







# Carbosilane glycodendrimers for anticancer drug delivery

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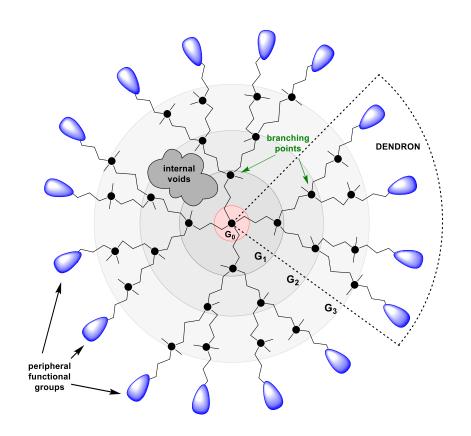


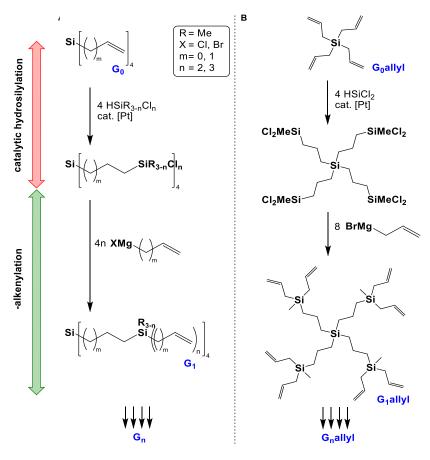
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#### Functionalized Carbosilane Dendrimers

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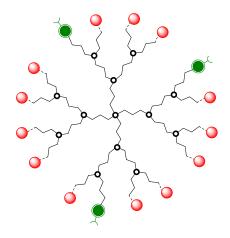


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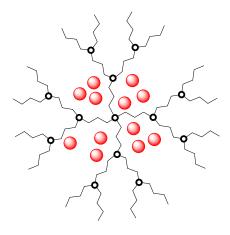
Functionalized Carbosilane Dendrimers

#### Vectors of therapeutic cargo

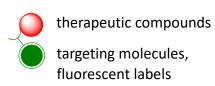
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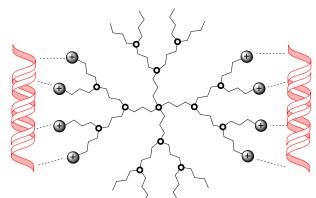


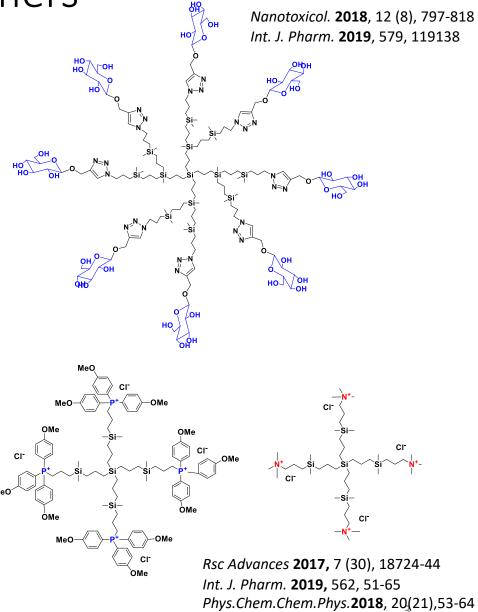
#### encapsulation



#### electrostatic complexation







- √ 3 generations
- √ 3 series differing in sugar moiety

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$$N_3-AcGlu$$

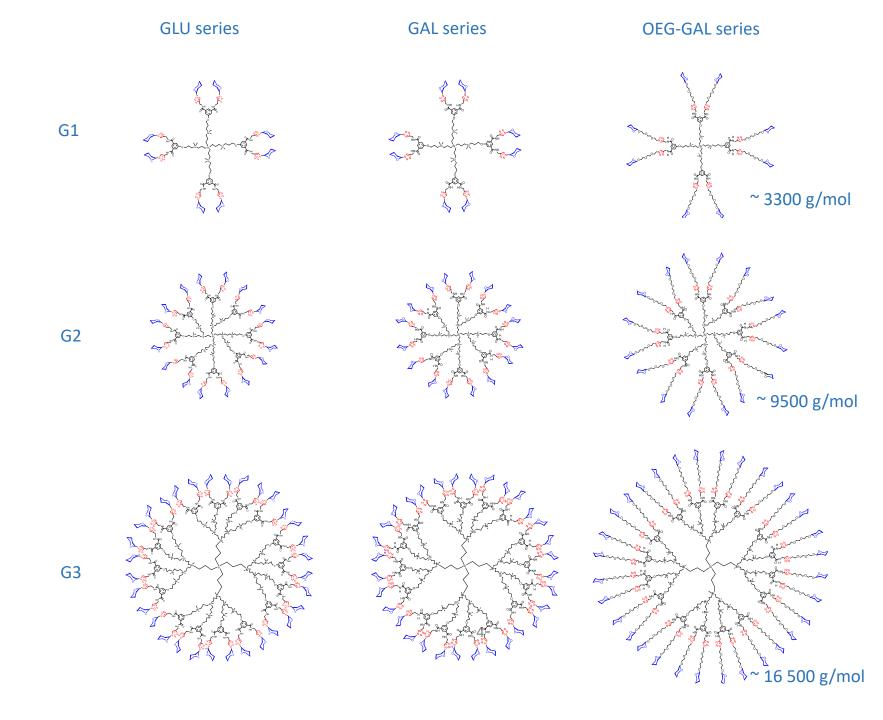
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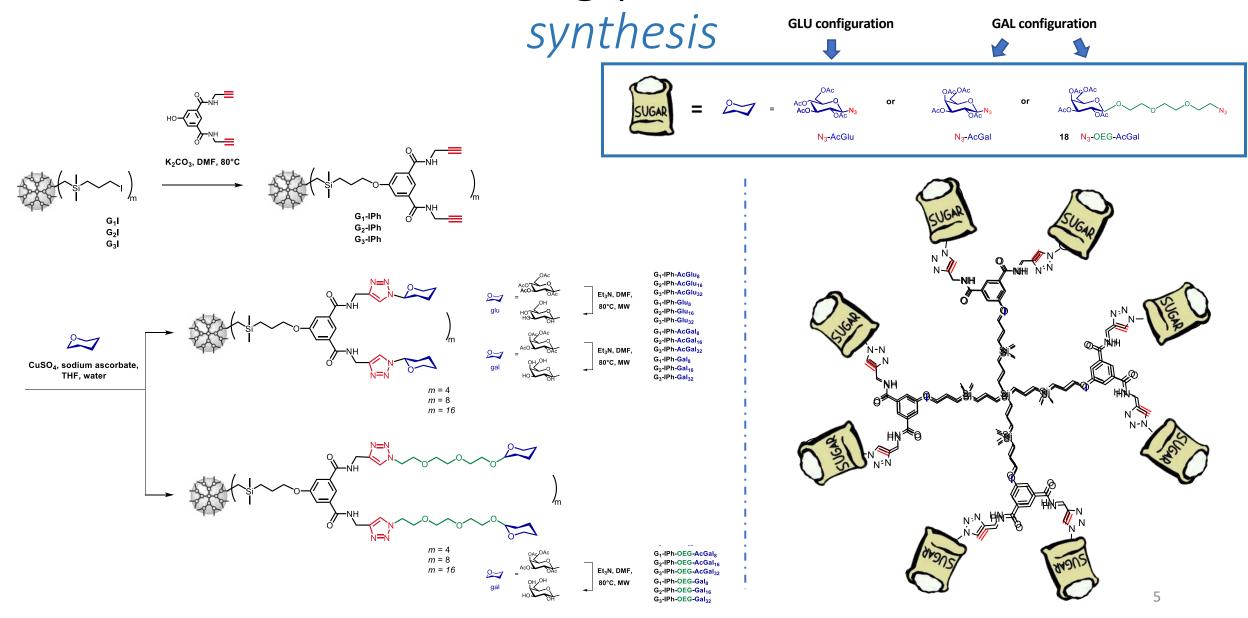
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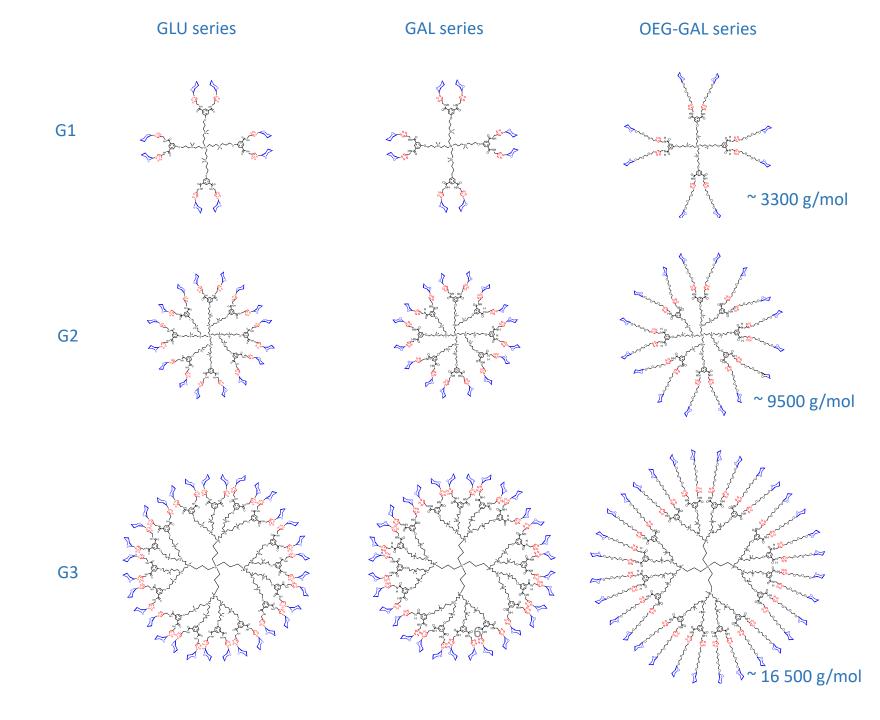
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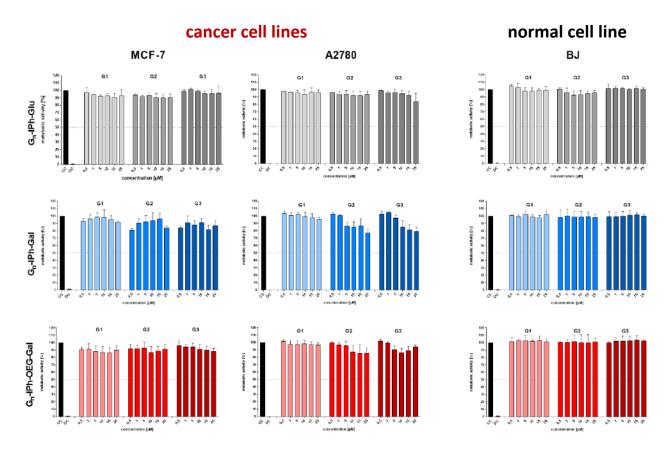
$$N_3-AcGal$$

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$$OA_{CO} O_{OAc} O$$



### cytotoxicity



In vitro cell viability at different concentrations of  $G_1$ - $G_3$  DDMs of the series  $G_n$ -IPh-Glu,  $G_n$ -IPh-Gal, and  $G_n$ -IPh-OEG-Gal. Cell viability values in 0.5–25  $\mu$ M concentration range. CC = cell control, DC = death control.

#### resazurin assay $(0.5 - 25 \mu M)$

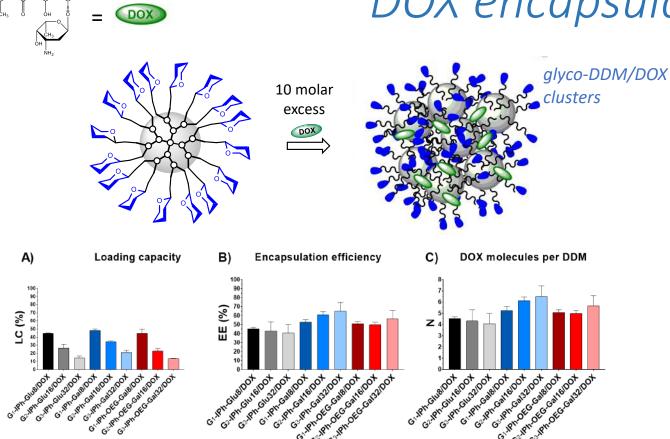
MCF human breast cancer (adenocarcinoma)

A2780 human ovarian carcinoma

BJ human fibroblast

- ✓ IC<sub>50</sub> >> 25 µM
- ✓ Biocompatibility across dendrimer generation, series, and cell lines

### DOX encapsulation



Encapsulation characteristics of glyco-DDM/DOX complexes. A) loading capacity (LC), LC =  $W_e/W_c \times 100$ , where  $W_e$  is the weight of encapsulated DOX, and  $W_c$  is the weight of DOX/DDM complex; B) encapsulation efficiency (EE), EE =  $W_e/W_t \times 100$ , where  $W_e$  is the weight of encapsulated DOX, and  $W_t$  is a total DOX weight; C) amount of DOX molecules per DDM (N), N = n(DOX<sub>encaps</sub>.)/n(DDM), where n(DOX<sub>encaps</sub>) is a molar quantity of encapsulated DOX and n(DDM) is a molar quantity of the DDM.

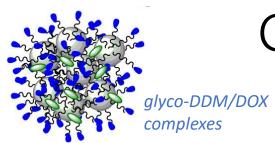
#### **UV-Vis determination**

- √ 41 -65 % of DOX (4-6 DOX molecules)
  was encapsulated across generations
  and series
- ✓ Loading capacity "favors" lower generations

### **BUT** glyco-DDM/DOX clusters

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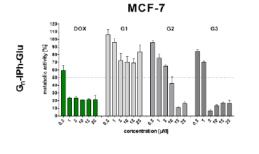
- + computational modeling
- + DLS measurements



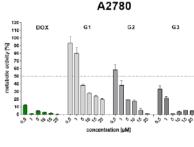
### Glyco-DDM/DOX complexes

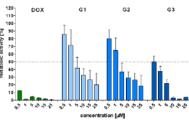
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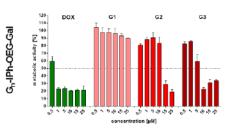


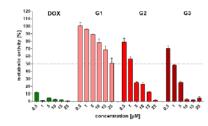


G<sub>n</sub>-IPh-Gal

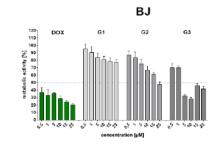


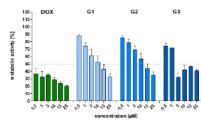


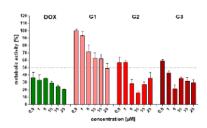




#### normal cell line







In vitro cell viability of cancer (MCF-7, A2780) and normal (BJ) cell lines after treatment with free DOX and glyco-DDM/DOX complexes ( $G_n$ -IPh-Glu/DOX,  $G_n$ -IPh-Gal/DOX, and  $G_n$ -IPh-OEG-Gal/DOX) at different concentrations of encapsulated DOX (0.5 – 25  $\mu$ M range). Untreated MCF-7, A2780, and BJ cells were used as a control.

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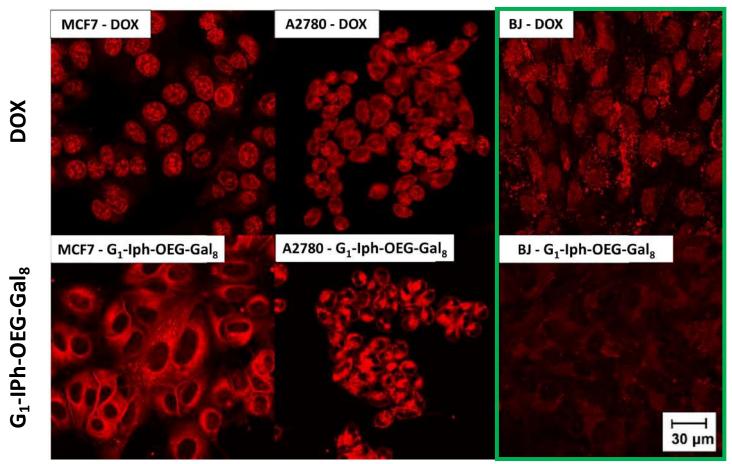
- ✓ Cytotoxicity increases with generation
- ✓ Negligable influence of the DDM series
- ✓ elevated toxicity towards A2780 compared to MCF-7 (IC<sub>50</sub> 5-6 times lower)

IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)										
	DOX	G <sub>n</sub> -IPh-Glu/DOX			G <sub>n</sub> -IPh-Gal/DOX			G <sub>n</sub> -IPh-OEG-Gal/DOX		
		$G_1$	G <sub>2</sub>	G <sub>3</sub>	$G_1$	G <sub>2</sub>	G <sub>3</sub>	$G_1$	G <sub>2</sub>	G <sub>3</sub>
MCF-7	0.7±0.1	24.9±3.5	5.8±0.8	2.8±0.2	19.8±3.1	13.2±1.7	4.3±0.7	>25.00*	5.3±0.8	4.8±0.6
A2780	0.1±0.0	4.0±0.3	0.7±0.1	0.3±0.0	4.1±0.7	3.1±0.5	0.6±0.1	31.6±2.0	1.7±0.1	1.1±0.1
ВЈ	0.4±0.1	58.3±7.9	20.5±2.1	2.3±0.3	9.7±1.1	11.7±1.1	2.2±0.2	20.1±1.8	1.2±0.2	0.8±0.1

### Glyco-DDM/DOX complexes

### intracellular internalization

MCF-7 A2780 BJ



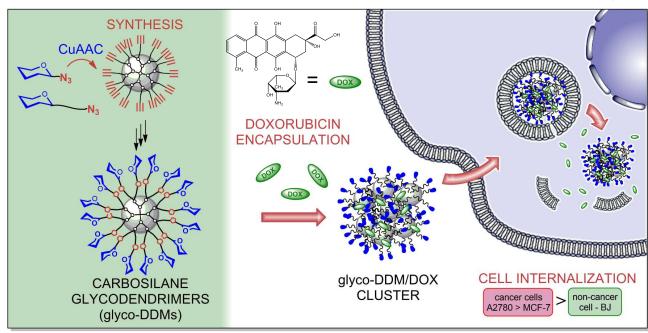
#### Confocal laser scanning fluorescence microscopy images of cellular internalization of DOX and G1-IPh-OEG-Gal8/DOX complexes in the three cell lines@MCF7, A2780, and BJ after 90 min incubation.

#### Confocal fluorescence microscopy

- ✓ DOX accumulates in nucleus while glycoDDM/DOX complexes stay in cytoplasm
- ✓ BJ did not uptake glycoDDM/DOX complexes as easily as the cancer cell lines MCF7 and A2780.

### for anticancer drug delivery

#### STSM goals



- ✓ Biocompatible carbosilane glycodendrimers
- ✓ cytotoxicity assay of DDM/DOX complexes
- ✓ Efficient DOX delivery to cancer cells



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#### Carbosilane Glycodendrimers for Anticancer Drug Delivery: Synthetic Route, Characterization, and Biological Effect of Glycodendrimer—Doxorubicin Complexes

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- ✓ Size and Zeta potentials of the complexes
- ✓ DOX release profiles in physiological and acidic environment
- ✓ computer modeling

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#### SATA webinar (February/March 2023)

The power of collaboration in science:

Novel dendritic DDS and their prospects in anticancer therapy

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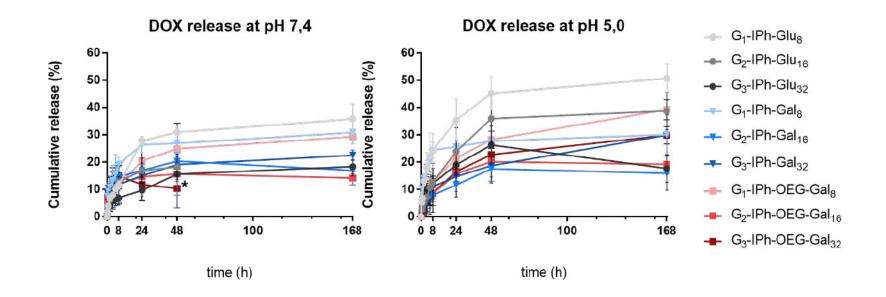
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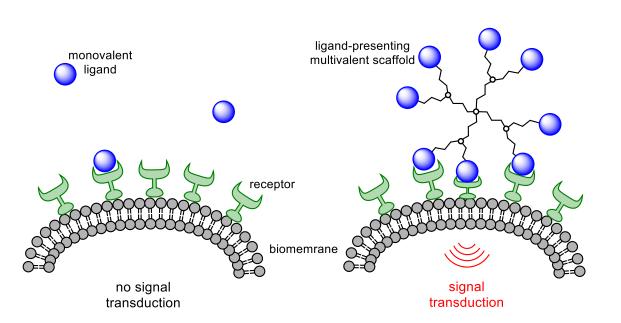
### Cumulative release study



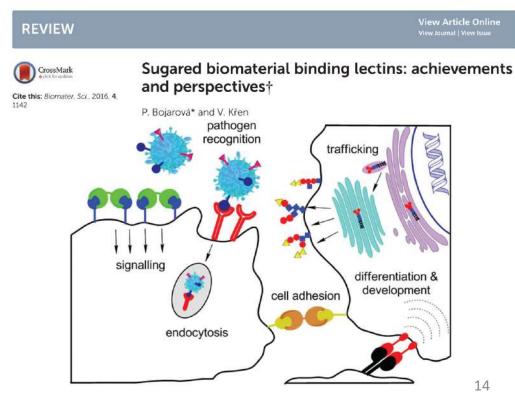
• *In vitro* DOX release from glyco-DDM/DOX complexes in PBS solutions at pH of 7.4 (left) and 5.0 (right). \*The CR peaked in less than 48 hours.

### Carbosilane glycodendrimers as drug delivery systems

- ✓ Specific ligand protein (saccharide lectin) recognition promotes a plethora of essential biological functions
- ✓ Multivalent presentation of ligands amplifies the binding affinity to receptors



#### **Biomaterials** Science



## Hydrodynamic diameters ( $d_h$ ) and Zeta potential ( $\zeta$ ) of glyco-DDMs glyco-DDM/DOX complexes.

	d <sub>h</sub> [nm] in water		d <sub>h</sub> [nm] in PBS		ξ-values [mV]		
Compound	DDM	DDM/DOX	DDM	DDM/DOX	DDM	DDM/DOX	
G <sub>1</sub> -IPh-Glu <sub>8</sub>	8±1	48 ± 11	7±1	67 ± 6	2.9 ± 0.6	-17.7 ± 5.5	
G <sub>2</sub> -IPh-Glu <sub>16</sub>	14 ± 2	45 ± 3	16 ± 2	82 ± 31	-16.0 ± 1.2	-4.2 ± 0.1	
G <sub>3</sub> -IPh-Glu <sub>32</sub>	17 ± 3	350 ± 10	18 ± 6	320 ± 31	-1.2 ± 0.9	-9.5 ± 0.2	
G <sub>1</sub> -IPh-Gal <sub>8</sub>	6 ± 1	9 ± 1	6 ± 1	11 ± 3	-0.3 ± 0.7	-7.4 ± 0.7	
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G <sub>3</sub> -IPh-Gal <sub>32</sub>	17 ± 2	16 ± 2	8 ± 2	16 ± 1	-2.3 ± 1.5	1.1 ± 0.1	
G <sub>1</sub> -IPh-OEG-Gal <sub>8</sub>	5 ± 2	86 ± 12	6 ± 2	86 ± 9	-5.3 ± 1.5	-9.3 ± 0.7	
G <sub>2</sub> -IPh-OEG-Gal <sub>16</sub>	6±1	71 ± 6	6 ± 1	70 ± 13	-4.5 ± 1.0	-1.6 ± 0.9	
G <sub>3</sub> -IPh-OEG-Gal <sub>32</sub>	7±1	5 ± 2	20 ± 2	6 ± 2	-7.5 ± 2.1	-1.4 ± 1.7	

### IC50 values of the DDM/DOX complexes.

IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)										
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