

Supplementary materials

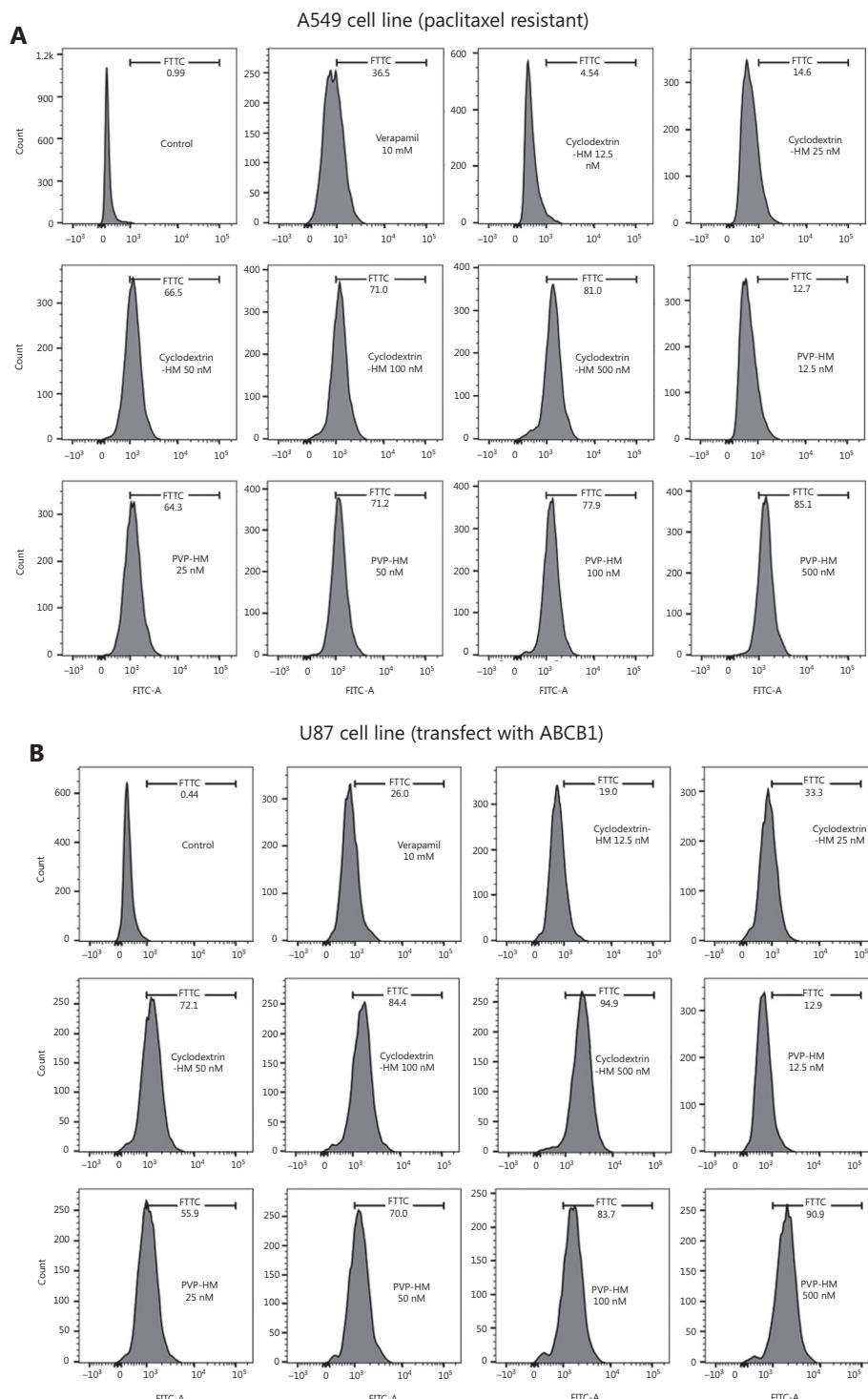


Figure S1 (A) Mean fluorescence intensity of Rho123 in PTX-resistant A549 cancer cells detected by flow cytometry. (B) Mean fluorescence intensity of Rho123 in ABCB1 overexpressing U-87 MG cells detected by flow cytometry.

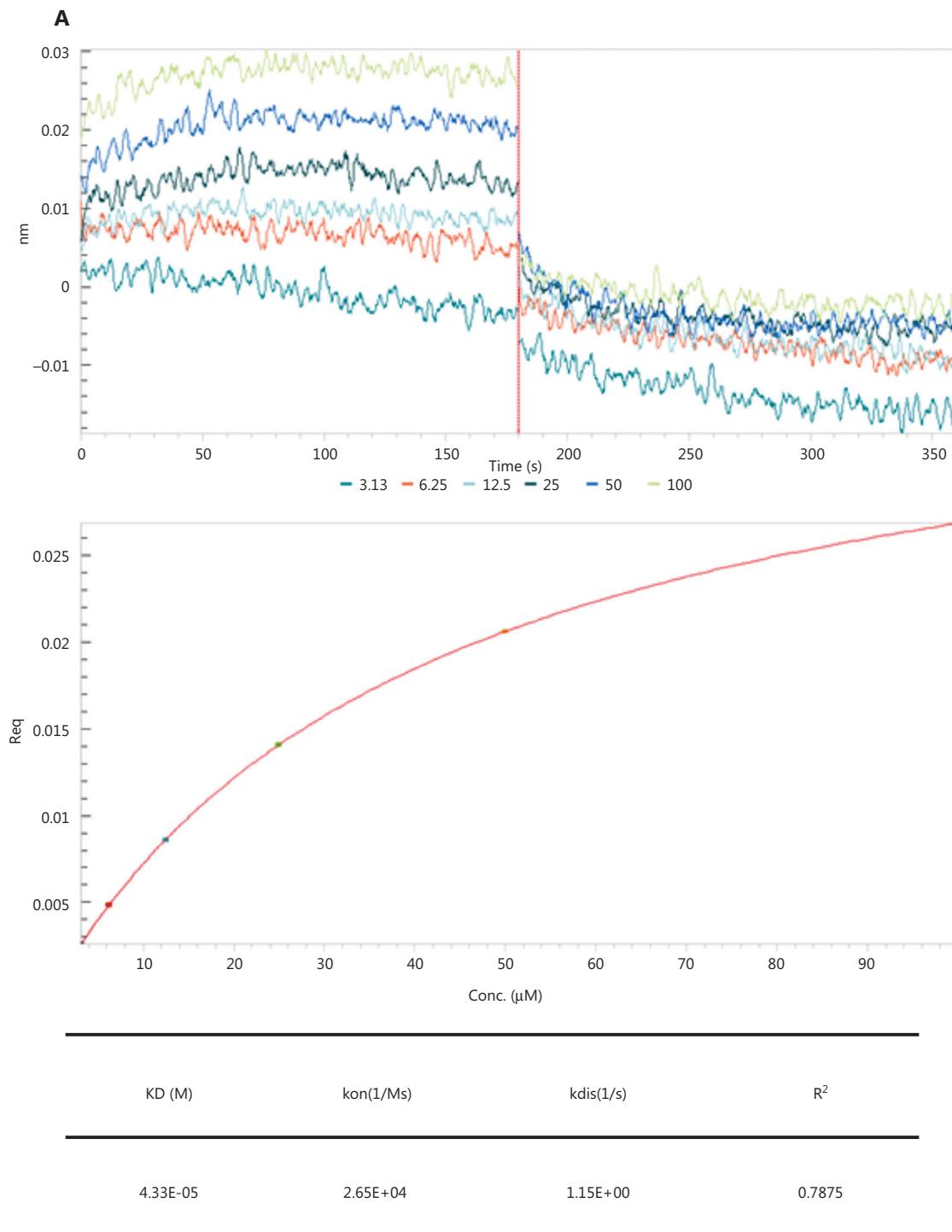


Figure S2 Bio-layer interferometry analysis. The binding affinity of PTX and cyclodextrin-HM toward the plasma albumin protein was assessed with bio-layer interferometry (BLI) technology. In brief, whereas (A) the association constant (K_D) of PTX toward albumin was 4.33×10^{-5} (43 μM), and (B) the association K_D of cyclodextrin-HM toward albumin was similar to the value of 4.64×10^{-5} (46.4 μM).

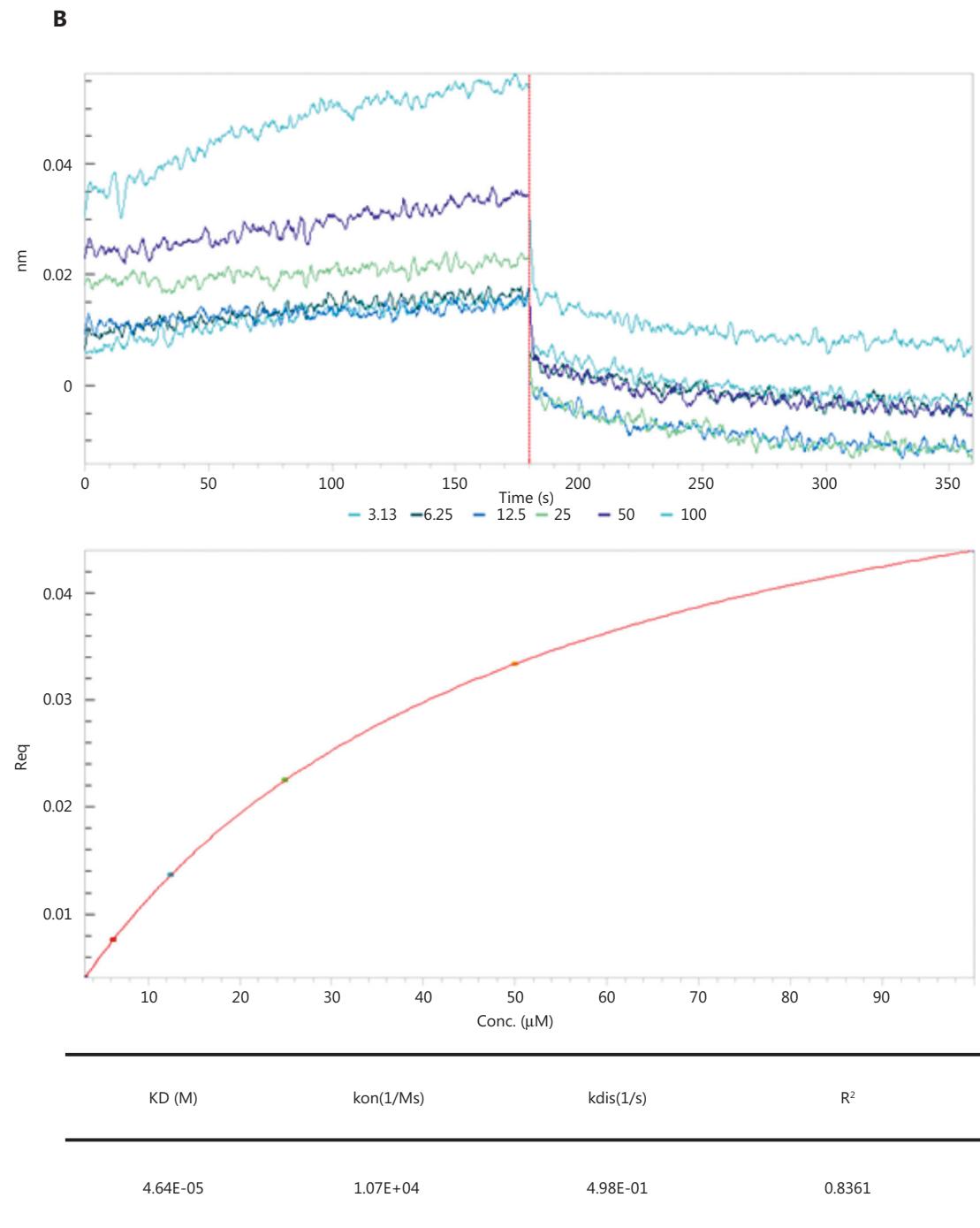
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Table S1 Calibration equations, correlation coefficients (R^2), linear ranges LOD, LOQ, and recovery of HM-Brain and HM-Plasma

Compound	Calibration equations	R^2	Linear Range ($\mu\text{g/L}$)	LOD ($\mu\text{g/L}$)	LOQ ($\mu\text{g/L}$)	Low ($n = 6$)		Medium ($n = 6$)		High ($n = 6$)	
						Recovery (%)	RSD (%)	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)
HM-Brain	$Y = 22007X + 6160.3$	$R^2 = 0.996$	0.00036–0.11472	0.0115	0.115	93.6 ± 12.5	13.6	106 ± 15.6	14.7	103 ± 13.3	12.9
HM-Plasma	$Y = 75672X - 7561.6$	$R^2 = 0.996$	0.0001–0.00736	0.00115	0.0575	113 ± 15.3	13.5	113 ± 18.5	16.4	109 ± 11.5	10.6

All data are shown as mean ± SD at each spiking level. At each level, 3 replicates and 2 measurements were used ($n = 6$). The recovery rate was computed as the average recovery of 3 spiking levels.