Supplementary materials

Combination of long-acting TRAIL and tumor cell-targeted photodynamic therapy as a novel strategy to overcome chemotherapeutic multidrug resistance and TRAIL resistance of colorectal cancer

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Figure S1 Cytotoxicity of chemical drugs (A) and TRAIL (B) in CRC cells. CRC cells were treated with chemicals (0-5000 nM) or TRAIL (0-500 nM) overnight followed by measuring the survival cells using CCK8. The viability of cells treated with PBS was considered 100%.



Figure S2 Tissue distribution of TRAIL proteins in mice bearing COLO 205, LS174T, and HT29 tumor grafts. CF750-labeled TRAIL or IgBD-TRAIL (5 mg/kg) was intravenously injected into the mice bearing tumor grafts. Some organs/tissues were collected and scanned using an IVIS optical imaging system at 4 h postinjection.



Figure S3 Cellular and tissue distribution of Ze affibody digested with (Ze-TN) or without (Ze) trypsin. **A, B.** Cellular distribution of Ze affibody digested with (B) or without (A) trypsin in LS174T tumor grafts. FAM-labeled affibody was intravenously injected into mice bearing LS174T tumor grafts. The tumor grafts were collected at 4 h postinjection followed by sectioning under frozen conditions. The tumor vessels were indicated by using antibody against CD31, and the nuclei were visualized by DAPI staining. **C.** Tissue distribution of Ze affibody digested with trypsin in mice bearing LS174T tumor grafts. CF750-labeled Ze affibody was digested with trypsin prior to injection into mice (N=2). Organs and tissues were collected at 4 h post injection and scanned using an IVIS optical imaging system.



Figure S4 Localization of Ze-IR700 in the mitochondria of LS174T cells.

Ze-IR700 (red) and Mito-Tracker (green) were added into cells and incubated for 0.5 h followed by observation under a laser confocal microscope.



Figure S5 Death of CRC cells treated with Ze-IR700-mediated PDT or TRAIL proteins. A. PDT-mediated death of HT29 cells. Cells were treated with Ze-IR700- or trypsinized Ze-IR700 (Ze-IR700-TN)-mediated PDT followed by dual staining with SYTO 9 (indicating live cells) and PI (indicating dead cells). **B.** Flow cytometry analysis of apoptosis of LS174T cells. **C.** Involvement of caspases in the apoptosis of LS174T cells.



Figure S6 Regulation of death receptors and decoy receptor mediated by PDT(A) and inhibition of soluble death receptors on cell death induced by PDT (B). A. Western blot of death receptors (DR4 and DR5) and decoy receptor (DcR1) in cells treated with or without PDT in the presence or absence of antioxidant NAC. **B.** Reduction of PDT-induced death of LS174T cells by addition of soluble death receptors (DR4-Fc and DR5-Fc) in to the cells.



Figure S7 Sensitization of CRC cells to TRAIL proteins by PDT. A. Upregulation of DR4 and DR5 in HT29 cells by PDT. **B** and **C.** Synergistic killing of HT29 (B) and other CRC cells (C) between TRAIL proteins and PDT. CRC cells were pretreated with 0.5-2 μM Ze-IR700-mediated PDT followed by treatment with different concentrations (0-200 nM for HT29; 500 nM for COLO 320 DR, T84, HCT-8, and RKO cells; 250 nM for COLO 320 HSR cells; 50 nM for LS180 and LOVO cells, 0.5 nM for HCT116 cells) of TRAIL proteins overnight.



Figure S8 Abrogation of synergy between PDT and TRAIL in killing HCT116 cells by downregulation of death receptors. A. Western blot of DR4 and DR5 in HCT116 cells transfected with siRNAs specific for DR4 (siDR4) or DR5 (siDR5) or negative control siNC siRNA. B. Cytotoxicity of IgBD-TRAIL combined with or without PDT in HCT116 cells transfected with or without siRNAs. For western blot analysis, 6×10^4 cells were inoculated in 24-well plate followed by addition of 75nM siRNA into the cells. About 48 h later, cells were collected for western blot analysis and cytotoxicity assays.



Figure S9 PDT-induced damage of tumor vessels (A) and hypoxia (B) in LS174T tumor grafts. Tumor tissues were collected and sectioned at 0-, 10-, 120-, or 360-min post-PDT followed by H&E staining (A) or immunofluorescence (B) of HIF1α and CD31. The nuclei were illustrated by DAPI staining.



Figure S10 Involvement of caspase pathways in combating CRCs mediated by PDT and IgBD-TRAIL combination therapy. A. Western blot of cleaved caspase 3(c-caspase 3), cleaved canspase 8 (c-caspase 8), caspase 9 (pro-caspase 9, c-caspase 9) and cleaved PARP (c-PARP) in LS174T tumor cells. β-actin was used as control. **B.** Immunofluorescence of cleaved caspase 3 (c-caspase 3), cleaved PARP (c-PARP), and Ki67 in tumor grafts.



Figure S11 Perspective growth curves of LS174T (A) or HT29 (B) tumor grafts treated with monotherapy or combination therapy of TRAIL proteins and Ze-IR700-mediated PDT. The numbers of tumor-free mice at the end of observation are indicated.



Figure S12 Dynamic optical imaging of mice bearing HT29 tumor grafts treated with monotherapy or combination therapy of TRAIL proteins and Ze-IR700-mediated PDT.



Figure S13 Variation of body weight of mice bearing LS174T or HT29 tumor grafts (A) and histochemistry of liver and kidney of mice bearing LS174T tumor grafts (B). The body weights of mice were recorded every day during treatment. The livers and kidneys of mice bearing LS174T tumor grafts were collected at the end of observation for histochemistry analysis.



Figure S14 Expression profile of MDR-associated ABC transporter genes in LS174T cells treated with or without PDT.

Gene Symbol	Gene Name	PDT 1h	Up/Down	PDT 24h	Up/Down	Function
APAF1	Apoptotic peptidase activating factor 1	0.19		0.70	**	Caspase activator
ATM	ATM serine/threonine kinase	0.31	*	1.44	* *	Positive regulation of apoptosis
BAD	BCL2 associated agonist of cell death	-0.25	↓ *	-0.62	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis
BAK1	BCL2 antagonist/killer 1	-0.09		-0.76	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis
BAX	BCL2 associated X, apoptosis regulator	-0.10		-0.25	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic/Caspase activator
BCL2L11	BCL2 like 11	0.33	**	-0.14	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic
BID	BH3 interacting domain death agonist	-0.12		-0.87	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis
BOK	BCL2 family apoptosis regulator BOK	0.04		-0.45	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic
CASP10	Caspase 10	-0.12		0.13	↑ *	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis
CASP2	Caspase 2	-0.03		0.70	* *	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis
CASP8	Caspase 8	-0.12		1.04	* *	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis
CASP9	Caspase 9	-0.05		0.03	↑ *	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis
CHUK	Conserved helix-loop-helix ubiquitous kinase	-0.06		0.55	* *	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis
CTSB	Cathepsin B	0.09		-0.79	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis
CTSC	Cathepsin C	0.03		0.50	↑ **	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis
CTSD	Cathepsin D	0.09		0.54	↑ * *	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis
CTSF	Cathepsin F	0.12		-0.70	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis
CTSH	Cathepsin H	-0.11		-0.80	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis
CTSK	Cathepsin K	0.11		-0.80	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis
CTSS	Cathepsin S	-0.23		-0.53	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis
CTSV	Cathepsin V	0.01		-0.50	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis
CTSZ	Cathepsin Z	0.02		-0.83	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis
CYCS	Cytochrome c	-0.14		-0.32	↓ **	Pro-Apoptotic
DDIT3	DNA damage inducible transcript 3	0.34	**	1.05	↑ **	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis
DFFA	DNA fragmentation factor subunit alpha	0.02		0.38	* *	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis

Table S1 Fold change of pro-apoptotic genes in LS174T cells after treatment with PDT for 1 h or 24 h. Fold change is expressed as the ratio of the log 2 value of gene expression in PDT-treated cells to that of untreated cells. (**, P < 0.01; **, P < 0.05)

Table S1 continued								
Gene Symbol	Gene Name	PDT 1 h	Up/Down	PDT 24 h	Up/Down	Function		
DIABLO	Diablo IAP-binding mitochondrial protein	-0.09		-0.23	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic		
DNM1L	Dynamin 1 like	0.04		0.43	↑ *	Pro-apoptotic/positive regulation of apoptosis		
ENDOG	Endonuclease G	-0.13		-0.35	**	Pro-apoptotic/positive regulation of apoptosis		
ERN1	Endoplasmic reticulum to nucleus signaling 1	0.26	↑ *	1.67	**	Pro-apoptotic/positive regulation of apoptosis		
GADD45A	Growth arrest and DNA damage inducible alpha	0.02		-1.26	**	Positive regulation of apoptosis		
GADD45B	Growth arrest and DNA damage inducible beta	0.32	**	-3.44	↓ **	Positive regulation of apoptosis		
GADD45G	Growth arrest and DNA damage inducible gamma	0.49	↑ *	-0.89	¥ **	Positive regulation of apoptosis		
HTRA2	HtrA serine peptidase 2	0.00		-0.88	¥ **	Pro-apoptotic/positive regulation of apoptosis		
LATS1	Large tumor suppressor kinase 1	0.17		1.25	**	Pro-apoptotic/positive regulation of apoptosis		
LATS2	Large tumor suppressor kinase 2	0.26	↑ *	-0.16	¥ **	Pro-apoptotic/positive regulation of apoptosis		
MFN2	Mitofusin 2	0.07		0.63	**	Pro-apoptotic/positive regulation of apoptosis		
PIDD1	P53-induced death domain protein 1	0.12		-0.37	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic/positive regulation of apoptosis		
PMAIP1	Phorbol-12-myristate-13-acetate-induced protein 1	0.36	**	-0.13	¥ **	Pro-apoptotic/positive regulation of apoptosis		
SAV1	Salvador family WW domain containing protein 1	0.03		0.52	**	Positive regulation of apoptotic process		
TP53	Tumor protein p53	0.11		1.92	**	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis		
TP53AIP1	TP53 regulated apoptosis inducing protein 1	0.87	* *	-0.89	★ * *	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis		
TRADD	TNFRSF1A associated via death domain	-0.01		-0.25	↓ *	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis		

PDT 1 h Function **Gene Symbol** Up/Down Gene Name **PDT 24 h** Up/Down ** AKT serine/threonine kinase 1 Anti-Apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis 0.01 -0.04 AKT1 Activating transcription factor 4 0.08 0.62 ****** Negative regulation of apoptosis ATF4 BCL2 apoptosis regulator 0.42 ** Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis BCL2 1.64 ***** Anti-apoptotic BCL2L1 BCL2 like 1 0.01 0.08 Beclin 1 0.03 * * Anti-apoptotic BECN1 0.43 BIRC2 Baculoviral IAP repeat containing 2 0.10 0.60 ****** Anti-apoptotic Baculoviral IAP repeat containing 5 ↓ ** BIRC5 0.03 -0.23Anti-apoptotic ****** **BIRC6** Baculoviral IAP repeat containing 6 0.20 0.97 Anti-apoptotic B-RAF proto-oncogene 0.07 ** Negative regulation of apoptosis BRAF 0.98 CASP8 and FADD like apoptosis regulator Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis 0.05 ****** **CFLAR** 0.77 E74 like ETS transcription factor 1 ** Positive regulation of transcription ELF1 0.09 1.11 E74 like ETS transcription factor 2 Positive regulation of transcription ****** ELF2 0.02 0.60 E74 like ETS transcription factor 4 ****** Positive regulation of transcription ELF4 -0.01 0.44 FAIM Fas apoptotic inhibitory molecule -0.102.44 4 ** Negative regulation of apoptotic process HRAS proto-oncogene, GTPase ****** Negative regulation of apoptotic process HRAS -0.05 1.06 ** IKBKG I-kappa-B kinase subunit gamma 0.07 0.62 Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis IL3RA Interleukin 3 receptor subunit alpha -0.17 -2.57 ↓ ** **↓** ** ITPR1 Inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate receptor type 1 Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis 0.20 -0.26 ITPR3 Inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate receptor type 3 * * Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis 0.16 0.44 ↓ ** MAP2K1 Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 1 0.01 -0.41 Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 2 **↓** ** Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis MAP2K2 -0.08 -0.96 ↓ ** Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 7 0.04 -0.08 Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis MAP2K7 0.60 Mitogen-activated protein kinase 1 0.00 ****** Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis MAPK1 Mitogen-activated protein kinase 3 ↓ ** Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis MAPK3 -0.08-2.03

Table S2 Fold change of anti-apoptotic genes in LS174T cells after treatment with PDT for 1 h or 24 h. Fold change is expressed as the ratio of the log 2 value of gene expression in PDT-treated cells to that of untreated cells. (**, P < 0.01; **, P < 0.05)

Table S2 Continued								
Gene Symbol	Gene Name	PDT 1 h	Up/Down	PDT 24 h	Up/Down	Function		
MAPK8	Mitogen-activated protein kinase 8	0.02		0.75	**	Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis		
MAPK9	Mitogen-activated protein kinase 9	-0.02		0.08	**	Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis		
MCL1	MCL1 apoptosis regulator	0.28	**	-0.33	↓ **	Negative regulation of apoptosis		
NFKB1	Nuclear factor kappa B subunit 1	0.03		1.28	**	Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis		
NRAS	NRAS proto-oncogene	-0.06		0.63	**	Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis		
PARP2	Poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase 2	-0.13		0.08	↑ *	DNA repair/Positive regulation of transcription		
PARP3	Poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase 3	-0.04		0.72	↑ **	DNA repair/Positive regulation of transcription		
PARP4	Poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase 4	0.02		1.08	**	DNA repair/Positive regulation of transcription		
PDPK1	3-phosphoinositide dependent protein kinase 1	0.13		1.58	**	Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis		
РІКЗСА	Phosphoinositide-3-kinase subunit alpha	0.12		0.69	**	Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis		
PIK3CB	Phosphoinositide-3-kinase subunit beta	0.08		0.03	*	Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis		
PIK3CD	Phosphoinositide-3-kinase subunit delta	0.14		-1.93	↓ *	Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis		
PIK3R1	Phosphoinositide-3-kinase regulatory subunit 1	0.07		1.19	**	Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis		
PIK3R2	Phosphoinositide-3-kinase regulatory subunit 2	0.03		-0.42	↓ * *	Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis		
PIK3R3	Phosphoinositide-3-kinase regulatory subunit 3	0.18		0.54	**	Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis		
PRDX2	Peroxiredoxin 2	-0.02		-0.40	↓ **	Negative regulation of apoptosis		
PRDX4	Peroxiredoxin 4	-0.17		-0.11	↓ * *	Negative regulation of apoptosis		
RAF1	Raf-1 proto-oncogene, serine/threonine kinase	0.11		0.60	**	Positive regulation of cell proliferation		
RELA	RELA proto-oncogene	-0.02		-0.16	↓ **	Negative regulation of apoptosis		
RIPK1	Receptor interacting serine/threonine kinase 1	0.29	**	0.68	**	Pro-apoptotic/Positive regulation of apoptosis		
RNF157	Ring finger protein 157	0.17		-0.23	↓ **	Negative regulation of apoptotisis		
TRAF1	TNF receptor associated factor 1	0.06		1.12	**	Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis		
TUBA1B	Tubulin alpha 1b	0.04		0.45	**	Microtubule cytoskeleton organization		
XIAP	X-linked inhibitor of apoptosis	0.05		1.43	**	Anti-apoptotic/Negative regulation of apoptosis		
PTPN13	Protein tyrosine phosphatase non-receptor type 13	0.19		0.52	**	Negative regulation of apoptosis		

Gene Symbol	Gene Name	PDT 1 h	Up/Down	PDT 24 h	Up/Down	Function
TNFRSF10A	TNF receptor superfamily member 10A	0.15	1	0.66	* *	Pro-apoptotic/Death domain receptor
TNFRSF10B	TNF receptor superfamily member 10B	0.33	* *	0.83	* *	Pro-apoptotic/Death domain receptor
TNFRSF10C	TNF receptor superfamily member 10C	-0.04		-0.36	↓ **	Anti-apoptotic/Decoy receptor
TNFRSF10D	TNF receptor superfamily member 10D	0.26	**	-1.05	↓ **	Anti-apoptotic/Decoy receptor
TNFRSF1A	TNF receptor superfamily member 1A	0.06		0.41	↑ *	Pro-apoptotic/Death domain receptor
FAS	TNF receptor superfamily member 6	-0.04		0.42		Pro-apoptotic//Death domain receptor
TNFRSF6B	TNF receptor superfamily member 6B	0.01		-0.93	↓ **	Anti-apoptotic/Decoy receptor
TNFRSF21	TNF receptor superfamily member 21	0.08		-0.29	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic//Death domain receptor
TNFRSF25	TNF receptor superfamily member 25	0.29		-1.80	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic/Death domain receptor
EDAR	TNF receptor superfamily member EDAR	0.19		-0.97	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic /Death domain receptor
NGFR	TNF receptor superfamily member 16	-0.10		-1.72	↓ **	Pro-apoptotic/Death domain receptor

Table S3 Fold change of death receptors and decoy receptors in LS174T cells after treatment with PDT for 1 h or 24 h. Fold change is expressed as the ratio of the log 2 value of gene expression in PDT-treated cells to that of untreated cells. (**, P < 0.01; **, P < 0.05)

Gene Symbol	Gene Name	PDT 1 h	Up/Down	PDT 24 h	Up/Down	Function
ABCB1	P glycoprotein (pGP)	0.17		1.00	**	Drug efflux transporter
ABCB4	ATP-binding cassette subfamily B member 4	-0.25		-1.58	↓ **	Phospholipids transporter
ABCB5	ATP-binding cassette subfamily B member 5	1.00		2.17	t	Drug efflux transporter
ABCB6	ATP-binding cassette subfamily B member 6	0.15		-1.02	↓ **	Heme transporter
ABCB7	ATP-binding cassette subfamily B member 7	-0.11		-0.97	↓ **	Heme transporter
ABCB8	ATP-binding cassette subfamily B member 8	0.12		-0.46	↓ **	ATP hydrolysis transporter
ABCB9	ATP-binding cassette subfamily B member 9	0.11		-0.22	↓ **	Peptide transporter
ABCB10	ATP-binding cassette subfamily B member 10	0.19		1.34	**	Heme transporter
ABCB11	ATP binding cassette subfamily B member 11	0.00		2.32	1	Canalicular bile salt efflux transporter
ABCC1	Multidrug resistance-associated protein 1 (MRP1)	0.26	† *	0.34		Drug efflux transporter
ABCC2	Multidrug resistance-associated protein 2 (MRP2)	0.54		1.37	**	Drug efflux transporter
ABCC3	Multidrug resistance-associated protein 3 (MRP3)	0.23		0.11		Drug efflux transporter
ABCC4	Multidrug resistance-associated protein 4 (MRP4)	-0.16		0.63		Drug efflux transporter
ABCC5	Multidrug resistance-associated protein 5 (MRP5)	0.22		1.60	**	Drug efflux transporter
ABCC6	Multidrug resistance-associated protein 6 (MRP6)	-0.07		-1.96	¥ **	Drug efflux transporter
ABCC8	ATP-binding cassette subfamily C member 8	-0.19		-3.00	¥	ATP-sensitive K^+ channel regulator
ABCC9	ATP-binding cassette subfamily C member 9	0.31	† *	1.03	**	ATP-sensitive K^+ channel regulator
ABCC10	Multidrug resistance-associated protein 7 (MRP7)	0.27		0.79	**	Lipophilic anion transporter
ABCC11	Multidrug resistance-associated protein 8 (MRP8)	1.32		3.36	**	Lipophilic anion transporter
ABCG1	ATP-binding cassette subfamily G member 1	0.08		-0.91	↓ **	Phospholipids transporter
ABCG2	Breast cancer resistant protein 1 (BCRP1)	-0.02		-3.30	↓ **	Drug efflux transporter

Table S4 Fold change of MDR-associated ABC transporters in LS174T cells after treatment with PDT for 1 h or 24 h. Fold change is expressed as the ratio of the log 2 value of gene expression in PDT-treated cells to that of untreated cells. (**, P < 0.01; **, P < 0.05)