# **Supporting information**

## ID-Checker technology for the highly selective macroscale delivery of anticancer

## agents to the cancer cells

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Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of Al-NH<sub>2</sub> in CD<sub>3</sub>OD.



RT : 0.81 min Scan# : 22 Elements : C 10/0, H 21/0, N 3/0, S 1/0 Mass Tolerance : 1000ppm, 5mmu if m/z < 5, 50mmu if m/z > 50 Unsaturation (U.S.) : −0.5 − 20.0



Figure S3. Mass spectrum of Al-NH<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Al-NH<sub>2</sub>.HCl in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



Fig. S6. Mass spectrum of Al-NH<sub>2</sub>.HCl



**Fig. S8.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **Al-G** in CD<sub>3</sub>OD.









**Fig. S10**. HPLC trace for 1mM **Al-NH**<sub>2</sub> in MeOH (Eluent, 100% MeOH; Pressure, 10 bar; Injection volume, 10 μL; Oven temp., 40 °C).

#### <Chromatogram>



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Detector A 298nm							
Peak#	Ret. Time	Height	Height%	Area	Area%		
1	10.978	394	0.148	2776	0.044		
2	12.056	266026	99.852	6274852	99.956		
Total		266420	100.000	6277628	100.000		

**Fig. S11**. HPLC traces for **Al-NH**<sub>2</sub>.**HCl** (Eluent, 100% MeOH; Pressure, 10 bar; Injection volume, 10 μL; Oven temp., 40 °C).



**Fig. S12**. HPLC traces for **Al-G** Eluent, 100% MeOH; Pressure, 10 bar; Injection volume, 10 μL; Oven temp., 40 °C).

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Figure S13. DLS data representing the particle size of a) Al-NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> aggregate, b) Al-G aggregate, and c) ID-Checker



Fig. S14. Effects of NOZ, PCL, Al, Al-NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> aggregate, Al-G aggregate, and ID-Checker on tubulin polymerization. Effect of ID-Checker on tubulin polymerization. Polymerization of purified tubulin into microtubules was measured using spectrometer over 90 min at 1 min interval by incubating it at 37 °C in the absence (control) or presence of 0.20  $\mu$ M ID-Checker, 20  $\mu$ M NOZ, 20  $\mu$ M PCL, 20  $\mu$ M Al, 20  $\mu$ M Al-NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> aggregate, and 20  $\mu$ M Al-G aggregate.



**Fig. S15**. Immunofluorescence staining of microtubules in A549 cells. Cells were treated with vehicle (0.9% saline), 0.05, 0.25, 0.50, and 1.0  $\mu$ M **ID-Checker** for 6, 12, 18, and 24 h. Cells were incubated with anti- $\alpha$ -tubulin antibody followed by anti-mouse IgG/FITC antibody (green fluorescence) to stain the microtubules, and nuclei were stained by subsequent incubation of cells with (DAPI, blue fluorescence). Bottom, DAPI; middle, microtubule network; top, merged images observed by confocal microscopy.



**Fig. S16**. Immunofluorescence staining of GLUT1 channels in A549 cells. Cells were treated with vehicle (0.9% saline), 0.05, 0.25, 0.50 and 1.0  $\mu$ M **ID-Checker** for 6, 12, 18, and 24 h. Cells were incubated with rabbit anti-GLUT1 antibody followed by donkey anti-rabbit IgG/ALEXA488 antibody (green fluorescence) to stain the GLUT channels and nuclei were stained by subsequent incubation of cells with DAPI (blue fluorescence). Bottom, DAPI; middle, GLUT channels; top, merged images observed by confocal microscopy.



**Fig. S17**. Effects on the cell cycle distribution of MCF-7 cells upon treatment with **Al**, **AL-NH<sub>3</sub>**<sup>+</sup>, **Al-G**, and **ID-Checker** at various concentrations (0, 0.05, 0.25, 0.50, and 1.0  $\mu$ M) 24 h followed by staining with PI to determine the proportion of DNA by flow cytometry.

Table S1. Body weight of experimental animals (g)

Day	G1	G2	G3	G4
0	$19.10 \pm 0.16$	$19.00 \pm 0.16$	$19.00 \pm 0.16$	$19.00 \pm 0.28$
11	$19.35 \pm 0.20$	$19.15 \pm 0.20$	$18.85 \pm 0.18$	$19.00 \pm 0.13$

Table S2. Docking scores for Al, Al-NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, and Al-G for binding with tubulin in the colchicine and nocodazole binding sites.

	(	CBS	NBS		
Compound	Glide Score (kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Glide Energy (kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Glide Score (kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Glide Energy (kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	
Al	-6.64	-49.0	-7.31	-46.9	
Al-NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-6.44	-33.3	-7.14	-30.7	
Al-G	-6.20	-30.9	-6.61	-34.5	

CBS, colchicine binding site; NBS, nocodazole binding site



**Fig. S18.** The docking poses of a) **Al**, b) **AL-NH**<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, c) **Al-G**, in colchicine binding site (PDB ID: 4O2B) and d) **Al**, e) **Al-NH**<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, f) **Al-G** in the nocodazole binding site of tubulin (PDB ID: 5CA1).