

Lipoplex mediated deintercalation of doxorubicin from calf thymus DNA-doxorubicin complex

Supporting Information

Estimation of Binding constant of Doxorubicin to liposomes: We used the following methodology to obtain the concentration of liposomes aggregates.¹⁻² For this purpose; we first calculated the total number of lipid molecules per vesicle using the following equation,¹⁻²

$$N_{Total} = \frac{[4\pi(d/2)^2] + [4\pi(d/2-h)^2]}{a} \quad (4)$$

where h is lipid bilayer thickness and taken as 4.45 nm,³ d is the diameter of small unilamellar vesicle. We already reported that in case of this kind of SUV, the diameter is around 100 nm.⁴ The confocal imaging measurement (the last section of the manuscript) also indicates that the size of the liposomes lies within this range. And a , the average area per lipid molecule was taken as 0.59 nm².³ Thus the number of liposome per mL (N_{lip}) for known concentrations of lipids was calculated by the following equation¹⁻²

$$N_{lip} = \frac{M(lipid) \times N_A}{N_{Total} \times 1000} \quad (5)$$

The number of liposome per ml was used to calculate the concentration of the liposomes aggregates in the solution. After obtaining the liposome concentration, we estimated the binding constant using a nonlinear fitting of Benesi-Hidebrand equation⁵ (Figure 2c) as following with a correlation factor around 0.99.

$$I_f^0 + I_{Liposome-DOX} K_1[L] \quad (6)$$

where I_f is the fluorescence intensity of DOX at different concentration of liposomes, $I_{Liposome-DOX}$ is the fluorescence intensity at maximum concentration of liposomes, I_f^0 is the initial fluorescence intensity of DOX in buffer solution in absence of liposomes, $[L]$ is the concentration of liposomes defined by equation 4.

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Supporting Information Table 1(a): Time resolved data of DOX upon varying concentration of DPPC liposome. (Uncertainty limit $\pm 5\%$)

| [DPPC] (mM) | a ₁ | a ₂ | τ ₁ (ns) | τ ₂ (ns) | <τ> (ns) | χ ² |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|----------------|
| 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 1.10 | 0.00 | 1.10 | 1.13 |
| 0.10 | 0.97 | 0.03 | 1.10 | 2.61 | 1.15 | 1.11 |
| 0.20 | 0.85 | 0.15 | 1.10 | 2.79 | 1.35 | 1.08 |
| 0.30 | 0.72 | 0.28 | 1.10 | 3.10 | 1.66 | 1.12 |
| 0.40 | 0.66 | 0.34 | 1.10 | 3.23 | 1.82 | 1.10 |
| 0.50 | 0.56 | 0.44 | 1.10 | 3.40 | 2.11 | 1.05 |
| 0.70 | 0.42 | 0.58 | 1.10 | 3.65 | 2.58 | 1.15 |
| 0.90 | 0.33 | 0.67 | 1.10 | 3.75 | 2.97 | 1.14 |
| 1.00 | 0.24 | 0.76 | 1.10 | 4.10 | 3.38 | 1.04 |

Supporting Information Table 1(b): Time resolved data of DOX upon varying concentration of DMPC liposome. (Uncertainty limit $\pm 5\%$)

| [DMPC] (mM) | a ₁ | a ₂ | τ ₁ (ns) | τ ₂ (ns) | <τ> (ns) | χ ² |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|----------------|
| 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 1.10 | 0.00 | 1.10 | 1.14 |
| 0.10 | 0.94 | 0.06 | 1.10 | 1.93 | 1.15 | 1.10 |
| 0.20 | 0.88 | 0.12 | 1.10 | 2.10 | 1.22 | 1.02 |
| 0.30 | 0.79 | 0.21 | 1.10 | 2.22 | 1.34 | 1.14 |
| 0.40 | 0.71 | 0.29 | 1.10 | 2.39 | 1.47 | 1.11 |
| 0.50 | 0.60 | 0.40 | 1.10 | 2.61 | 1.70 | 1.08 |
| 0.70 | 0.49 | 0.51 | 1.10 | 2.82 | 1.98 | 1.15 |
| 0.90 | 0.36 | 0.64 | 1.10 | 3.20 | 2.44 | 1.10 |
| 1.00 | 0.32 | 0.68 | 1.10 | 3.55 | 2.77 | 1.11 |

Supporting Information Table 1(c): Time resolved data of DOX upon varying concentration of POPC liposome. (Uncertainty limit $\pm 5\%$)

| [POPC] (mM) | a ₁ | a ₂ | τ ₁ (ns) | τ ₂ (ns) | <τ> (ns) | χ ² |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|----------------|
| 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 1.10 | 0.00 | 1.10 | 1.11 |
| 0.10 | 0.95 | 0.06 | 1.10 | 1.71 | 1.15 | 1.10 |
| 0.20 | 0.86 | 0.15 | 1.10 | 2.06 | 1.26 | 1.05 |
| 0.30 | 0.76 | 0.24 | 1.10 | 2.11 | 1.34 | 1.03 |
| 0.40 | 0.62 | 0.39 | 1.10 | 2.31 | 1.58 | 1.05 |
| 0.50 | 0.52 | 0.47 | 1.10 | 2.41 | 1.70 | 1.02 |
| 0.70 | 0.45 | 0.56 | 1.10 | 2.57 | 1.93 | 1.11 |
| 0.90 | 0.35 | 0.64 | 1.10 | 2.85 | 2.21 | 1.05 |
| 1.00 | 0.34 | 0.66 | 1.10 | 3.00 | 2.35 | 1.12 |

Supporting Information Table 2(a): Time resolved data for the DOX-DNA-DPPC complex (DPPC lipoplex) upon increasing concentration of liposome. (Uncertainty limit $\pm 5\%$)

| [DPPC] (mM) | a ₁ | a ₂ | τ ₁ (ns) | τ ₂ (ns) | <τ> (ns) | χ ² |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|----------------|
| 0.00 | 0.48 | 0.52 | 1.10 | 2.45 | 1.80 | 1.12 |
| 0.10 | 0.47 | 0.53 | 1.10 | 2.64 | 1.92 | 1.17 |
| 0.20 | 0.45 | 0.55 | 1.10 | 2.83 | 2.05 | 1.11 |
| 0.30 | 0.42 | 0.57 | 1.10 | 3.05 | 2.20 | 1.19 |
| 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.60 | 1.10 | 3.25 | 2.39 | 1.14 |
| 0.50 | 0.37 | 0.62 | 1.10 | 3.44 | 2.54 | 1.15 |
| 0.70 | 0.35 | 0.65 | 1.10 | 3.85 | 2.89 | 1.10 |
| 0.90 | 0.32 | 0.67 | 1.10 | 4.10 | 3.10 | 1.19 |
| 1.00 | 0.31 | 0.69 | 1.10 | 4.21 | 3.25 | 1.14 |
| 0.00 | 0.30 | 0.70 | 1.10 | 4.32 | 3.35 | 1.18 |

Supporting Information Table 2(b): Time resolved data for the DOX-DNA-DMPC complex (DMPC lipoplex) upon increasing concentration of liposome. (Uncertainty limit $\pm 5\%$)

| [DMPC] (mM) | a ₁ | a ₂ | τ ₁ (ns) | τ ₂ (ns) | <τ> (ns) | χ ² |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|----------------|
| 0.00 | 0.48 | 0.52 | 1.10 | 2.45 | 1.80 | 1.05 |
| 0.10 | 0.46 | 0.53 | 1.10 | 2.58 | 1.87 | 1.11 |
| 0.20 | 0.44 | 0.55 | 1.10 | 2.74 | 1.99 | 1.13 |
| 0.30 | 0.43 | 0.57 | 1.10 | 2.95 | 2.15 | 1.14 |
| 0.40 | 0.42 | 0.59 | 1.10 | 3.10 | 2.29 | 1.12 |
| 0.50 | 0.38 | 0.61 | 1.10 | 3.24 | 2.39 | 1.11 |
| 0.70 | 0.35 | 0.65 | 1.10 | 3.47 | 2.64 | 1.09 |
| 0.90 | 0.32 | 0.67 | 1.10 | 3.55 | 2.73 | 1.11 |
| 1.00 | 0.31 | 0.68 | 1.10 | 3.63 | 2.81 | 1.12 |
| 0.00 | 0.29 | 0.69 | 1.10 | 3.66 | 2.84 | 1.14 |

Supporting Information Table 2(c): Time resolved data for the DOX-DNA-POPC complex (POPC lipoplex) upon increasing concentration of liposome. (Uncertainty limit $\pm 5\%$)

| [POPC] (mM) | a ₁ | a ₂ | τ ₁ (ns) | τ ₂ (ns) | <τ> (ns) | χ ² |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|----------------|
| 0.00 | 0.48 | 0.52 | 1.10 | 2.45 | 1.80 | 1.10 |
| 0.10 | 0.47 | 0.53 | 1.10 | 2.51 | 1.85 | 1.10 |
| 0.20 | 0.45 | 0.55 | 1.10 | 2.59 | 1.92 | 1.13 |
| 0.30 | 0.43 | 0.57 | 1.10 | 2.68 | 2.00 | 1.14 |
| 0.40 | 0.42 | 0.58 | 1.10 | 2.81 | 2.09 | 1.10 |
| 0.50 | 0.38 | 0.62 | 1.10 | 3.00 | 2.28 | 1.09 |
| 0.70 | 0.37 | 0.63 | 1.10 | 3.12 | 2.37 | 1.10 |
| 0.90 | 0.35 | 0.65 | 1.10 | 3.14 | 2.43 | 1.05 |
| 1.00 | 0.34 | 0.66 | 1.10 | 3.15 | 2.45 | 1.15 |
| 0.00 | 0.32 | 0.68 | 1.10 | 3.17 | 2.51 | 1.12 |

Supporting information Figure 1: Zeta titration curves for different lipoplexes upon increasing concentration of Ca^{2+}

