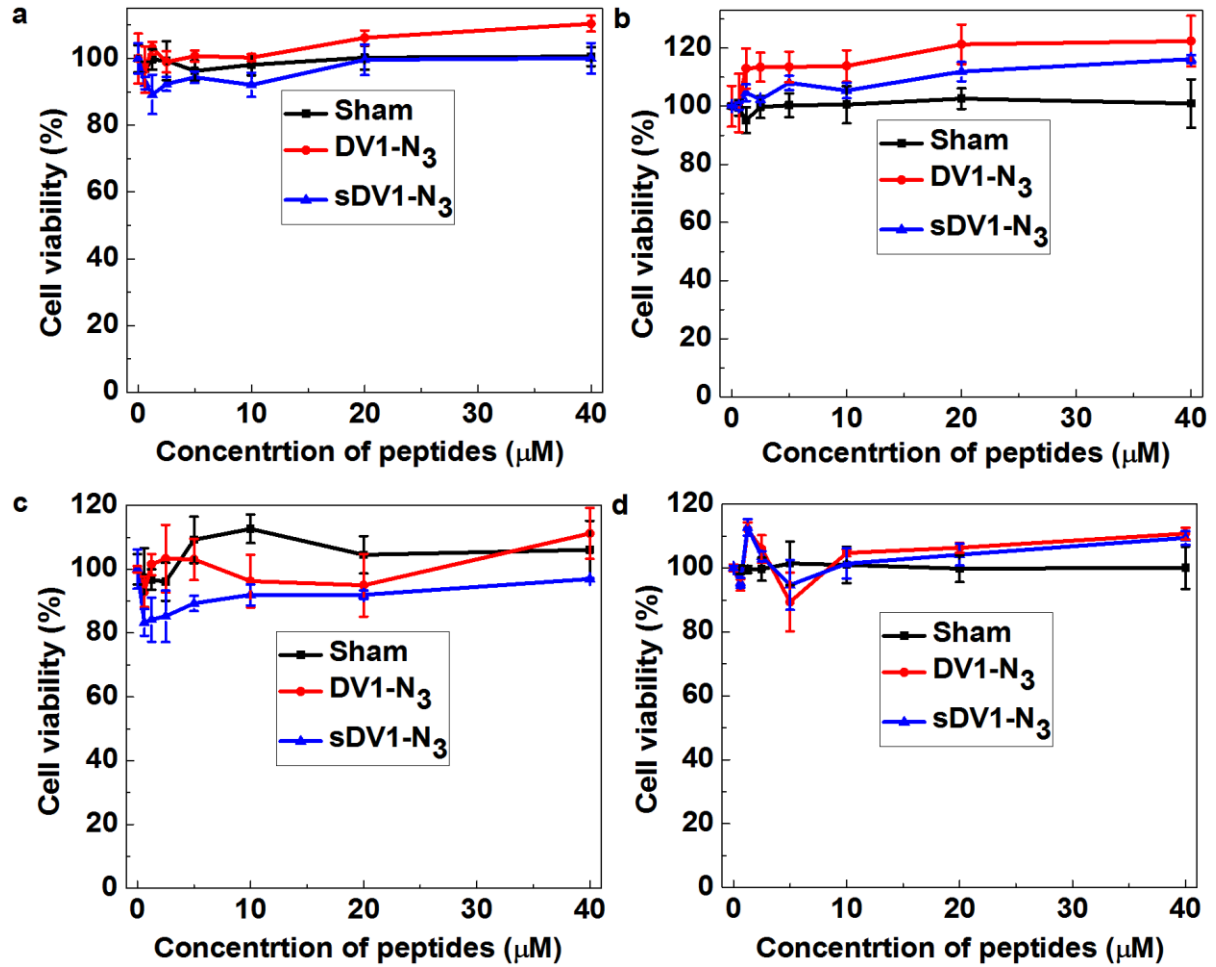
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Supplementary Figure 1 **DV1-N3 and scrambled DV1-N3 peptides**. **a**, molecular structure of DV1-N<sub>3</sub> peptide (sequence: *L-G-A-S-W-H-R-P-D-K-C-C-L-G-Y-Q-K-R-P-L-P-A* ( $\beta$ -azido)-CONH<sub>2</sub> (all D-amino acids except G and the A ( $\beta$ -azido))), **b**, high performance liquid chromatography of DV1-N<sub>3</sub>. **c**, mass spectrometry DV1-N<sub>3</sub> peptide, **d**, molecular structure of scrambled DV1-N<sub>3</sub> peptide (sequence: *A-G-A-S-W-H-R-P-D-K-C-C-L-G-Y-Q-K-R-P-L-P-A* ( $\beta$ -azido)-CONH<sub>2</sub>).

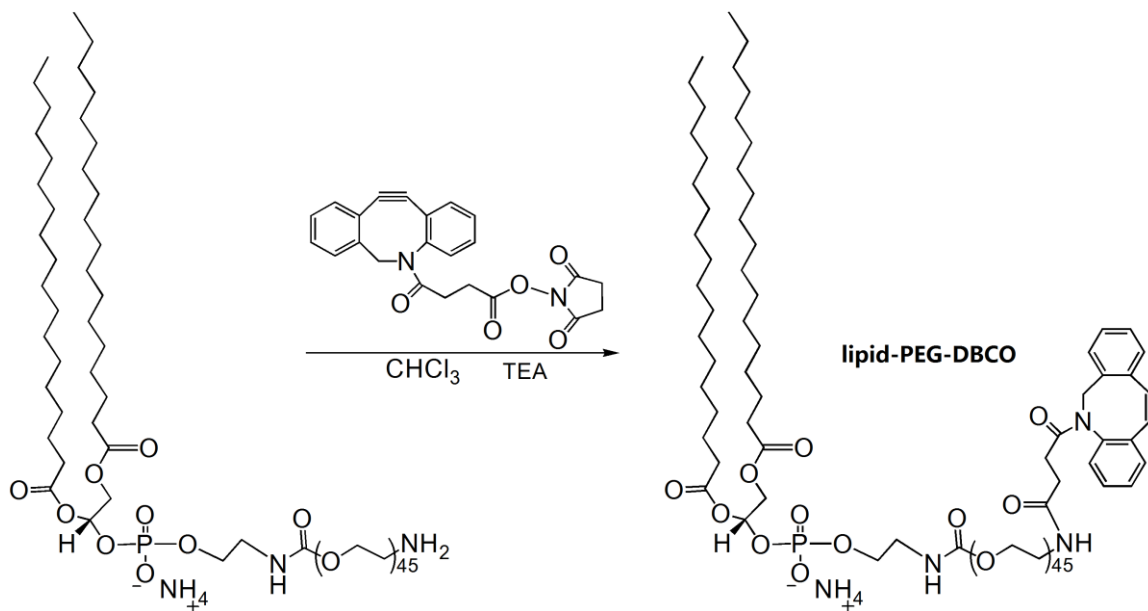
Supplementary Table 1 Breast cancer cell surface CXCR4 density.

Cell line	HER 2	ER	PR	CXCR4 density (molecules/cell)
MCF-10A	-	-	-	4600 ± 100
MDA-MB-231	-	-	-	15000 ± 1000
MDA-MB-436	-	-	-	59000 ± 1400

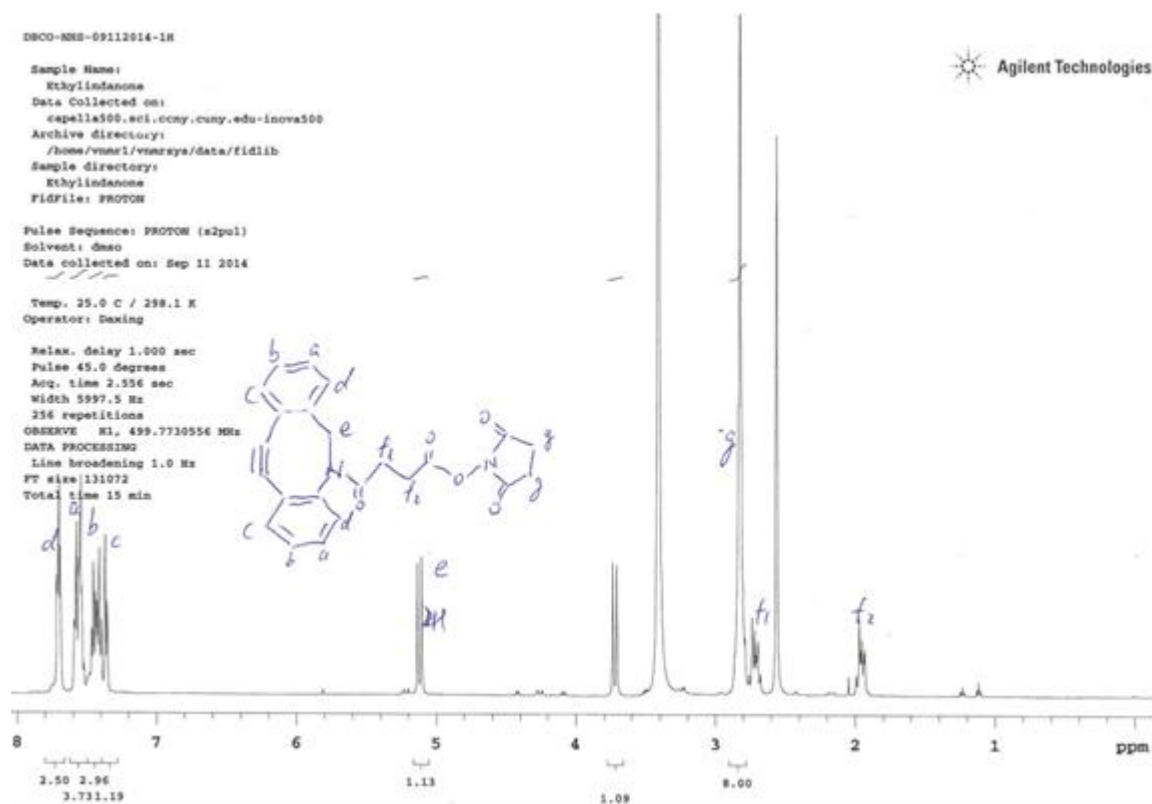


Supplementary Figure 2 Cytotoxicity of DV1-N<sub>3</sub> and sDV1-N<sub>3</sub> peptides. Cell viability of DV1-N<sub>3</sub> and sDV1-N<sub>3</sub> on (a) MDA-MB-231 at 24h; (b) MDA-MB-231 at 48h; (c) HUVECs at 24h; (d) HUVECs at 48h.

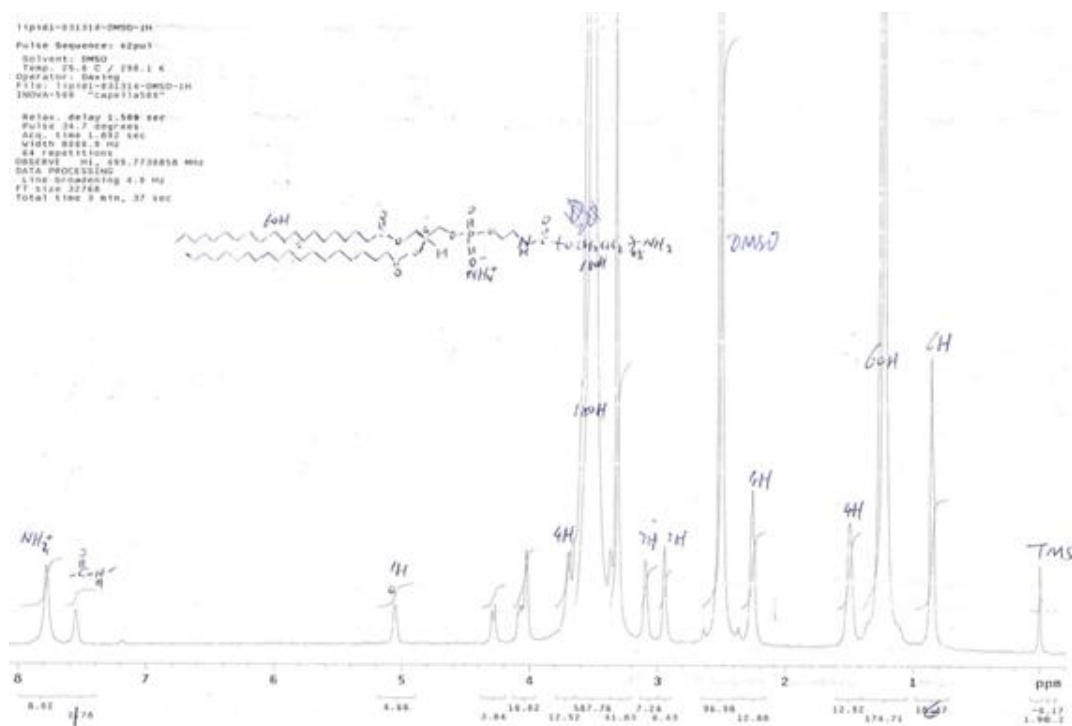
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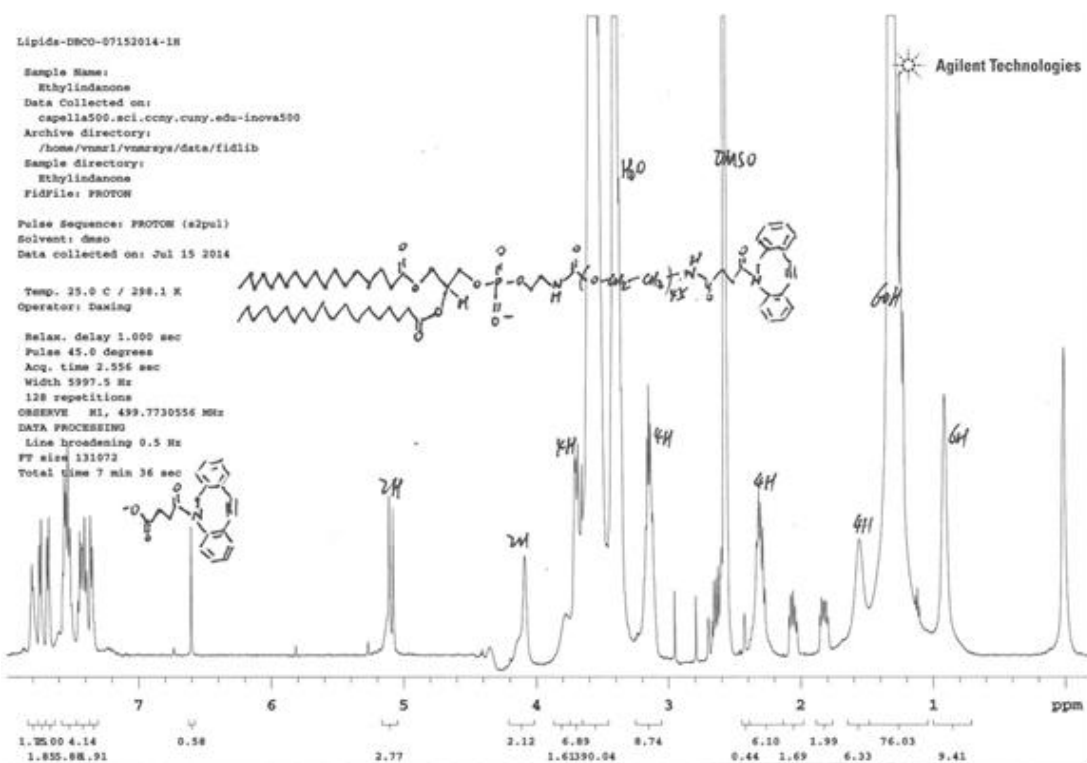
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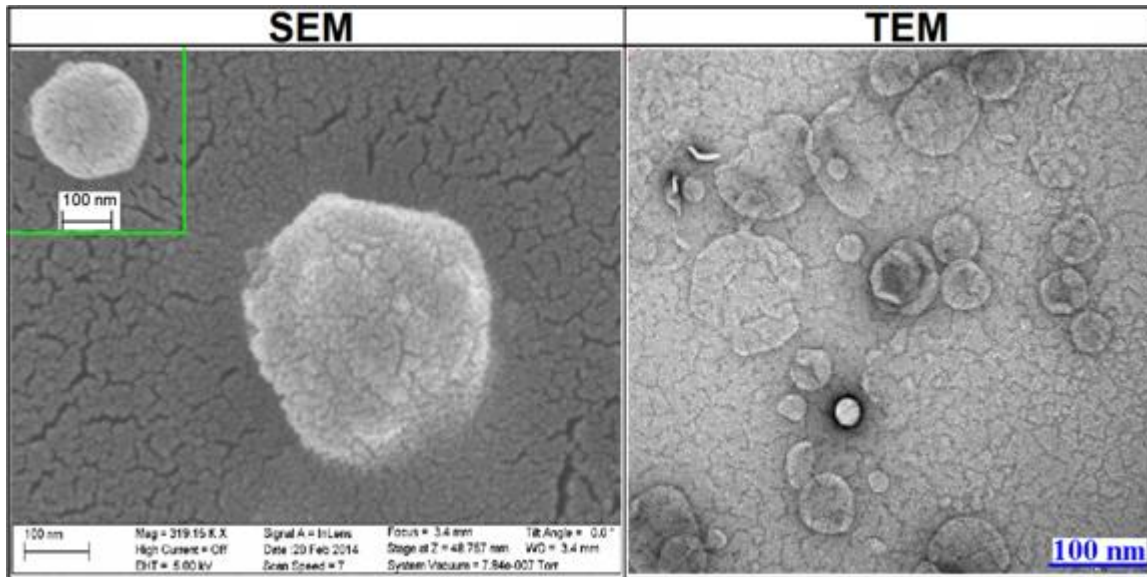


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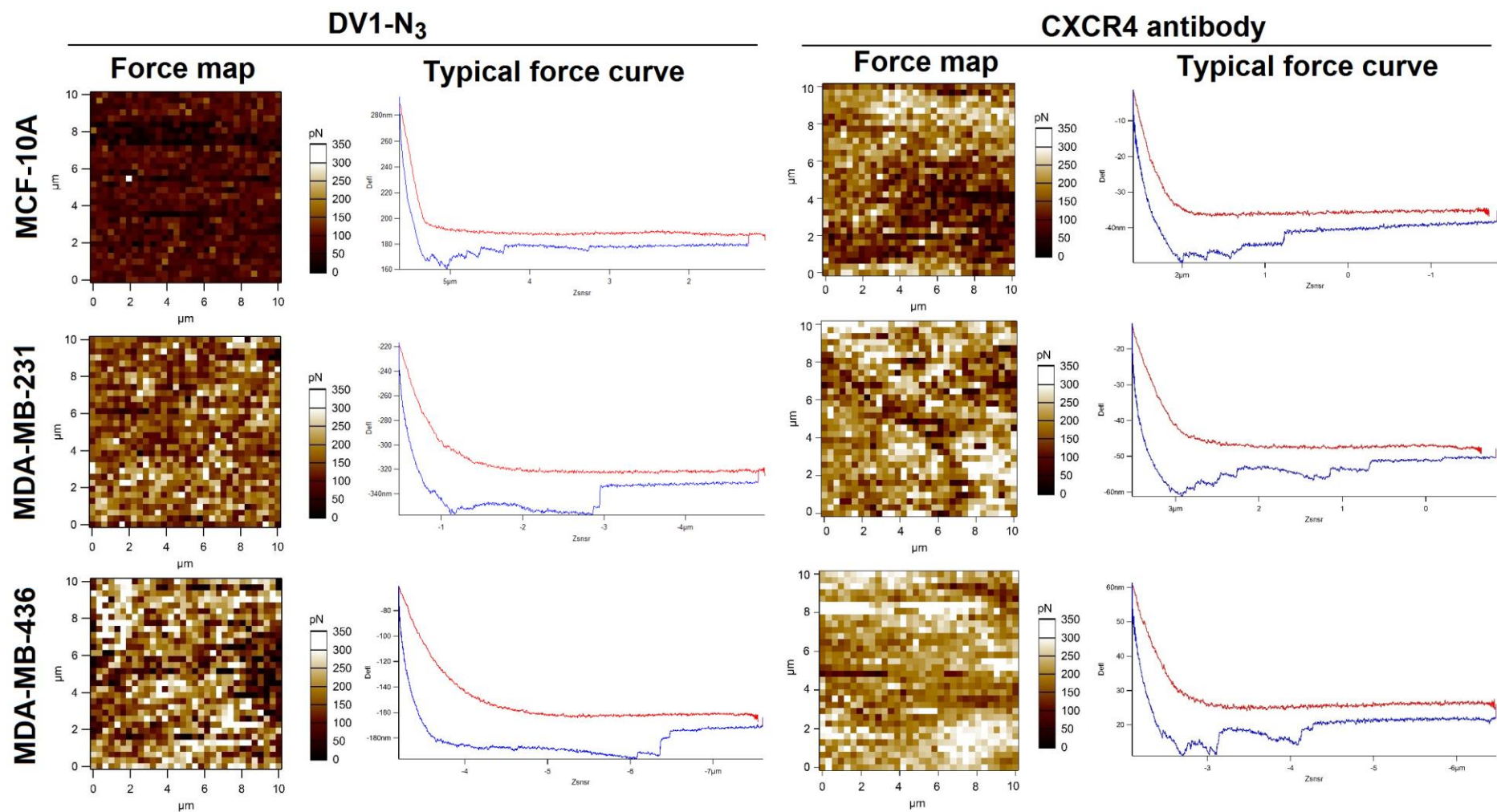


Supplementary Figure 3 **DSPE-PEG<sub>2000</sub>-DBCO synthesis and <sup>1</sup>H NMR characterization.** a, The synthesized procedure of DSPE-PEG<sub>2000</sub>-DBCO. b, NMR spectrum of DBCO-NHS. c, NMR spectrum of DSPE-PEG<sub>2000</sub>-NH<sub>2</sub>. d, NMR spectrum of DSPE-PEG<sub>2000</sub>-DBCO.





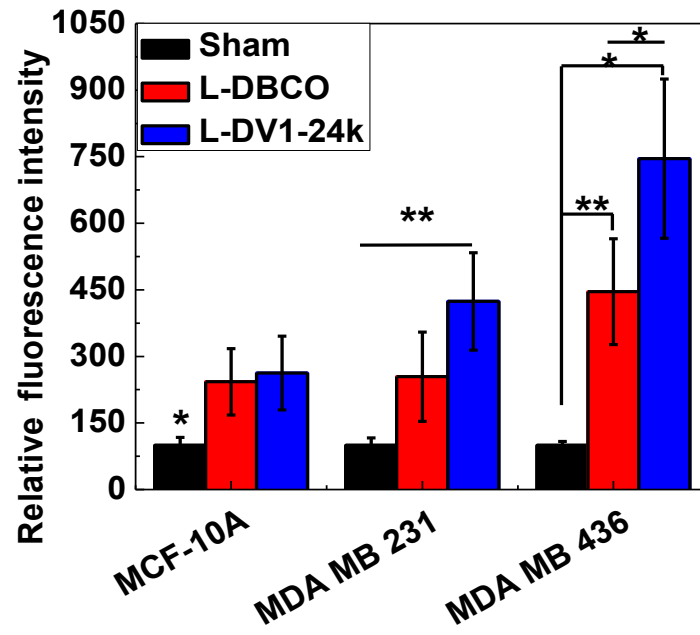
Supplementary Figure 4 **Characterization of liposome diameter and unilamellarity.** **a**, The morphology of the liposome by scanning electron microscopy (SEM), inset, diameter approximately 200 nm. **b**, Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) demonstrated unilamellar vesicles.



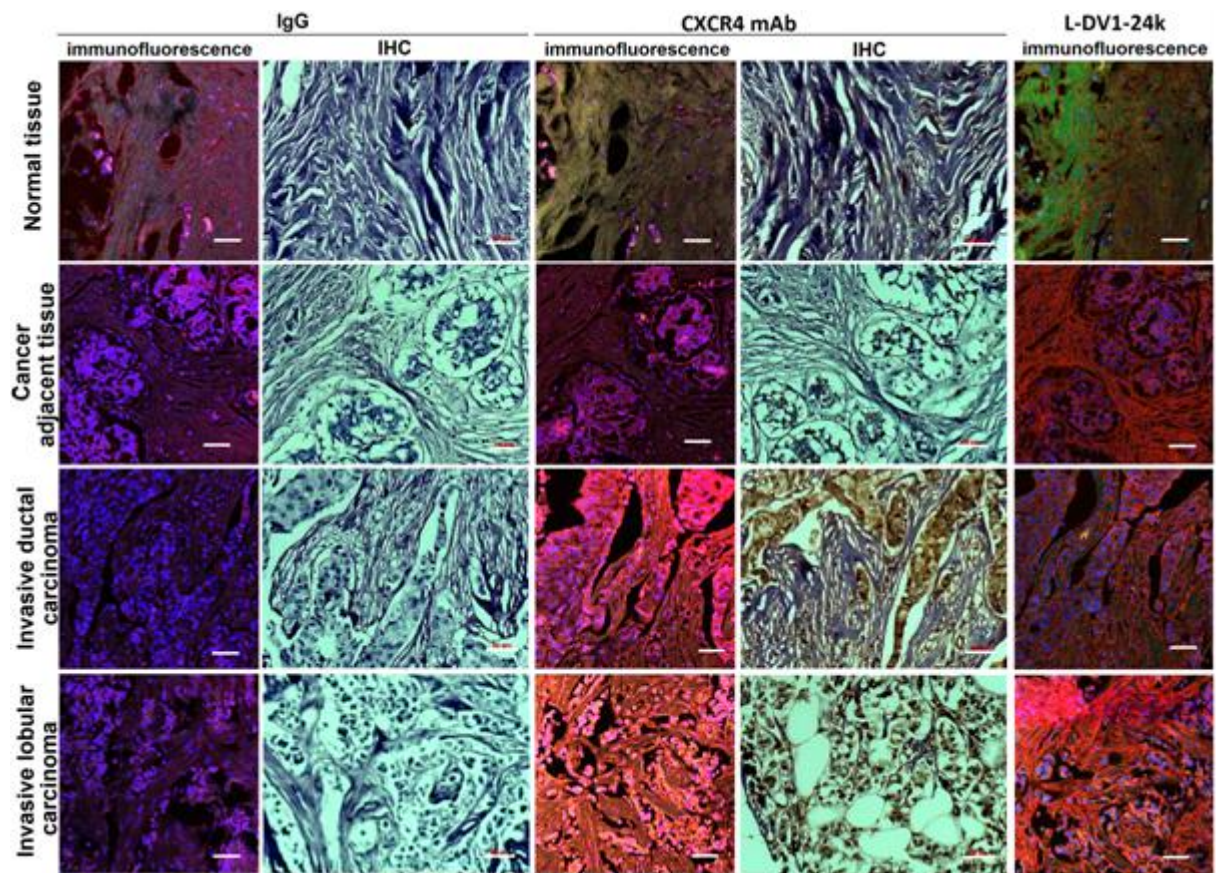
Supplementary Figure 5 AFM adhesion force distribution maps and force displacement curves. Atomic force microscopy between AFM tips modified with DV1 peptides or CXCR4 antibody and live MCF-10A, MDA-MB-231, and MDA-MB-436 cells were conducted.

Supplementary Table 2 Characterization of DV1-functionalized liposomes.

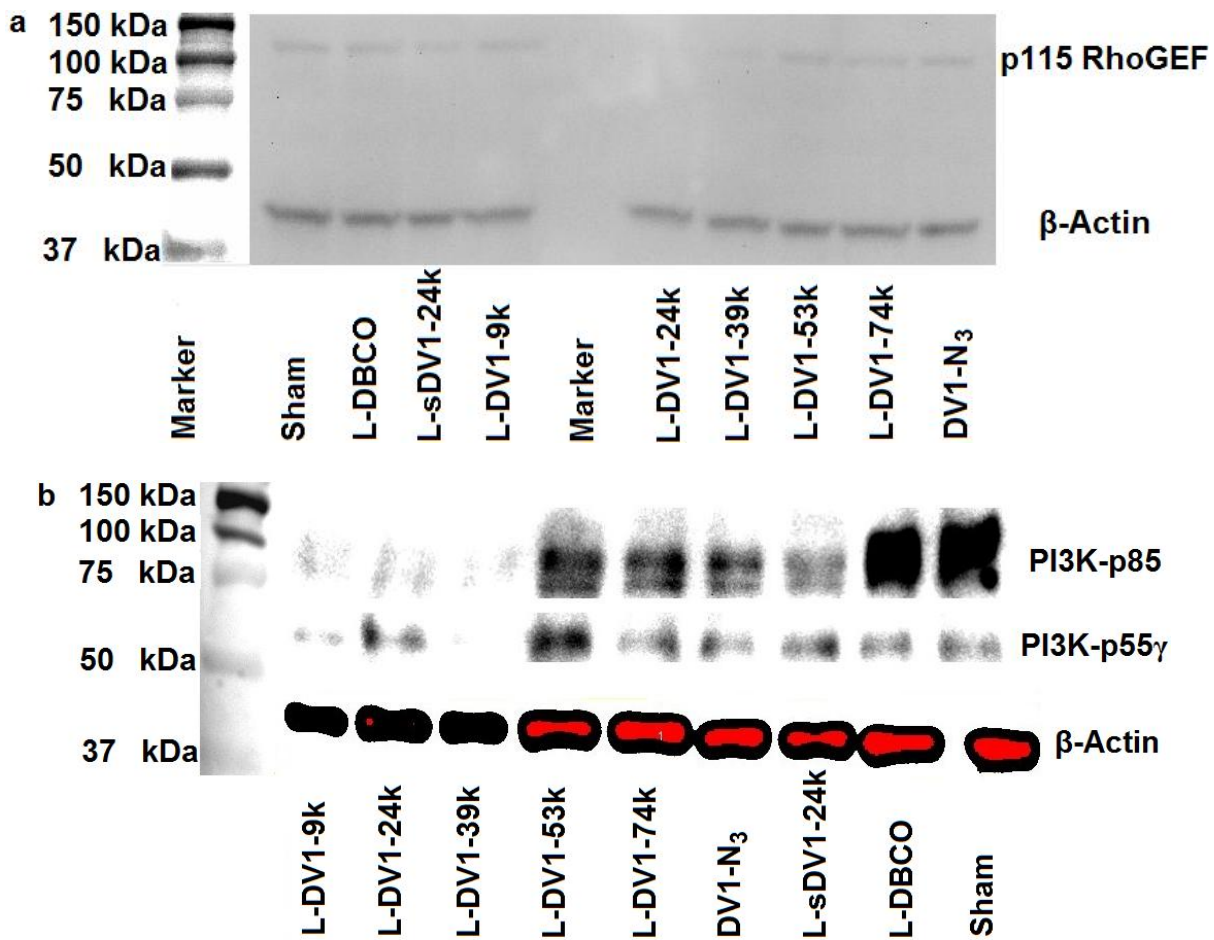
Liposome sample	Size (nm)	PDI	Zeta (mV)	DV1-N <sub>3</sub> concentration (μM)	Number of DV1-N <sub>3</sub> per liposome*	Number of DV1-N <sub>3</sub> per μm <sup>2</sup>	Average distance per two peptides (Å)
L-DBCO	86.3 ± 1.7	0.313	-6.26 ± 1.10	0	0	0	-
L-DV1-9k	94.4 ± 0.6	0.243	-17.21 ± 1.26	11.2	262 ± 5	9 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	71
L-DV1-24k	99.8 ± 0.4	0.267	-13.99 ± 1.33	28.3	738 ± 6	24 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	45
L-DV1-39k	97.0 ± 0.4	0.240	-7.85 ± 1.28	47	1158 ± 10	39 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	35
L-DV1-53k	98.6 ± 0.4	0.262	-6.03 ± 0.88	63.8	1624 ± 13	53 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	30
L-DV1-74k	100.1 ± 0.7	0.229	-7.95 ± 1.04	88.5	2322 ± 32	74 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	26



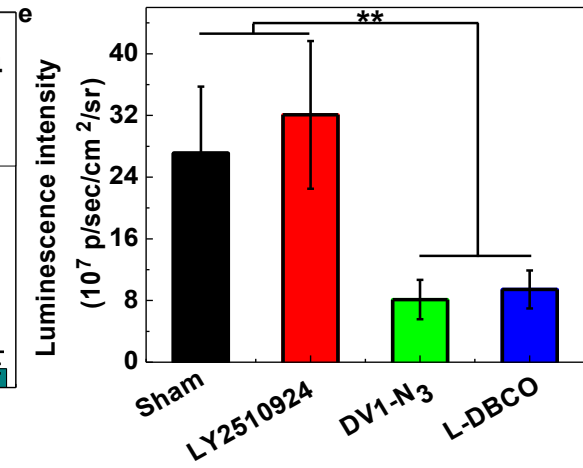
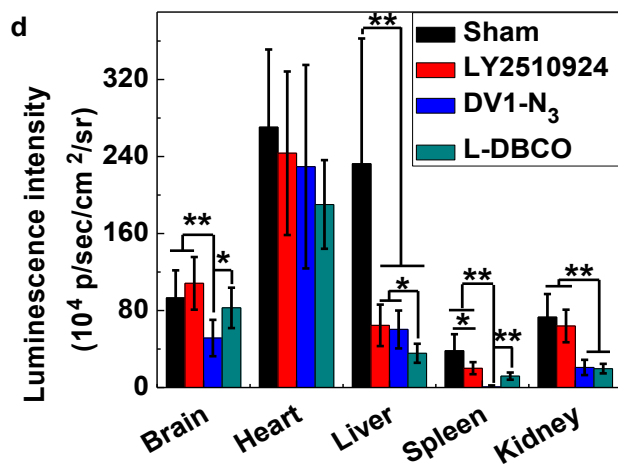
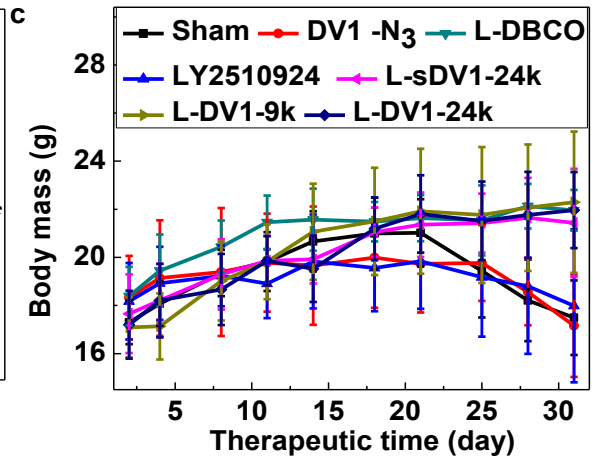
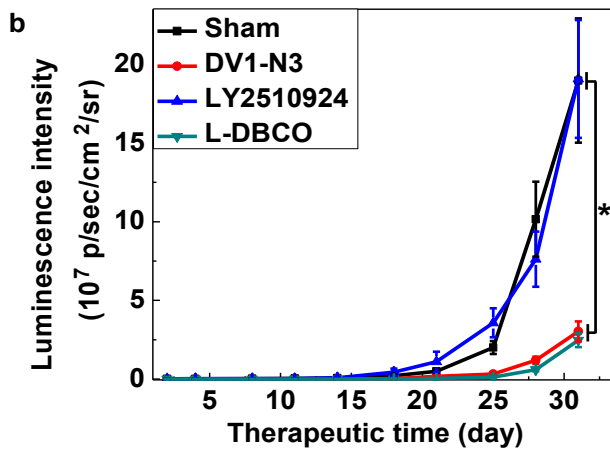
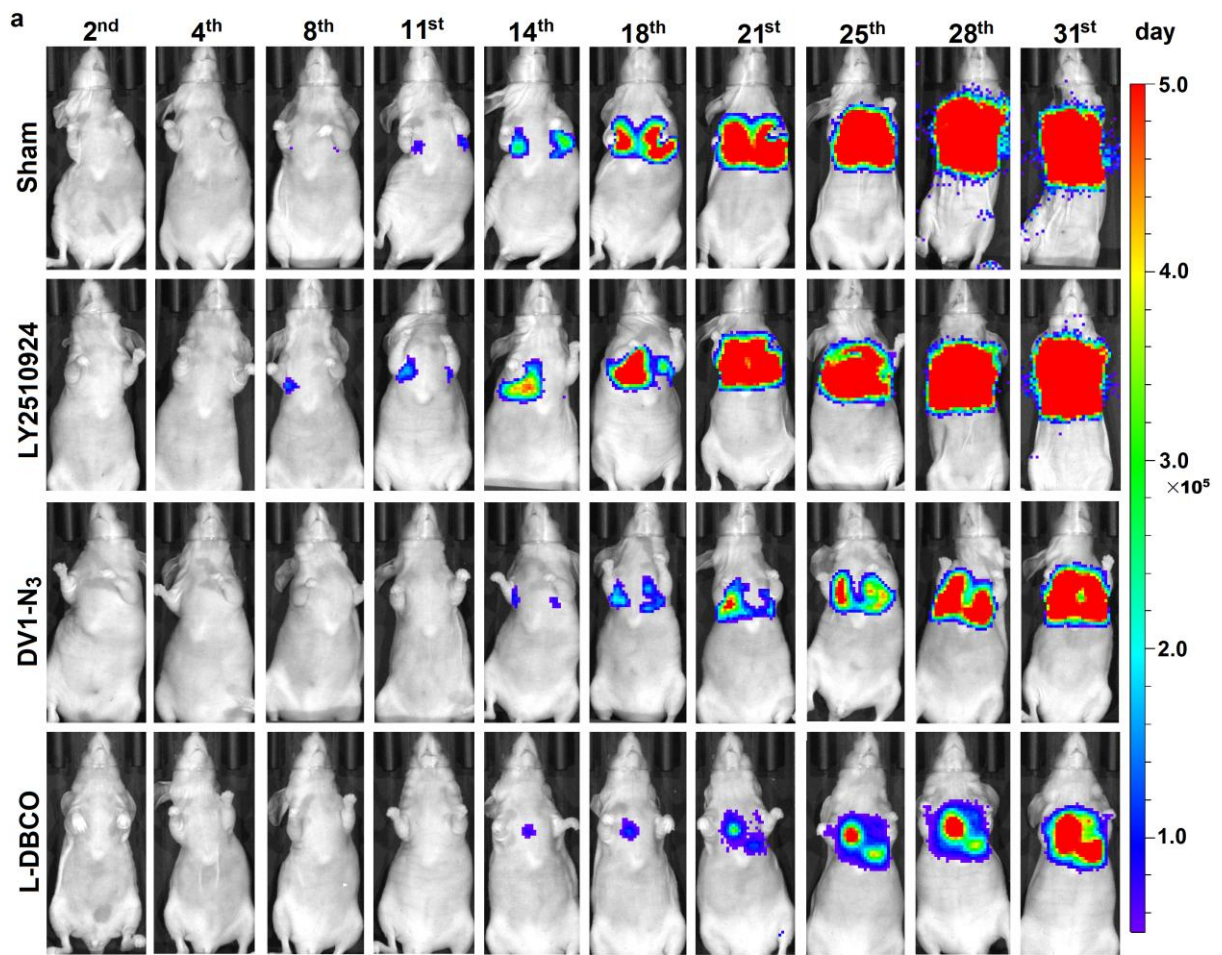
Supplementary Figure 6 **Binding of L-DBCO and L-DV1-24k to breast cells using flow cytometry.** Error bars represent  $\pm 1$  s.d. of the mean. ( $n \geq 3$ , \* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$ , by ANOVA with Tukey's post-test).



Supplementary Figure 7 **Ex vivo targeting effect of L-DV1-24k and CXCR4 mAb on human patient samples.** Immunohistology (IHC) and immunofluorescence staining of normal tissue, cancer adjacent tissue, invasive ductal carcinoma tissue and invasive lobular carcinoma tissue by IgG, CXCR4 mAb and L-DV1-24k (labeled with DiI). Scale bar=50  $\mu$ m.

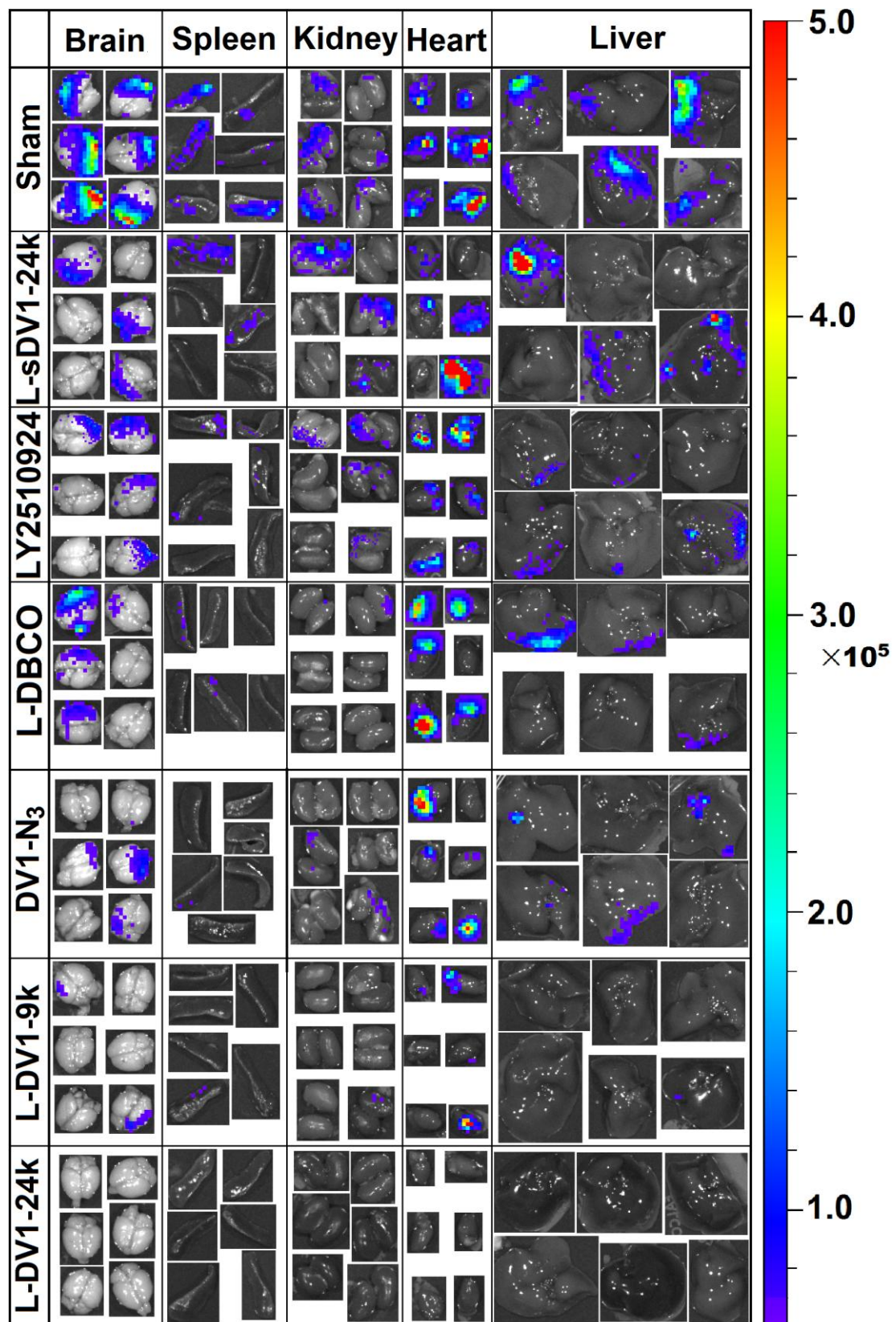


Supplementary Figure 8 Western blot quantitation of the expression of p115-RhoGEF (a) and PI3K-p55 $\gamma$  and PI3K-p85 (b) relative to  $\beta$ -actin.

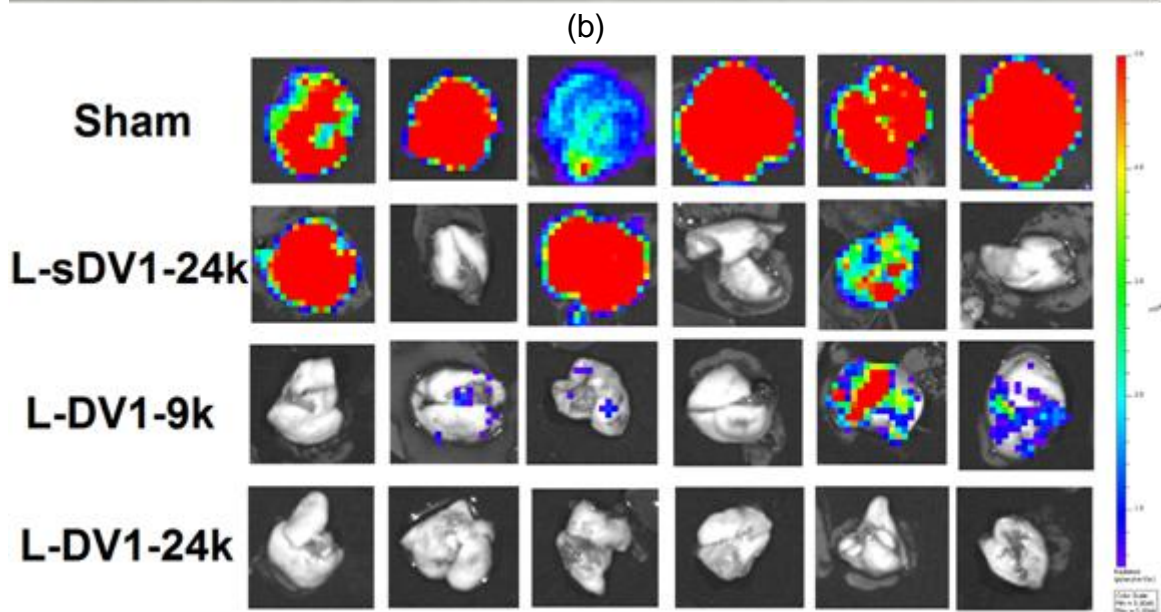
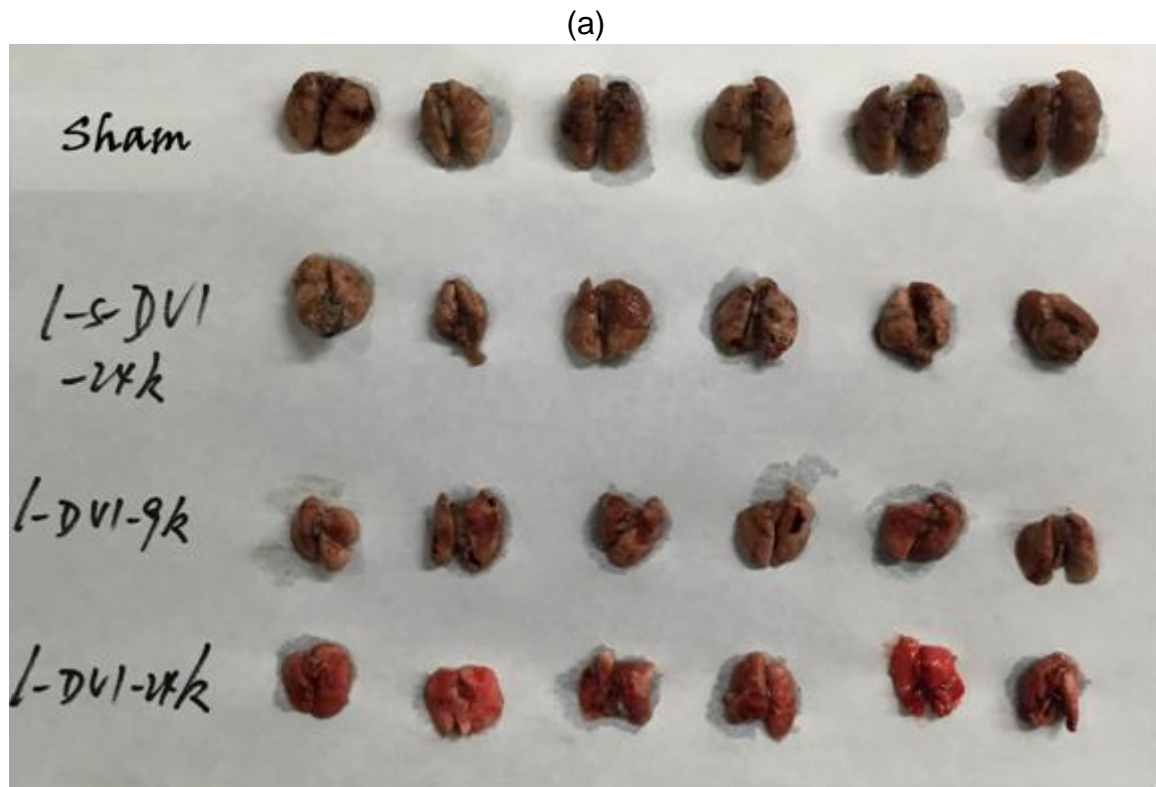


Supplementary Figure 9 ***In vivo* suppression of MDA-MB-231-Luc metastasis by L-DBCO, DV1-N<sub>3</sub>, and LY2510924.** MDA-MB-231-Luc cells treated with L-DBCO liposomes, DV1-N<sub>3</sub>, and LY2510924 were injected via the tail vein to construct a metastatic breast cancer model Dosage: 6.7 mg/kg for DV1-N<sub>3</sub>, and 3.3 mg/kg for LY2510924, equivalent to 30  $\mu$ M, (the concentration equal to the concentration of DV1-N<sub>3</sub> peptides on L-DV1-24k). **a**, Tumor growth was quantified by luminescence. **b**, Quantitative characterization of lung metastasis growth. **c**, Body mass as a function time. **d**, Tumor metastasis signal at day 31 in excised brain, heart, liver, spleen and kidney. **e**, The lung metastasis signal at day 31. Error bars represent  $\pm$  s.e.m. (n=6, \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01, by ANOVA with Tukey's post-test).

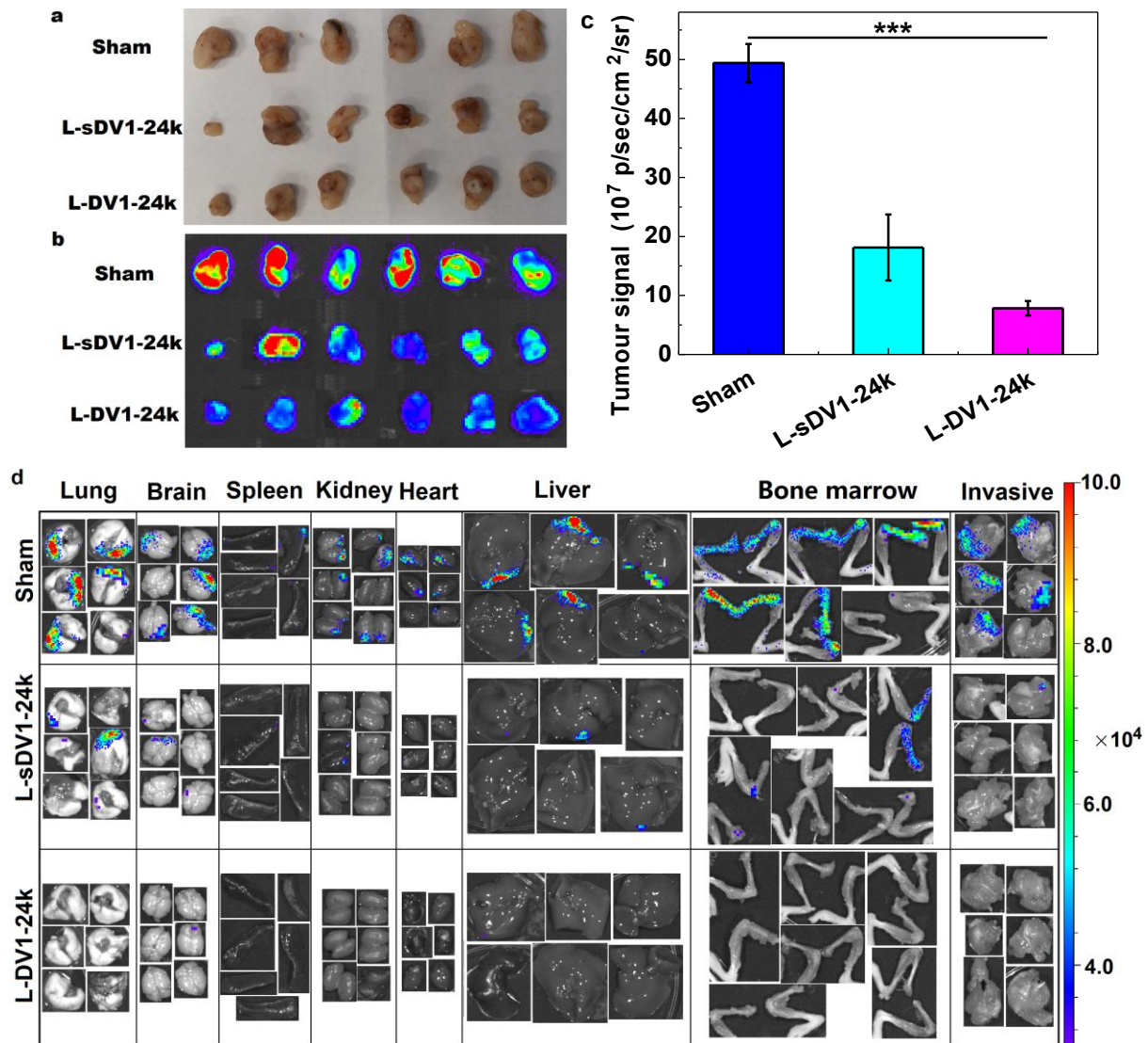




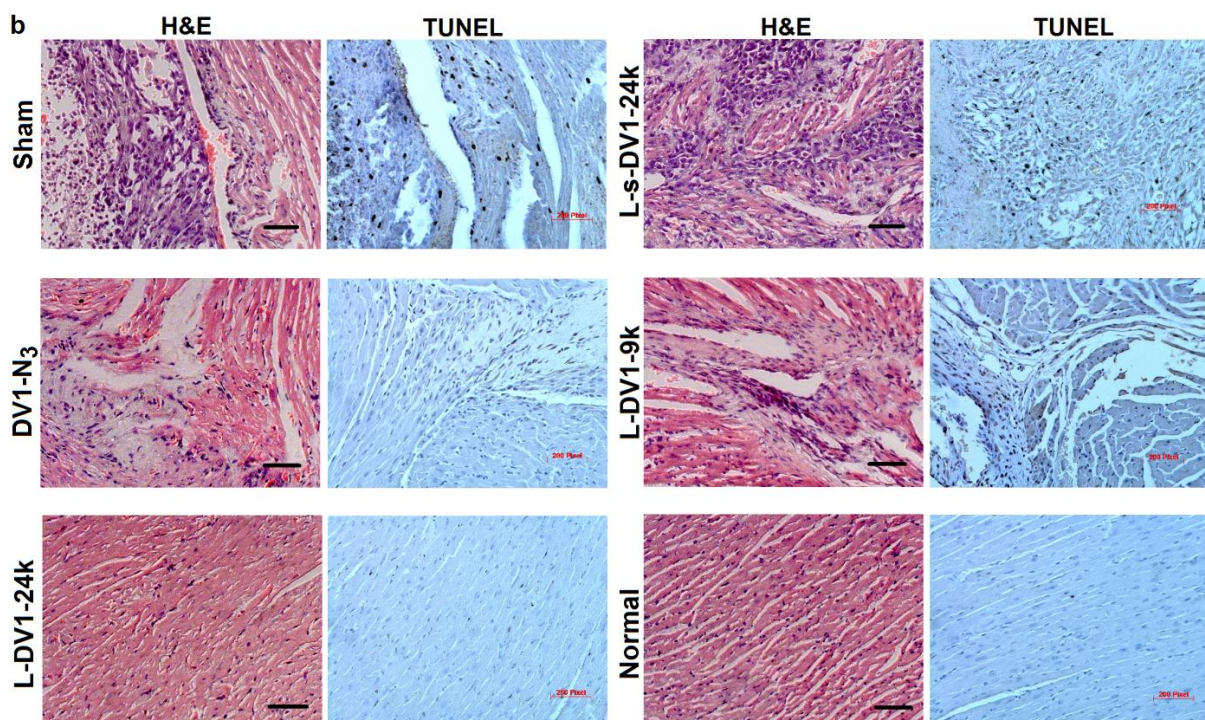
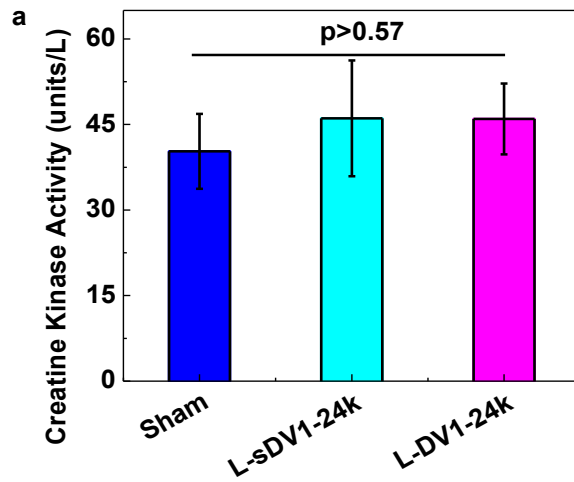
Supplementary Figure 10 **Tumour metastasis organ analysis**. Organs were excised from Sham, L-sDV-24k, LY2510924, DV1-N<sub>3</sub>, L-DV1-9k and L-DV1-24k groups, and their luminescence of MDA-MB-231-Luc cells in brain, spleen, kidney, heart and liver were measured for metastatic characterization.



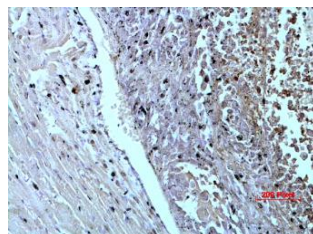
Supplementary Figure 11 *Ex vivo* analysis of lung metastasis. **a**, Lung size and appearance was evaluated post-mortem. **b**, Luminescence was measured in lungs excised from mice treated with sham, L-sDV1-24k, L-DV1-9k and L-DV1-24k groups at day 31.



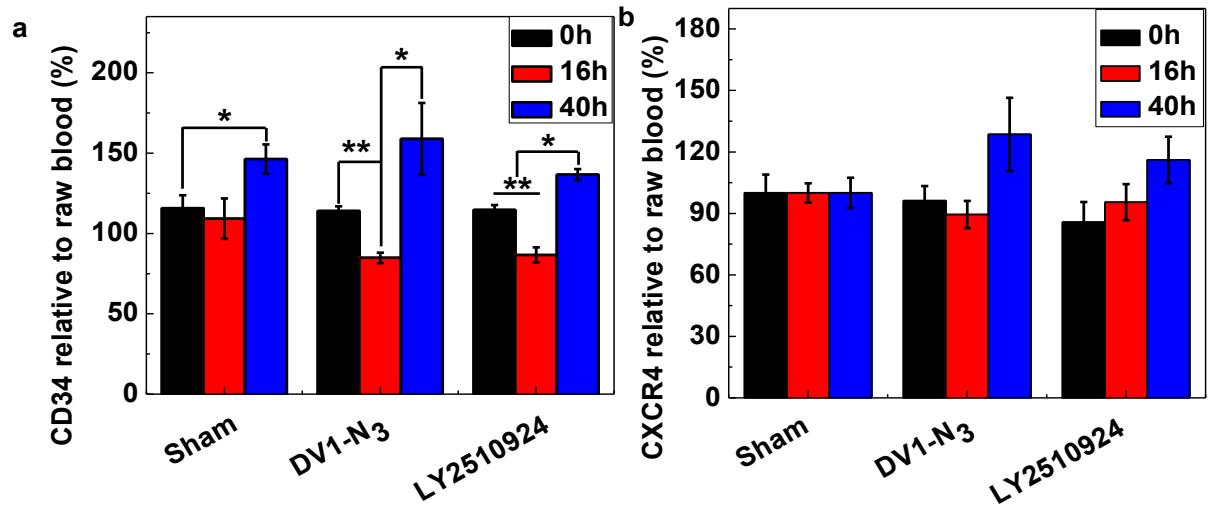
Supplementary Figure 12 *In vivo* treatment of MDA-MB-231-Luc primary tumor by L-sDV1-24k and L-DV1-24k. **a-b**, Visual comparison of the final tumour size and luminescence signal. **c**, Quantitative characterization of tumour signal intensity. **d**, Comparison of organ bioluminescence representative of MDA-MB-231-Luc metastasis to major organs and invasive to para-muscle. Error bars represent  $\pm$  s.e.m. ( $n \geq 6$ , \* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $p < 0.001$  by ANOVA with Tukey's post-test).



The positive control of TUNEL staining as below:



Supplementary Figure 13 **Cardiotoxicity test**. **a**. The serum creatine kinase activity test after the spontaneous metastasis prevention from a primary tumour study (completed after 24 days after 5 times of L-DV1 administration). **b**. Cardiac pathology by H&E and TUNEL staining after 31 days therapy for metastatic study. H&E and TUNEL double staining method to illustrate the heart morphology and the apoptosis rate induced by therapy of DV1-N<sub>3</sub>, L-sDV1-24k, L-DV1-9k, L-DV1-24k.



Supplementary Figure 14 CD34<sup>+</sup> cell migration and CXCR4 expression after DV1-N<sub>3</sub> and LY2510924 administration. (Dosage: 20 mg/kg for DV1-N<sub>3</sub>, and 10 mg/kg for LY2510924, which are equivalent to 90 $\mu$ M, the concentration equal to the number of DV1-N<sub>3</sub> on L-DV1-74k (n=6). Error bars represent  $\pm$  s.e.m. (n $\geq$ 6, \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 by ANOVA with Tukey's post-test).