

# New Chloramphenicol Derivatives from the Viewpoint of Anticancer and Antimicrobial Activity

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## S1. Experimental section

### S1.1. Chemistry

#### S1.1.1. General synthetic

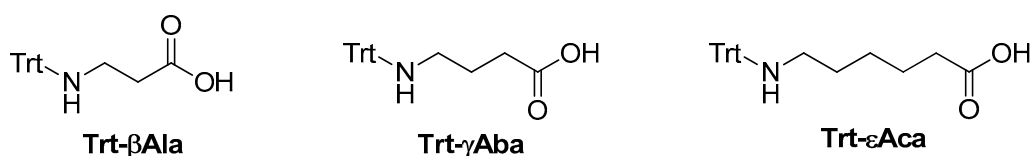
Melting points were determined with a Buchi SMP-20 apparatus and are uncorrected. Attenuated total reflection (ATR)-IR spectra were recorded for KBr pellets or neat samples on a FT-IR Bruker EQUINOX55 spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were obtained at 400.13 or 600.13 MHz and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra at 100.62 or 150.9 MHz on Bruker Avance 400-DPX or AvanceIII HD spectrometers, respectively. Chemical shifts (δ) for CDCl<sub>3</sub> or CD<sub>3</sub>OD solutions are reported in units, parts per million

(ppm) downfield from TMS. Electron-spray ionization (ESI) mass spectra were recorded at 30 eV, on a Micromass-Platform LC spectrometer using MeOH as solvent.

Flash column chromatography (FCC) was performed on Merck silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh) and TLC on 60 Merck 60F<sub>254</sub> films (0.2 mm) precoated on aluminium foil. Spots were visualized with UV light at 254 nm and by spraying with a ninhydrine solution (0.3 g ninhydrin, 3 mL gl. acetic acid, 97 mL 2-propanol) and/or charring agent [10 g (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 5 mL conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 95 mL H<sub>2</sub>O]. The solvent systems used for the development of TLC or FCC are the following: (A) PhMe/EtOAc (99:1), (B) PhMe/EtOAc (97:3), (C) PhMe/EtOAc (95:5), (D) PhMe/EtOAc (9:1), (E) PhMe/EtOAc (8:2), (F) PhMe/EtOAc (7:3), (G) PhMe/EtOAc (1:1), (H) CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH (95:5), (I) CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH (9:1), (J) CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH (1:1), (K) CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH/Et<sub>3</sub>N (95:5:0.5), (L) CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH/Et<sub>3</sub>N (8:2:1), (M) CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH/AcOH (85:10:5), (N) CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH/conc. NH<sub>3</sub> (9:2.5:0.2).

All solvents were dried and/or purified according to standard procedures prior to use. All reagents employed in the present work were purchased from either Aldrich or Fluka or TCI-Europe or Alfa Aesar or Acros and were used without further purification.

### S1.1.2. General procedure for the preparation of *N*-tritylated amino acids



The preparation of *N*-trityl-β-alanine (Trt-βAla) and *N*-trityl-γ-aminobutyric acid (Trt-γAba) from the corresponding amino acids β-alanine (**8a**) and γ-aminobutyric acid (**8b**) has been described by our research group [18, 19]. The *N*-trityl-ε-aminocaproic acid (**8c**) was obtained by using the procedure reported for the preparation of Trt-βAla [18].

#### S1.1.2.1. *N*-Trityl-ε-aminocaproic acid (Trt-εAca)

Yellowish oil; Yield: 85%; *R*<sub>f</sub> (G): 0.38.

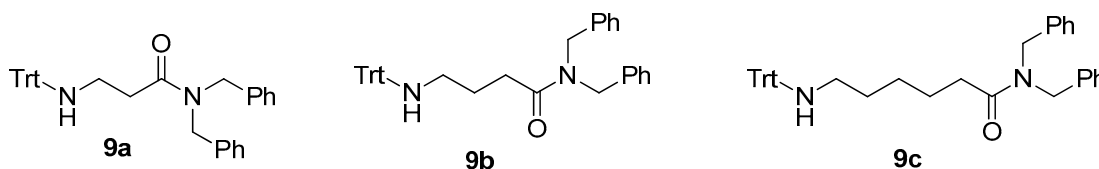
ATR-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2934, 1702, 763, 744, 700

MS (ESI, 30 eV): *m/z* 396.59 [M+Na], 374.55 [M+H], 243.73 [Trt].

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.49 (6H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.30-7.25 (6H, m), 7.21-7.18 (3H, m), 2.37 (2H, br.s), 2.32 (2H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.18 (2H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.63-1.48 (4H, m), 1.39-1.31 (2H, m) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100.61 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 179.8, 145.8 (3C), 128.7 (6C), 127.8 (6C), 126.3 (3C), 71.2, 43.6, 34.2, 30.2, 26.8, 24.7 ppm.

### S1.1.3. General procedure for the preparation of *N*-tritylated amides 9a-c



To a solution of Trt-βAla or Trt-γAba or Trt-εAca (2.2 mmol) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.3 mL), kept at 0 °C, was added sequentially (PhCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH (0.47 mL, 2.42 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.92 mL, 6.62 mmol) and HBTU (0.92 g, 2.42 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 20 min and at ambient temperature for the time indicated below and then diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed sequentially with 5% aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, ice-cold 5% aqueous citric acid, H<sub>2</sub>O and brine. The organic phase was

then dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure. Amide **9b** was obtained pure upon triturating the residue with cold Et<sub>2</sub>O and filtration of the precipitate under vacuo. Amide **9a** was obtained pure after FCC and using solvent system E for elution. Finally, amide **9c** was obtained pure also after FCC and using solvent system C initially, followed by solvent system D, for elution.

#### S1.1.3.1. *N,N*-Dibenzyl-3-tritylaminoopropanamide (**9a**)

Reaction time: 6 h; White solid; Yield: 80%; M.p. 113.5-115.5 °C; R<sub>f</sub> (D): 0.44.

ATR-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3315, 1630, 753, 697.

MS (ESI, 30 eV): *m/z* 1043.30 [2M+Na], 549.38 [M+K], 533.42 [M+Na], 511.51 [M+H], 243.44 [Trt].

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400.13, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.51-7.49 (6H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz) and 7.41-7.20 (19H, three m), 4.63 (2H, s), 4.49 (2H, s), 2.66 (2H, unresolv. t), 2.51 (2H, unresolv. t), 1.60 (1H, br. s) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100.61, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 172.7, 146.2 (3C), 137.2, 136.5, 129.0 (2C), 128.7 (6C), 128.6 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.8 (6C), 127.4, 127.2, 126.4 (3C), 126.2 (2C), 71.0, 49.9, 48.2, 39.9, 34.1 ppm.

#### S1.1.3.2. *N,N*-Dibenzyl-4-tritylaminobutanamide (**9b**)

Reaction time: 4 h; White solid; Yield: 65%; M.p. 133-135 °C; R<sub>f</sub> (C): 0.19.

ATR-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3304, 1626, 750, 698.

MS (ESI, 30 eV): *m/z* 1071.41 [2M+Na], 563.30 [M+K], 547.34 [M+Na], 525.50 [M+H], 243.50 [Trt].

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400.13, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.46 (6H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.38-7.16 (19H, m), 4.63 (2H, s), 4.45 (2H, s), 2.53 (2H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.19 (2H, q, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 1.93 (2H, quint. *J* = 8 Hz), 1.63 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100.61, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 173.5, 146.2 (3C), 137.5, 136.6, 129.0 (2C), 128.6 (8C), 128.3 (2C), 127.8 (6C), 127.6, 127.4, 126.4 (3C), 126.2 (2C), 70.8, 49.9, 48.2, 43.2, 31.3, 26.5 ppm.

#### S1.1.3.3. *N,N*-Dibenzyl-6-tritylaminohexanamide (**9c**)

Reaction time: 1.5 h; Pale yellow oil; Yield: 65%; M.p. 133-135 °C; R<sub>f</sub> (C): 0.23.

ATR-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3310, 1635, 750, 697.

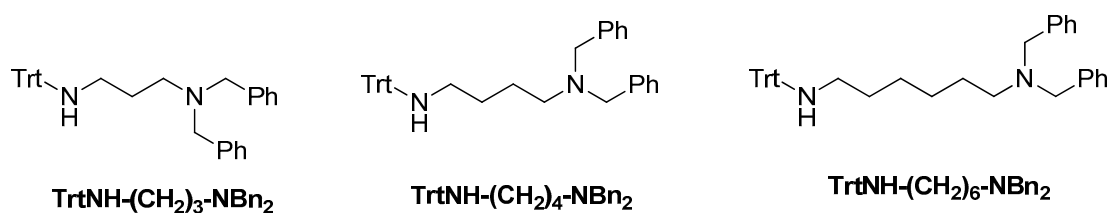
MS (ESI, 30 eV): *m/z* 575.51 [M+Na], 243.64 [Trt].

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400.13, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.44 (6H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.34-7.10 (19H, three m), 4.56 (2H, s), 4.43 (2H, s), 2.35 (2H, q, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.08 (2H, unresolv. t), 1.65 (2H, quint., *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.60 (1H, br. s), 1.50 (2H, quint., *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.36 (2H, quint., *J* = 7.6 Hz) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100.61, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 173.6, 146.2 (3C), 137.5, 136.6, 129.0 (2C), 128.7 (6C), 128.6 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.8 (6C), 127.6, 127.4, 126.4 (3C), 126.2 (2C), 70.9, 49.9, 48.1, 43.5, 33.2, 30.7, 27.2, 25.4 ppm.

#### S1.1.4. General procedure for the LAH-mediated reduction of *N*-tritylated amides **9a** – **c**.

Preparation of substituted diamines TrtNH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-NBn<sub>2</sub>, TrtNH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>-NBn<sub>2</sub> and TrtNH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>6</sub>-NBn<sub>2</sub>



To a suspension of LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (0.36 g, 9.5 mmol) in freshly distilled unhydrous THF (6.6 mL), amide **9a** or **9b** or **9c** (1.9 mmol) was added portionwise under an Ar atmosphere. The resulting mixture was refluxed for 4 h (amide **9b**) or overnight (amides **9a** and **9c**), whereby TLC, using solvent system B

for development, indicated the end of the reaction. Following cooling at 0 °C, the excess of LiAlH<sub>4</sub> was carefully destroyed by the dropwise addition of a saturated aqueous solution of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The resulting white precipitate was filtered off under vacuo and washed on filter with distilled THF. The filtrate concentrated in vacuo to a small volume and diluted with EtOAc. The organic phase was washed twice with brine (saturated aqueous NaCl), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and finally evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. The anticipated diamine derivatives were obtained pure after FCC using solvent system A as eluant.

#### S1.1.4.1. *N*<sup>1</sup>,*N*<sup>1</sup>-Dibenzyl-*N*<sup>3</sup>-trityl-1,3-propanediamine [TrtNH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-NBn<sub>2</sub>]

White solid; Yield: 60%; M.p. 84.9-87.2 °C; R<sub>f</sub> (A): 0.23.

ATR-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3302, 1598, 773, 747, 735, 694.

MS (ESI, 30 eV): *m/z* 535.51 [M+K], 519.52 [M+Na], 497.56 [M+1], 243.57 [Trt].

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400.13, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.42 (6H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.31-7.18 (19H, m), 3.48 (4H, br. s), 2.47 (2H, unresolv. t), 2.17 (2H, t, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 1.74 (2H, unresolv. quint.), 1.61 (1H, br. s) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100.61, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 146.2 (3C), 139.6, 128.8 (2C), 128.6 (6C), 128.1 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 127.7 (6C), 127.2, 126.7 (2C), 126.1 (5C), 70.9, 58.2 (2C), 51.0, 41.5, 27.8 ppm.

#### S1.1.4.2. *N*<sup>1</sup>,*N*<sup>1</sup>-Dibenzyl-*N*<sup>4</sup>-trityl-1,4-butanediamine [TrtNH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>-NBn<sub>2</sub>]

Pale yellow oil; Yield: 80%; R<sub>f</sub> (A): 0.2.

ATR-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3300, 1596, 747, 694.

MS (ESI, 30 eV): *m/z* 549.51 [M+K], 533.61 [M+Na], 511.58 [M+H], 243.50 [Trt].

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400.13, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.47 (6H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.38-7.18 (19H, three m), 3.56 (4H, br. s), 2.41 (2H, unresolv. t), 2.08 (2H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.57-1.46 (5H, two m) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100.61, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 146.3 (3C), 139.9 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 128.6 (6C), 128.1 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 127.7 (6C), 127.2, 126.7 (2C), 126.1 (5C), 70.8, 58.2 (2C), 53.3, 43.4, 28.4, 24.8 ppm.

#### S1.1.4.3. *N*<sup>1</sup>,*N*<sup>1</sup>-Dibenzyl-*N*<sup>6</sup>-trityl-1,6-hexanediamine [TrtNH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>6</sub>-NBn<sub>2</sub>]

White solid; Yield: 80%; M.p. 98-100 °C; R<sub>f</sub> (B): 0.32.

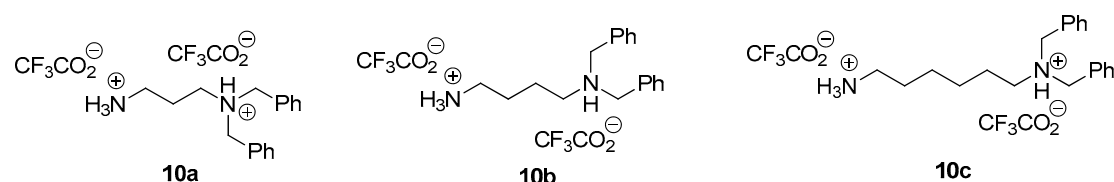
ATR-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3301, 1595, 739, 696.

MS (ESI, 30 eV): *m/z* 577.42 [M+K], 561.46 [M+Na], 539.55 [M+H], 243.64 [Trt].

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400.13, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.48 (6H, m), 7.38-7.14 (19H, three m), 3.55 (4H, br. s), 2.39 (2H, unresolv. t), 2.09 (2H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.51-1.43 (5H, two m), 1.22 (4H, m) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100.61, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 146.3 (3C), 140.0 (2C), 128.7 (4C), 128.6 (6C), 128.1 (4C), 127.7 (6C), 126.7 (2C), 126.1 (3C), 70.8, 58.2 (2C), 53.2, 43.5, 30.8, 27.1 (2C), 26.9 ppm.

S1.1.5. General procedure for the preparation of the *N*<sup>1</sup>,*N*<sup>1</sup>-dibenzylated diamines as their corresponding bistrifluoroacetate salts 10



To an ice-cold solution of the diamine derivative TrtNH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-NBn<sub>2</sub> (0.57 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.7 mL), were added sequentially TES (0.18 mL, 1.14 mmol) and TFA (0.28 mL, 3.3 mmol). The resulting solution was kept at that temperature for 15 min and then at ambient temperature for 1.5 h. The progress of the reaction was followed by TLC using the solvent system C (initially) and then the solvent systems J and L as eluant. Following completion of the reaction, Et<sub>2</sub>O and then hexane were

added to the reaction mixture and the desired product was obtained either as a solid (**10b**) after filtration or oil (**10a** or **10c**) after decanting of the supernatant solvents. The products were dried overnight, under vacuo, over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and used as such into the following coupling reaction.

S1.1.5.1. *N*<sup>1</sup>,*N*<sup>1</sup>-Dibenzyl-1,3-propanediamine bistrifluoroacetate (**10a**)

Pale yellow oil; Yield: 85%; *R*<sub>f</sub> (J): 0.47.

MS (ESI, 30 eV): *m/z* 255.51 [M+H], 198.51 [Bn<sub>2</sub>NH+H].

S1.1.5.2. *N*<sup>1</sup>,*N*<sup>1</sup>-Dibenzyl-1,4-butanediamine bistrifluoroacetate (**10b**)

White solid; Yield: 95%; M.p. 162.7-163.7 °C; *R*<sub>f</sub> (L): 0.17.

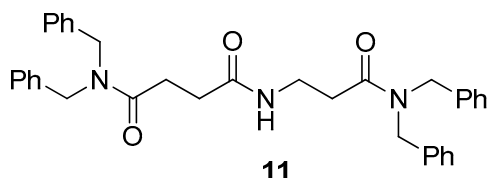
MS (ESI, 30 eV): *m/z* 269.63 [M+H], 198.57 [Bn<sub>2</sub>NH+H].

S1.1.5.3. *N*<sup>1</sup>,*N*<sup>1</sup>-Dibenzyl-1,6-hexanediamine bistrifluoroacetate (**10c**)

Pale yellow oil; Yield: 87%; *R*<sub>f</sub> (J): 0.51.

MS (ESI, 30 eV): *m/z* 619.52 [2M+Na], 198.51 [Bn<sub>2</sub>NH+H].

S1.1.6. Synthesis of *N*<sup>1</sup>,*N*<sup>1</sup>,*N*<sup>8</sup>,*N*<sup>8</sup>-tetrabenzyl-4-aza-5-oxaoctadiamide (**11**)



To an ice-cold solution of amide **9a** (0.28 g, 0.55 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.8 mL), were added sequentially TES (0.11 mL, 0.67 mmol) and TFA (0.57 mL, 6.8 mmol). The resulting solution was kept at that temperature for 15 min and then at ambient temperature for 30 min when the reaction was completed (TLC, solvent system D as eluant). Et<sub>2</sub>O and then hexane were added to the reaction mixture and the desired product was obtained as an oil, after decanting the supernatant solvents and drying overnight, under vacuo, over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. The product (trifluoroacetate salt) was used as such into the synthesis of triamide **11**, as described below.

Pale yellow oil; Yield: 95%; *R*<sub>f</sub> (I): 0.28.

MS (ESI, 30 eV): *m/z* 269.70 [M+H], 198.70 [Bn<sub>2</sub>NH+H].

To a solution of the thus above obtained trifluoroacetate salt in DMF (1.8 mL), succinic anhydride (55 mg, 0.55 mmol) was added at room temperature. The resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C and DIEA (0.19 mL, 1.1 mmol) was added. When the acylation reaction was found complete (TLC, solvent system M as eluant), HBTU (0.27 g, 0.71 mmol) and Bn<sub>2</sub>NH (0.12 mL, 0.63 mmol) was added sequentially. The pH of the reaction was readjusted to 8 by adding additional DIEA (0.1 mL, 0.55 mmol). After 3.5 h at ambient temperature, when the second acylation reaction was found complete (TLC), the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and the organic phase was sequentially washed once with 5% aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, twice with H<sub>2</sub>O and once with brine. Drying (anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure gave an oily residue, from which pure triamide **11** was obtained by FCC and using solvent system G as eluant.

Pale yellow oil; Yield: 90%; *R*<sub>f</sub> (G): 0.16.

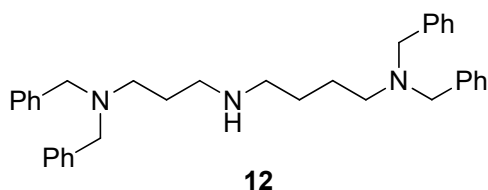
ATR-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3200, 1635, 730, 695.

MS (ESI, 30 eV): *m/z* 1117.79 [2M+Na], 586.33 [M+K], 570.43 [M+Na], 548.46 [M+H].

$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400.13,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.38-7.10 (20H, three m), 6.74 (1H, unresolv. t), 4.60 (4H, two overlapping s), 4.49 (2H, s) και 4.40 (2H, s), 3.61 (2H, q,  $J = 5.6$  Hz), 2.78 (2H, t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 2.64 (2H, t,  $J = 5.6$  Hz), 2.59 (2H, t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz) ppm.

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (150.9,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 172.6, 172.4, 172.2, 137.0, 136.9, 136.2 (2C), 136.0 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.1 (4C), 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 126.5 (2C), 126.4 (2C), 50.0, 49.9, 48.4, 48.3, 35.5, 32.9, 31.4, 28.5 ppm.

#### S1.1.7. Synthesis of $N^1, N^1, N^8, N^8$ -tetrabenzylspermidine (**12**)



To a suspension of  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  (0.21 g, 5.48 mmol) in freshly distilled dry THF (2.9 mL), triamide **11** (1.9 mmol) was added portionwise under an Ar atmosphere. The resulting mixture was refluxed overnight (12 h), whereby TLC, using solvent system N for development, indicated the end of the reaction. Following cooling at 0 °C, the excess of  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  was carefully destroyed by the dropwise addition of a saturated aqueous solution of  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The resulting white precipitate was filtered off under vacuo and washed on filter with distilled THF. The filtrate concentrated in vacuo to a small volume and diluted with EtOAc. The organic phase was washed twice with brine (saturated aqueous NaCl), dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and finally evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. The anticipated spermidine derivative **12** was obtained pure after FCC using solvent system K as eluant. Yellow oil; Yield: 90%;  $R_f$  (K): 0.14.

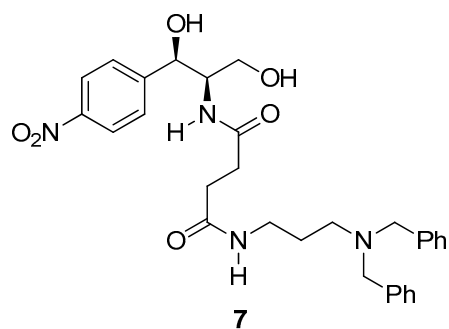
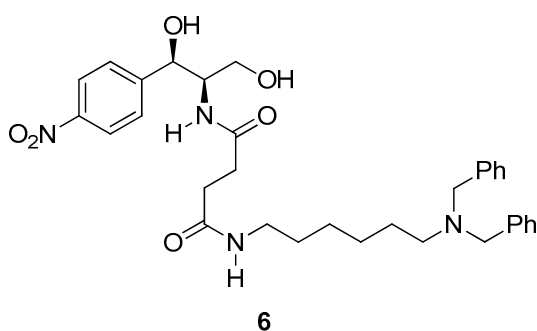
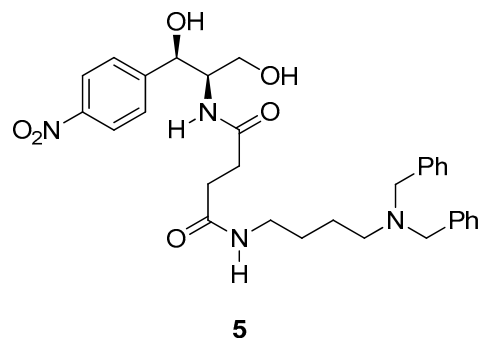
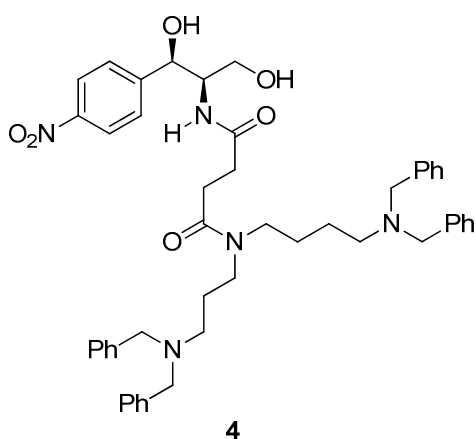
ATR-IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3085, 3058, 3025, 2932, 1496, 1450, 1365, 1125, 1030, 727, 694.

MS (ESI, 30 eV):  $m/z$  544.43 [M+K], 528.60 [M+Na], 506.63 [M+H].

$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (600.13,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.37-7.21 (20H, three m), 3.55 and 3.54 (8H, two overlapping br. s), 2.62 (2H, t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz), 2.49 (2H, t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz), 2.45 and 2.42 (4H, two overlapping t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz), 1.81 (2H, quintet,  $J = 6.6$  Hz), 1.56-1.49 (5H, m) ppm.

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (150.9,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 139.7 (2C), 139.1 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 126.8 (2C), 58.3 (4C), 52.8, 51.4, 48.7, 47.7, 26.0, 25.1, 24.7 ppm.

### S1.1.8. General procedure for the synthesis of the PA-CAM conjugates 4-7



To a solution of CLB (55 mg, 0.26 mmol) in dry DMF (1 mL), succinic anhydride (26 mg, 0.26 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1.5 h, whereby the acylation reaction was found complete (TLC, solvent system J). The reaction mixture was then cooled to 0 °C and polyamine derivatives **10a** or **10b** or **10c** or **12** (0.30 mmol) added, followed by the sequential addition of HBTU (129 mg, 0.34 mmol) and DIEA (0.21 mL, 1.2 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for additional 2 h and then diluted with EtOAc. The organic phase was washed sequentially twice with 5% aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, twice with H<sub>2</sub>O and once with brine, and then dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent evaporated under reduced pressure and the anticipated PA-CAM conjugates were obtained pure by FCC using as eluant the solvent system I for conjugates **5-7** and H for conjugate **4**.

#### S1.1.8.1 Conjugate 4

Yellow oil; Yield: 60%; *R<sub>f</sub>* (H): 0.30.

ATR-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3352, 1618, 727, 694.

MS (ESI, 30 eV): *m/z* 822.52 [M+Na], 800.70 [M+H].

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400.13, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 8.16 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.55 (2H, unresolv. d), 7.38-7.23 (20H, two m), 6.72 (1H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 5.16 (1H, d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 3.95-3.85 (2H, m), 3.76-3.70 (1H, m), 3.56 (8H, br. s), 3.18-2.95 (4H, m), 2.67-2.56, 2.44-2.35 and 2.31-2.26 (8H, three m), 1.68-1.64 (2H, m), 1.44-1.37 (4H, m) ppm.  
<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100.61, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 174.2, 171.8, 148.9, 147.2, 139.2 (2C), 128.9 (2C), 128.8 (4C), 128.7 (4C), 128.3 (4C), 128.2 (4C), 127.1 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 126.9 (2C), 123.4 (2C), 73.5, 63.1, 58.8, 58.6, 58.3, 58.1, 57.2, 52.8, 50.9, 47.9, 46.1, 31.7, 29.1, 26.2, 25.4, 24.4 ppm.

#### S1.1.8.2. Conjugate 5

Yellow oil; Yield: 60%; R<sub>f</sub> (I): 0.27.

ATR-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3290, 1645, 740, 670.

MS (ESI, 30 eV): *m/z* 601.58 [M+K], 585.53 [M+Na], 563.64 [M+H].

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400.13, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 8.15 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.54 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.40-7.28 (10H, m), 7.0 (1H, unresolv. d), 6.15 (1H, unresolv. t), 5.16 (1H, unresolv. d), 4.00 (1H, unresolv. m), 3.86-3.81 (1H, m), 3.74 (5H, br. s), 3.14-3.10 (2H, m), 2.56-2.34 (6H, m), 1.61 (2H, unresolv. q, H-22), 1.42 (2H, unresolv. quintet) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150.9, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 171.8, 171.3, 148.9, 147.2, 129.5 (2C), 128.6 (8C), 127.9 (2C), 126.9 (2C), 123.4 (2C), 73.4, 63.2, 57.9 (2C), 56.9, 52.5, 38.9, 31.9, 31.7, 26.9, 23.5 ppm.

#### S1.1.8.3. Conjugate 6

Yellow oil; Yield: 62%; R<sub>f</sub> (I): 0.33.

ATR-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3310, 1640, 739, 696.

MS (ESI, 30 eV): *m/z* 613.35 [M+Na], 591.51 [M+H].

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400.13, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 8.15 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.57 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.39-7.25 (10H, m), 6.99 (1H, unresolv. d), 6.08 (1H, unresolv. t), 5.18 (1H, unresolv. d), 4.09 (1H, unresolv. dd), 3.84 (1H, unresolv. dd), 3.73 (1H, unresolv. dd), 3.65 (4H, br. s), 3.11 (2H, m), 2.49-2.36 (6H, two m), 1.55 (2H, quint., *J* = 8.0 Hz), 1.40 (2H, quint., *J* = 8.0 Hz), 1.29-1.18 (4H, m) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150.9, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 173.3, 172.4, 149.1, 147.2, 129.1 (4C), 128.3 (6C), 127.3 (2C), 126.9 (2C), 123.9 (2C), 72.9, 62.9, 58.0 (2C), 56.5, 52.9, 39.6, 31.6, 31.5, 29.2, 26.6, 26.4, 26.3 ppm.

#### S1.1.8.4. Conjugate 7

Yellow oil; Yield: 73%; R<sub>f</sub> (I): 0.16.

ATR-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3310 (broad), 1620, 738, 697.

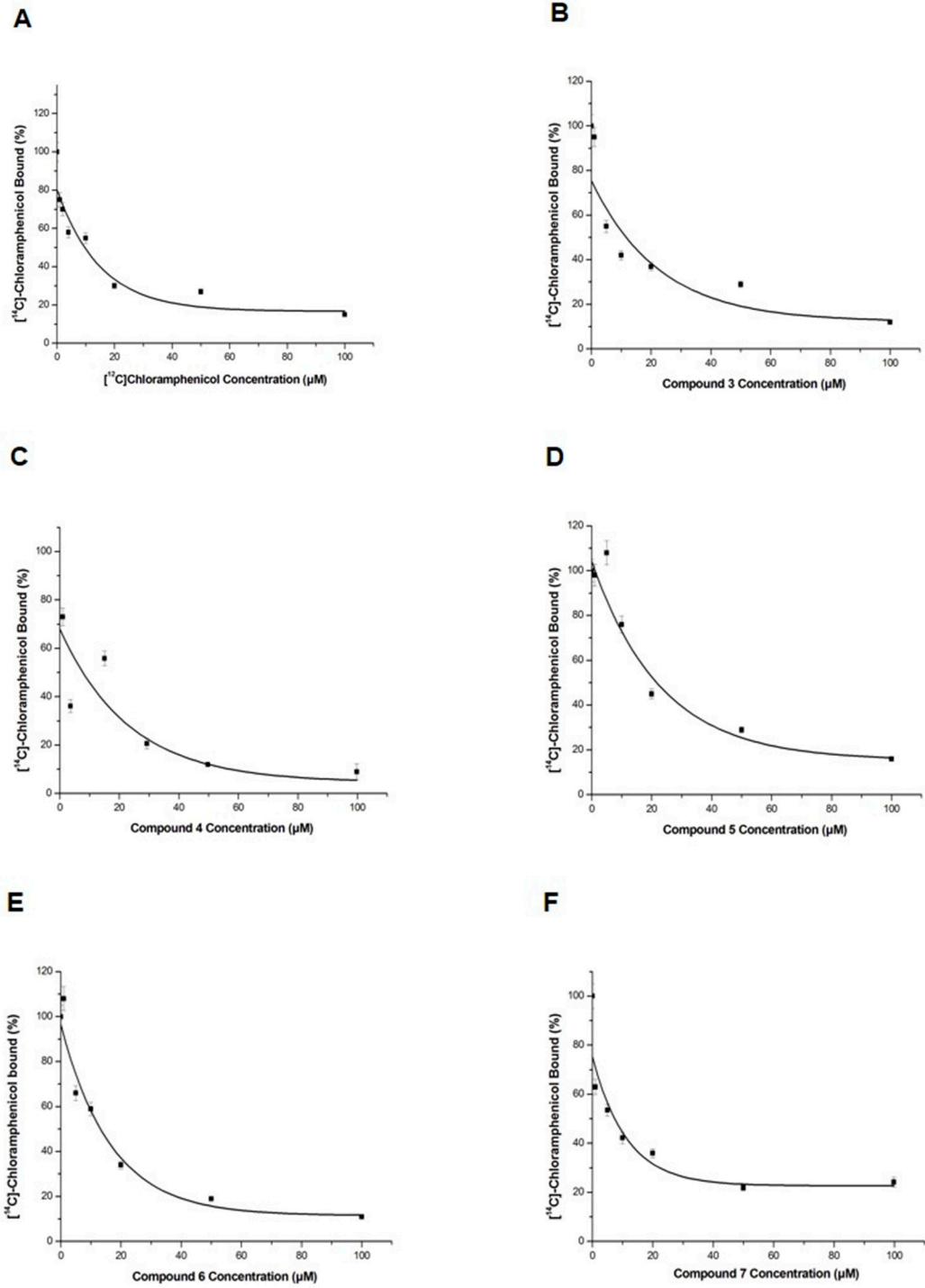
MS (ESI, 30 eV): *m/z* 571.62 [M+Na], 549.58 [M+H].

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400.13, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 8.17 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.57 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.37-7.27 (10H, m), 6.91 (1H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 6.0 (1H, br. s), 5.17 (1H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 4.03 (1H, m), 3.87 (1H, dd, *J* = 4.0 and 11.4 Hz), 3.76 (1H, dd, *J* = 3.6 and 11.4 Hz), 3.56 (4H, br. s), 3.20 (2H, q, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.49 (2H, unresolv. t), 2.37-2.21 (3H, m), 2.14-2.08 (1H, m), 1.63 (2H, quint., *J* = 5.6 Hz) ppm.

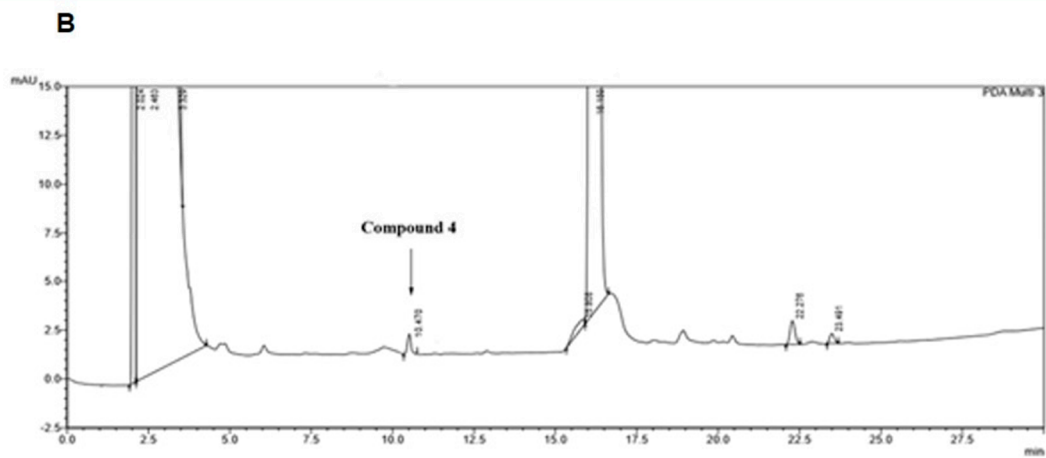
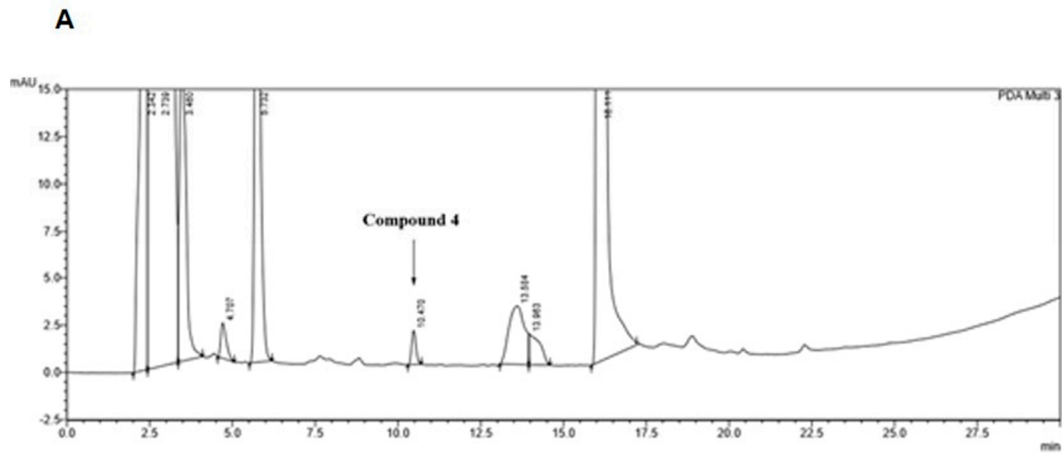
<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150.9, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 173.4, 172.3, 149.0, 147.2, 129.2 (4C), 128.5 (6C), 127.4 (2C), 126.9 (2C), 123.4 (2C), 73.3, 63.1, 58.4 (2C), 56.7, 50.2, 37.6, 31.6, 31.2, 25.6 ppm.



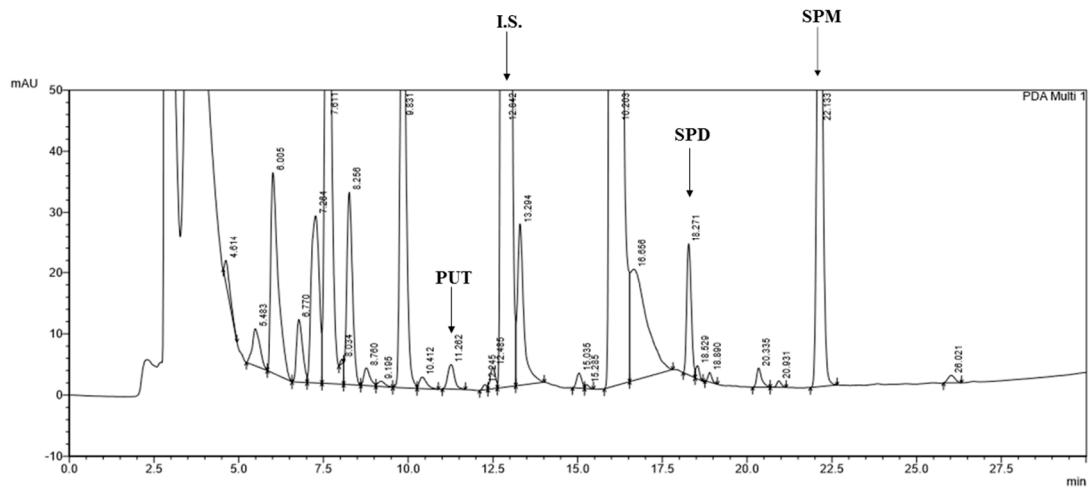
## S2. Results section



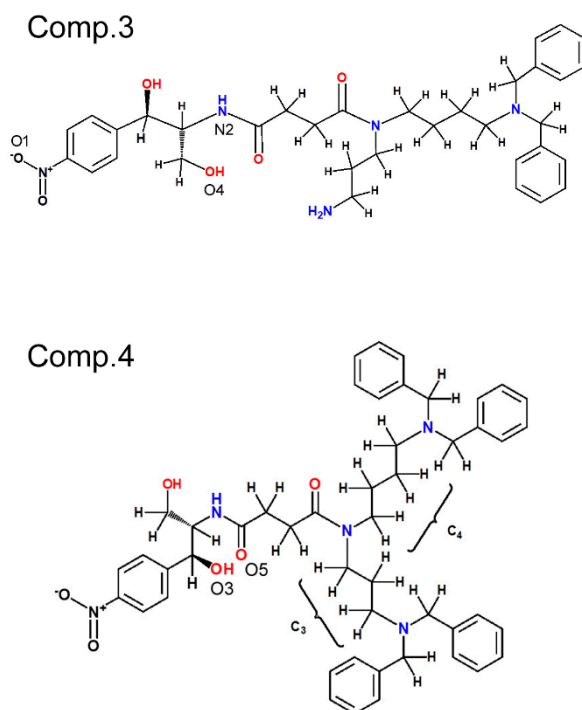
**Figure S1.** Competitive binding of [<sup>14</sup>C]-CAM with A) non-radioactive labeled CAM, B) Compound 3, C) Compound 4, D) Compound 5, E) Compound 6, F) Compound 7. The diagrams represent the percentage of displacement of [<sup>14</sup>C]-CAM using increasing concentrations of each compound.



**Figure S2.** Representative chromatograms of RP-HPLC analysis for the intracellular concentration of compound **4**, when A) ZL34 and B) Met5A cells were challenged by this compound at concentrations of 60  $\mu$ M. Optical absorbance of compound was measured at 275 nm.



**Figure S3.** Representative chromatogram of RP-HPLC analysis of ZL34 cells in the absence of compounds tested. The peaks corresponding to dansylated polyamines are indicated by arrows. PUT, putrescine; SPD, spermidine; SPM, spermine; I.S., internal standard. Identification of the peak of each polyamine was made using three standard samples of known concentrations. Verification of the identity of each peak was done by comparing the UV spectrum.



**Figure S4.** Atom numbering in the compound 3 and 4 models, given by Arguslab.

### S3. Materials and Methods Section

**Table S1:** Intersystem Correspondence of Relevant Large Subunit Nucleotides. The matching of RNA nucleotides was based on data from Brown et al. [33].

| <i>E. coli</i> 23S<br>rRNA | Human<br>mitochondrial<br>16S rRNA |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| A2058                      | G2721                              |
| A2059                      | A2722                              |
| A2062                      | A2725                              |
| A2451                      | A2938                              |
| C2452                      | C2939                              |
| G2505                      | G2992                              |
| U2506                      | U2993                              |
| U2585                      | U3072                              |
| U2586                      | U3073                              |
| A2062                      | A3089                              |