

Amphiphilic Cationic Triscyclometalated  
Iridium(III) Complex-Peptide Hybrids Induce  
Paraptosis-like Cell Death of Cancer Cells via an  
Intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup>-Dependent Pathway

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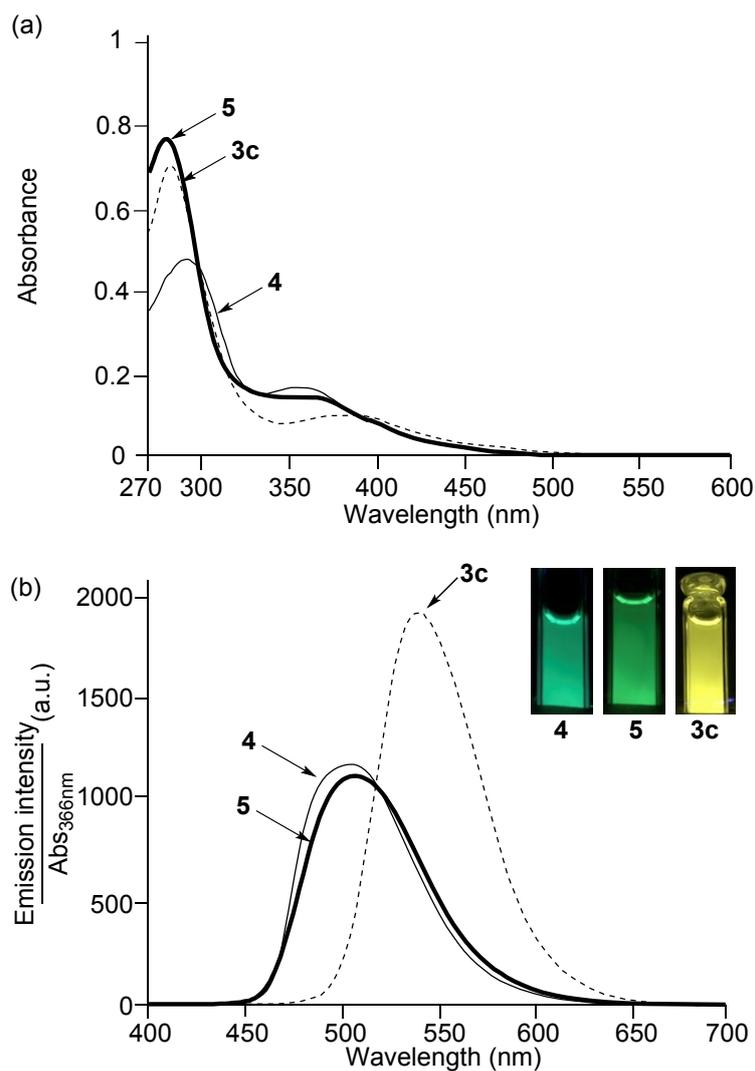
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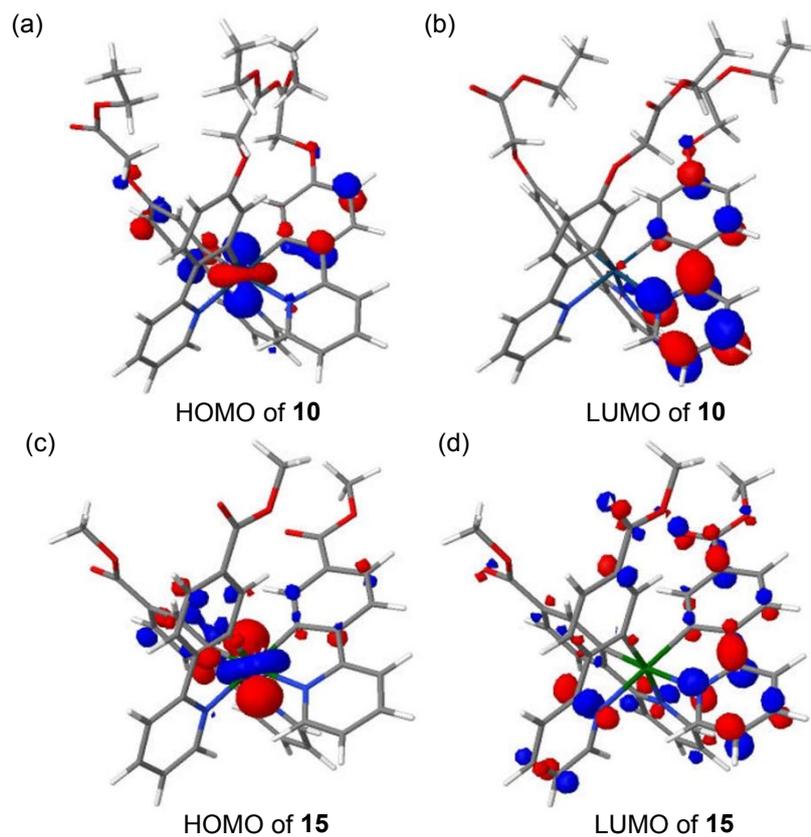
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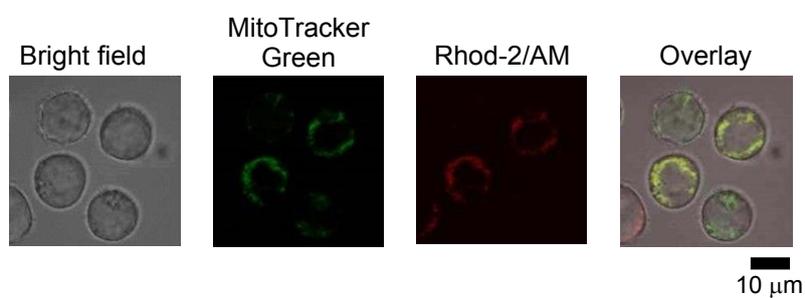
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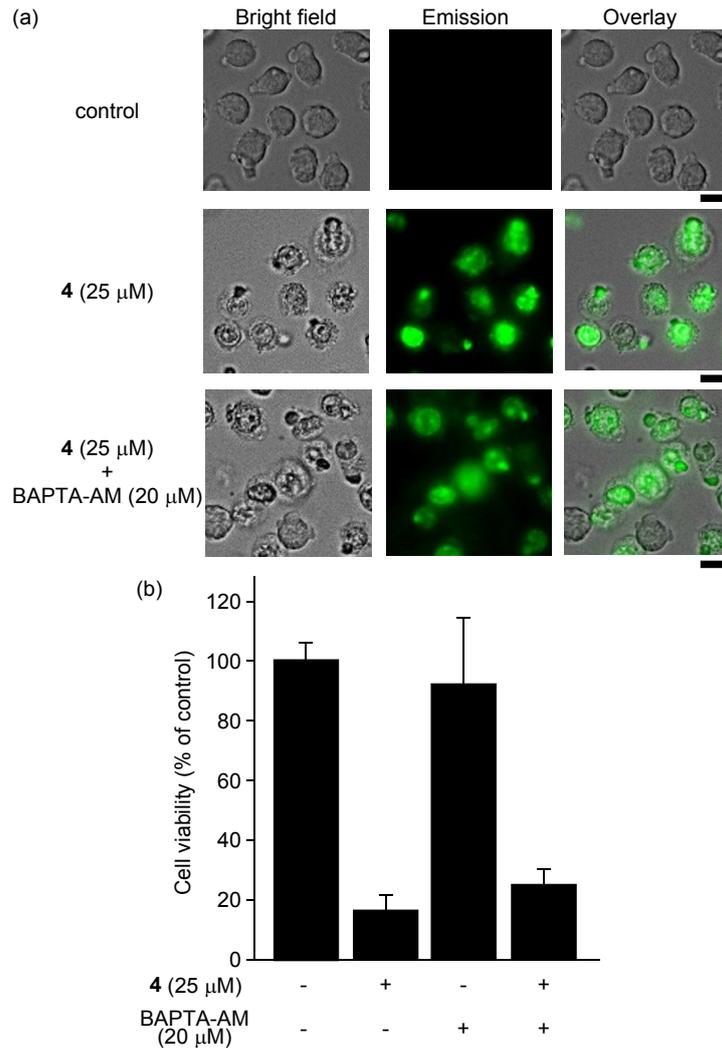
**Figure S1.** (a) UV/Vis absorption and (b) emission spectra of **3c** (dashed curve), **4** (plain curve) and **5** (bold curve) in degassed 100 mM HEPES (pH 7.4) at 25 °C. [Ir complex] = 10  $\mu$ M, excitation at  $\lambda = 366$  nm. a.u. = arbitrary units. The photographs show the emission of **4**, **5**, and **3c** (excitation at  $\lambda = 366$  nm).



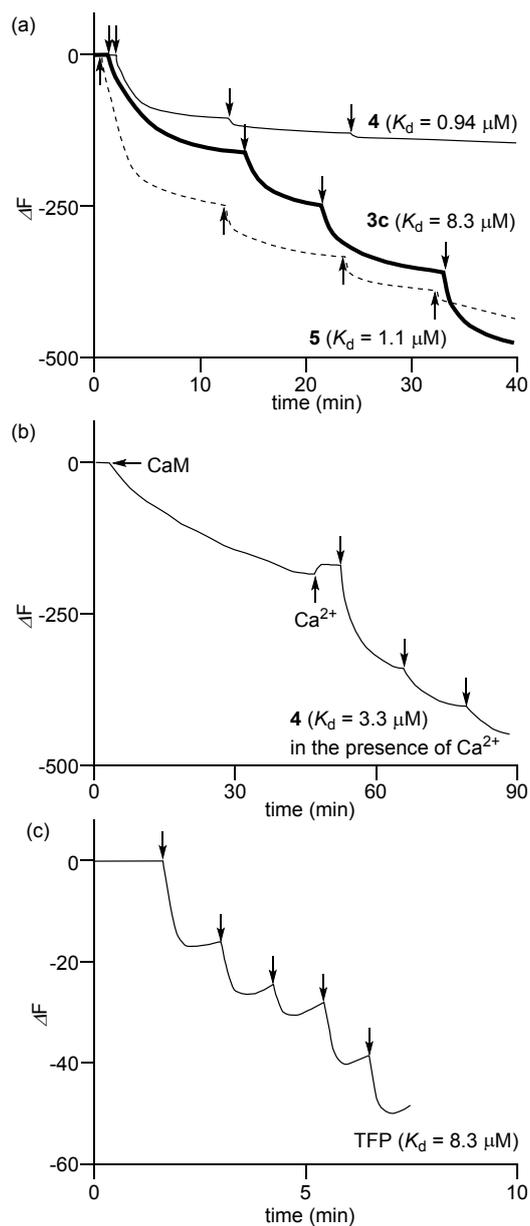
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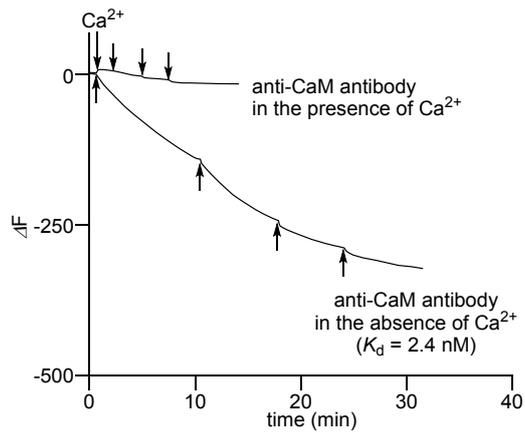
**Figure S3.** Typical luminescence confocal microscopy images of Jurkat cells treated with MitoTracker Green and Rhod-2/AM. Jurkat cells ( $2.0 \times 10^5$  cells) were treated with 5  $\mu$ M Rhod-2/AM (Dojindo) in RPMI 1640 medium with 10% FBS at 37 °C under 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 30 min, followed by 500 nM MitoTracker Green (Invitrogen) for 30 min. After washing with PBS three times, the cells were observed by confocal fluorescent microscopy (Fluoview, FV-1000, Olympus). Excitation wavelength was 478 nm for MitoTracker green and 559 nm for Rhod-2.



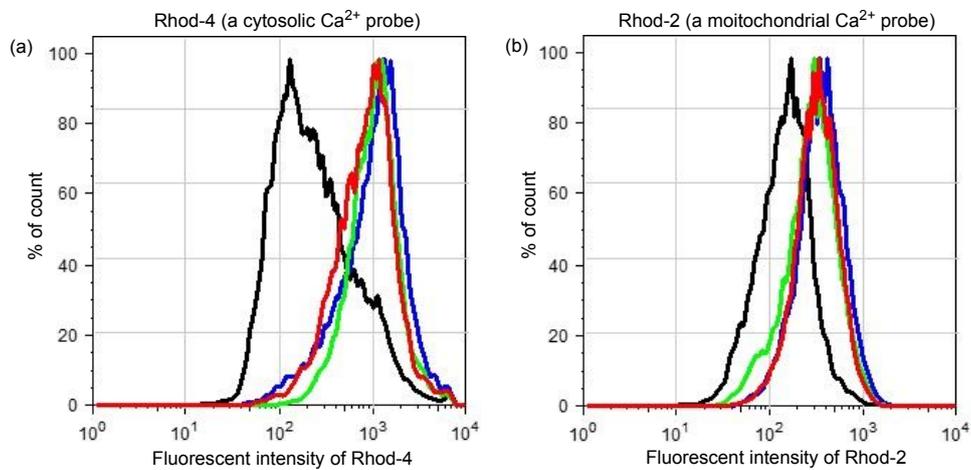
**Figure S4.** Effect of BAPTA-AM, a cytosolic  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  chelator. (a) Typical luminescence microscopy images of Jurkat cells treated with BAPTA-AM (20  $\mu$ M). Scale bar (black) = 10  $\mu$ m. (b) MTT assays of Jurkat cells in the presence and/or absence of 4 (25  $\mu$ M), and BAPTA/AM (20  $\mu$ M)



**Figure S5.** Time course for the frequency change ( $\Delta F$  (Hz)) of an Ir complex–calmodulin (CaM) or TFP–CaM complexation on 27 MHz QCM in the presence (80  $\mu\text{M}$ ) or absence of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  at 25 °C in phosphate buffer saline (PBS). (a) An aliquot of a solution of 4 (390  $\mu\text{M}$ ), 5 (500  $\mu\text{M}$ ), and 3c (410  $\mu\text{M}$ ) was added to CaM fixed on the sensor chip (a) in the absence or (b) absence of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ . (c) Trifluoperazine (2 mM) in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was added to CaM fixed on the sensor chip. Addition times of analyses to CaM are indicated by the plain arrows.



**Figure S6.** Time course for the frequency change ( $\Delta F$  (Hz)) of an anti-CaM antibody-CaM complexation in the absence or presence of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  on 27 MHz QCM at 25 °C in phosphate buffer saline (PBS). Addition times of analyses to CaM are indicated by the plain curve.



**Figure S7.** Flow cytometric analysis of Jurkat cells treated with celastrol (30  $\mu$ M) in RPMI 1640 medium with 10% FBS at 37 °C under 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 1-5 h, and then stained with (a) Rhod-2 (5  $\mu$ M) or (b) Rhod-4 (5  $\mu$ M) in RPMI 1640 medium with 10% FBS at 37 °C under 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 30 min. Different colors responds to the incubation time of celastrol: control (black), 1 h (blue), 3 h (light green), and 5 h (red).

**Table S1.** Photophysical properties of **1a**, **1c**, **15**, **3c**, **10**, **4**, and **5**. [Ir complex] = 10  $\mu$ M in degassed 100 mM HEPES (pH = 7.4), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> or DMSO at 25 °C).

Compound	$\lambda_{\max}$ (absorption)	$\lambda_{\max}$ (emission)	$\Phi$	$\tau$
<b>1a</b> (in CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ) <sup>a</sup>	287 nm, 373 nm	512 nm <sup>b</sup>	0.50	2.0 $\mu$ s <sup>c</sup>
<b>1c</b> <sup>d</sup>	289 nm, 360 nm	495 nm <sup>b</sup>	0.65	1.8 $\mu$ s
<b>15</b> (in DMSO)	287 nm, 391 nm	543 nm <sup>b</sup>	0.24	1.0 $\mu$ s
<b>3c</b>	283 nm, 383 nm	541 nm <sup>b</sup>	0.11	1.0 $\mu$ s
<b>10</b> (in DMSO)	290 nm, 360 nm	499 nm <sup>b</sup>	0.37 <sup>e</sup>	0.65 $\mu$ s <sup>f</sup>
<b>4</b>	292 nm, 356 nm	505 nm <sup>b</sup>	0.43 <sup>e</sup>	0.78 $\mu$ s <sup>f</sup>
<b>5</b>	280 nm, 360 nm	507 nm <sup>b</sup>	0.41 <sup>e</sup>	1.4 $\mu$ s <sup>f</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Ref. 18. <sup>b</sup>Excitation at 366 nm. <sup>c</sup>Ref. 2. <sup>d</sup>Ref. 19. <sup>e</sup>Quinine sulfate in 0.1 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> ( $\Phi$  = 0.55) was used as a reference compound. <sup>f</sup>A 495 nm longwave pass filter was used.

**Table S2.** Calculated triplet transition states of **10** and **15** using TD-DFT calculations at the B3LYP (LanL2DZ/6-31G) level.

Compound	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm) exp.	$E$ (eV) exp.	$E$ (eV) TD-DFT	State
<b>10</b>	499	2.49	2.64	T <sub>1</sub>
<b>15</b>	543	2.28	2.37	T <sub>1</sub>

**Table S3.** Complexation constants of anti-CaM antibody with calmodulin (assuming 1:1 complexation)

Analytes	$K_{app}$ ( $M^{-1}$ )	$K_d$
anti-CaM antibody in the absence of $Ca^{2+}$	$(4.22 \pm 0.15) \times 10^8$	$2.4 \pm 0.1$ nM
anti-CaM antibody in the presence of $Ca^{2+}$ (80 $\mu$ M)	$< 1.0 \times 10^3$	$> 1$ mM

