

Literature Report 6

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A Small Molecule Strategy for Targeting Cancer Stem Cells in Hypoxic Microenvironments and Preventing Tumorigenesis

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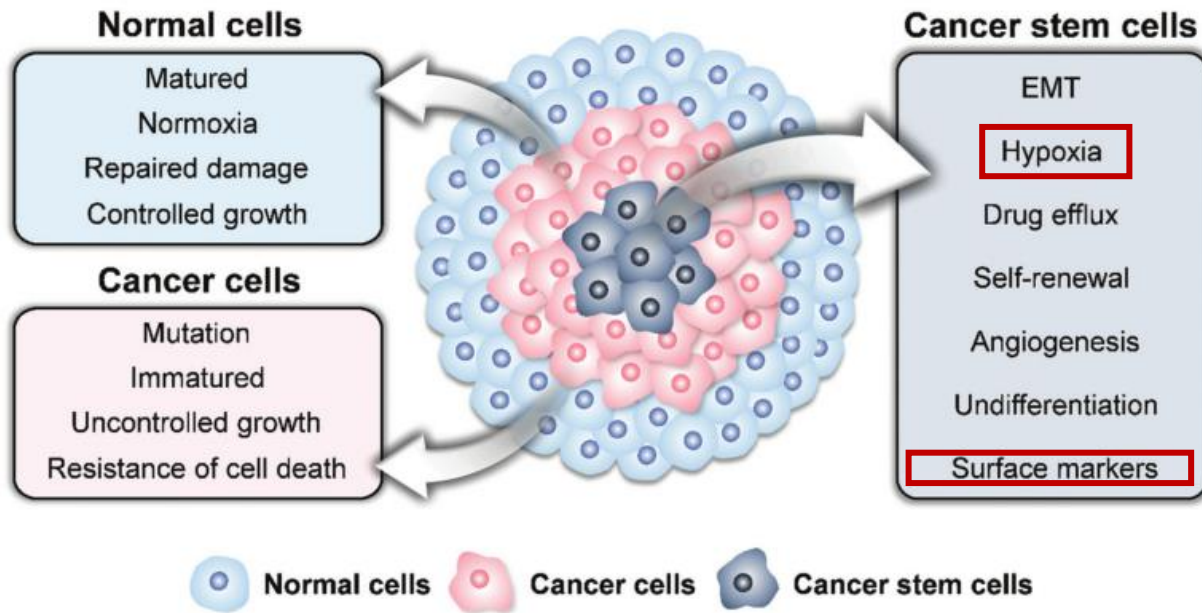
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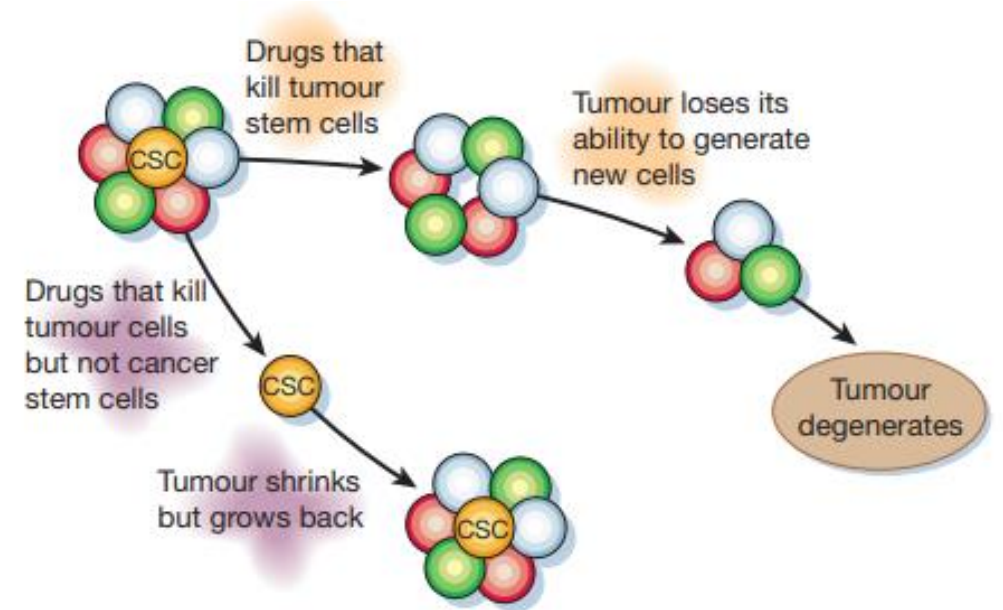
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Background

癌症干细胞：cancer stem cells (CSCs)



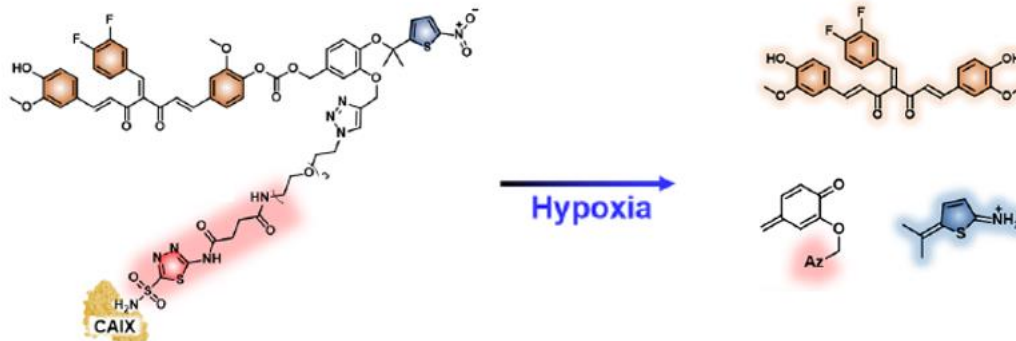
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Probe Design

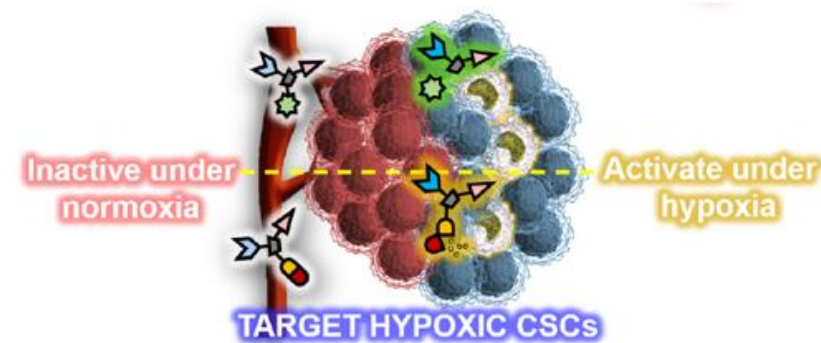
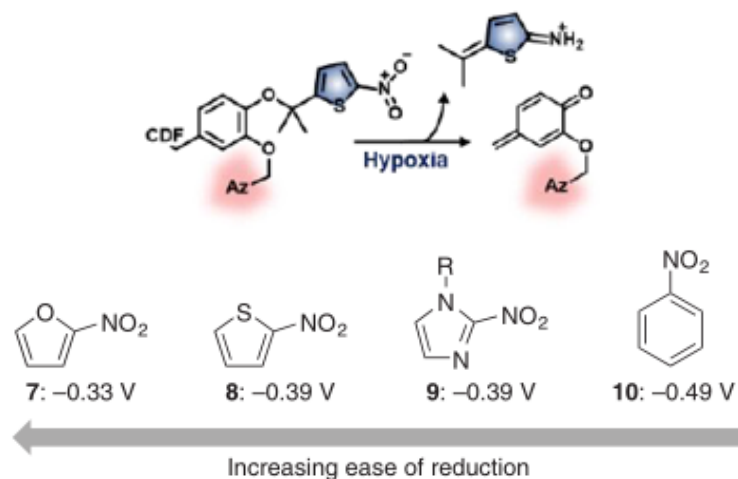
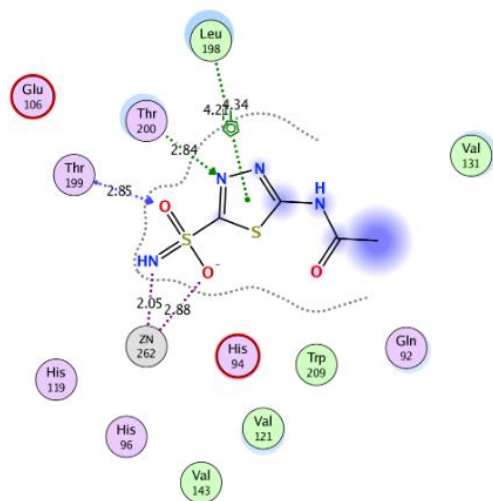
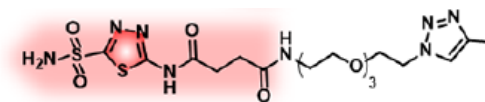
**AzCDF
(Therapeutic Molecule)**



3,4-Difluorobenzylidene curcumin
[Anti-CSC drug]
CDF

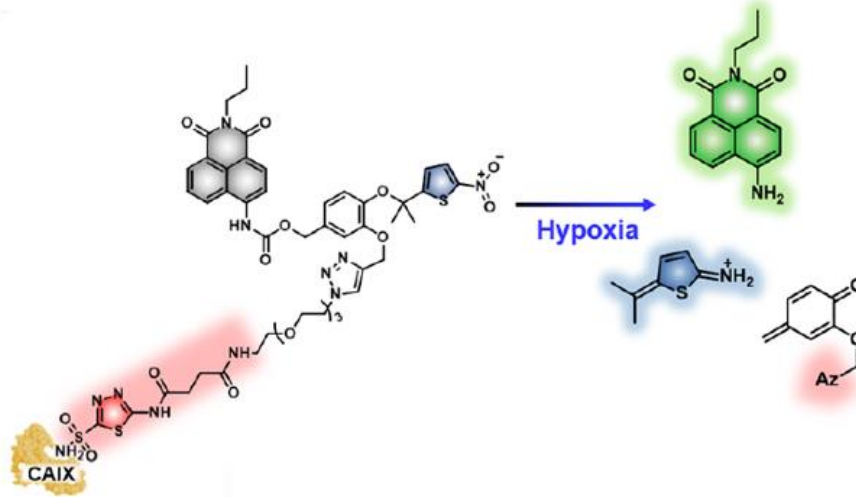
Dimethylnitrothiophene
[Hypoxic trigger]
Trigger

Acetazolamide
[CSC targeting]
Az

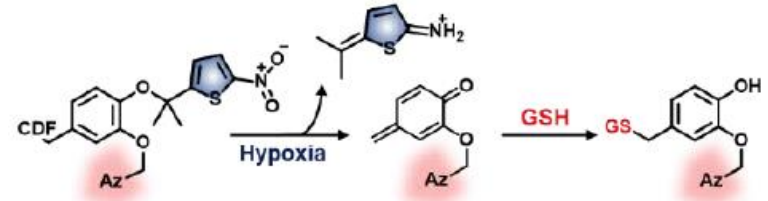
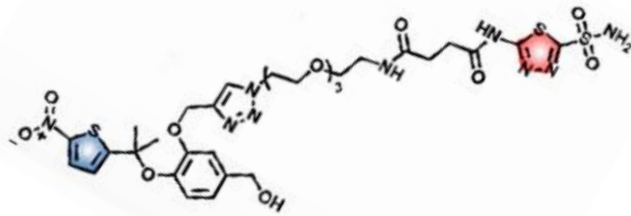


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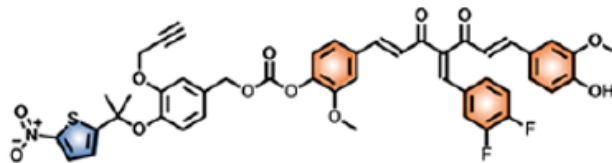
**AzNap
(Imaging Molecule)**



**R-Az
(No Drug)**

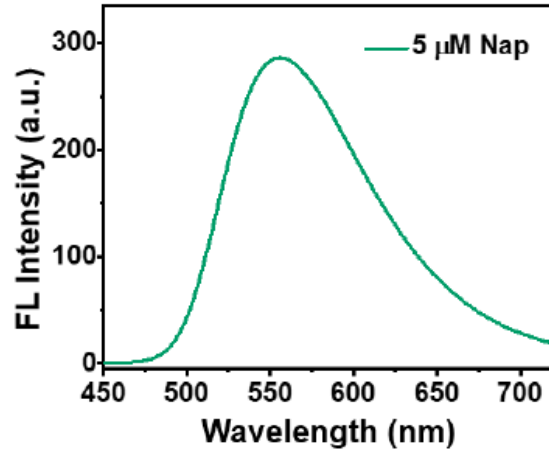


**R-CDF
(No targeting)**

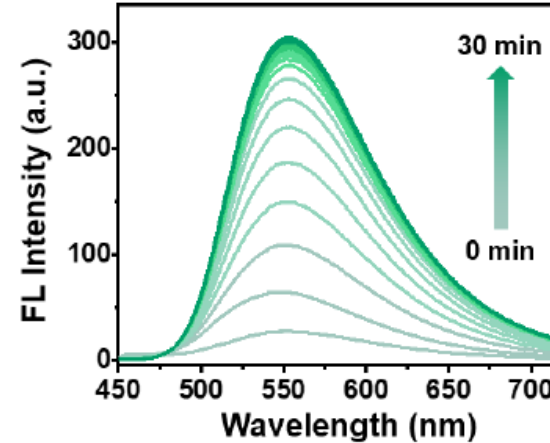


In Vitro Reductive Activation of AzNap and AzCDF

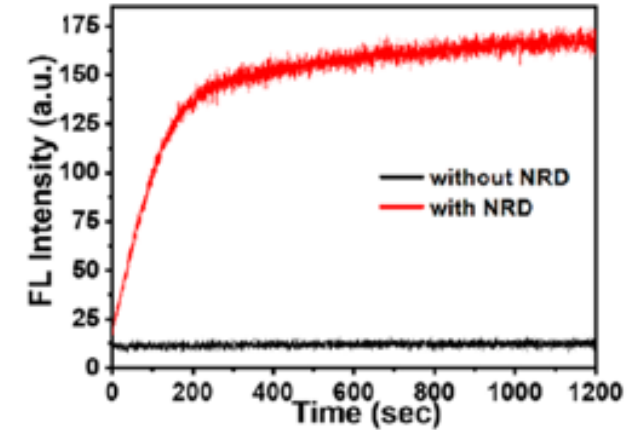
AzNap



Fluorescence spectrum of the naphthalimide fluorophore (5 μM).

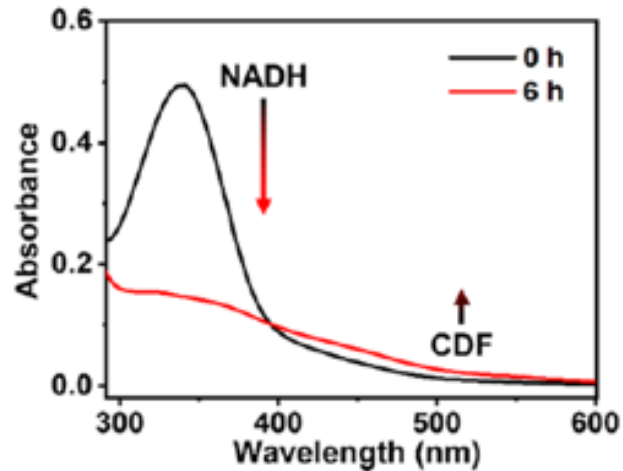


Time-dependent fluorescence of **AzNap** (5 μM) recorded after incubating with nitroreductase (10 μg/mL) and NADH (50 μM) for 30 min in PBS (pH 7.4) at 37°C.

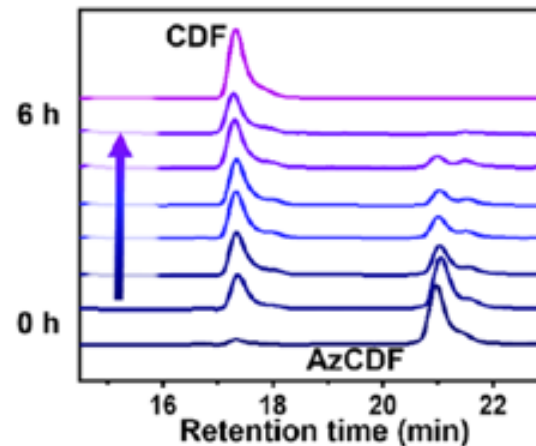


Time-dependent fluorescence of 5 μM **AzNap** with and without nitroreductase ($\lambda_{em} = 550$ nm).

AzCDF

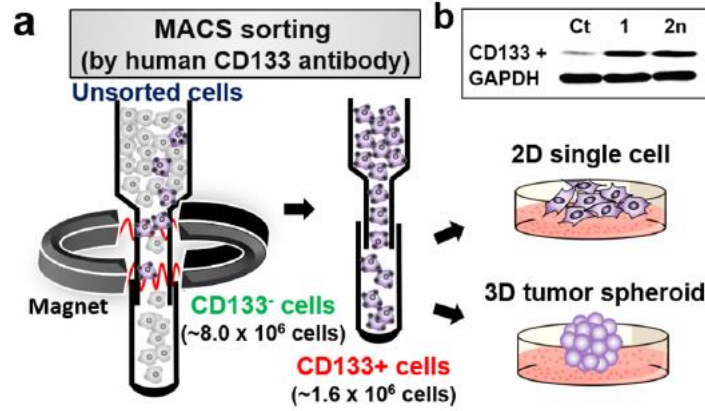


UV/vis spectrum of **AzCDF** (5 μM) before and after the addition of 10 μg/mL nitroreductase and NADH (50 μM).

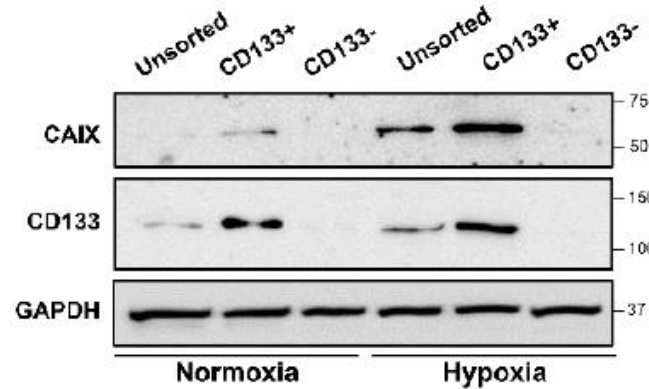


HPLC analysis (absorbance at 365 nm) of 5 μM **AzCDF** incubated with 10 μg/mL nitroreductase and 50 μM NADH at 37 °C for the indicated times.

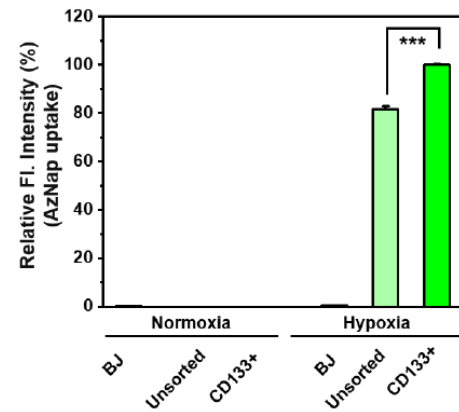
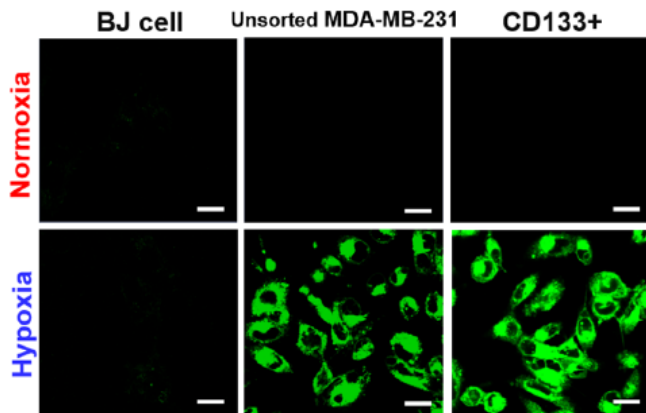
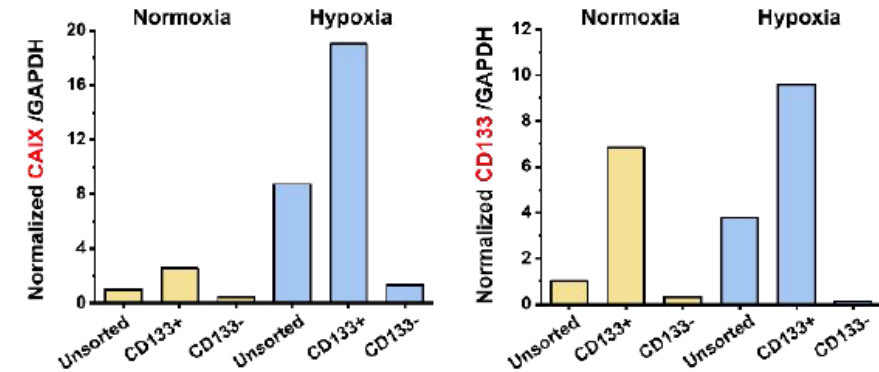
AzNap and AzCDF Activation in Hypoxic CSCs



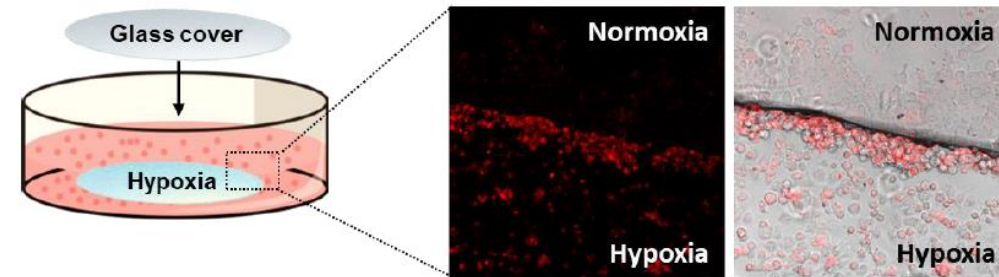
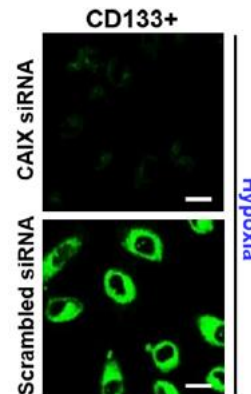
CD133: 癌症干细胞生物标志物
 利用磁激活细胞分选筛选CD133⁺细胞



CD133⁺细胞在肿瘤组织中特异性表达CAIX

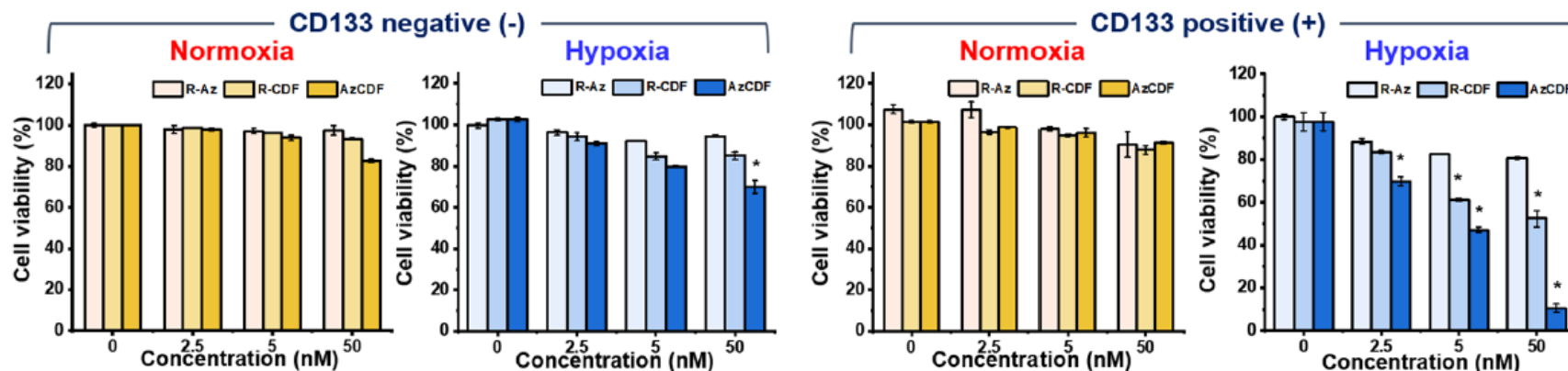


CAIX促进AzNap摄取



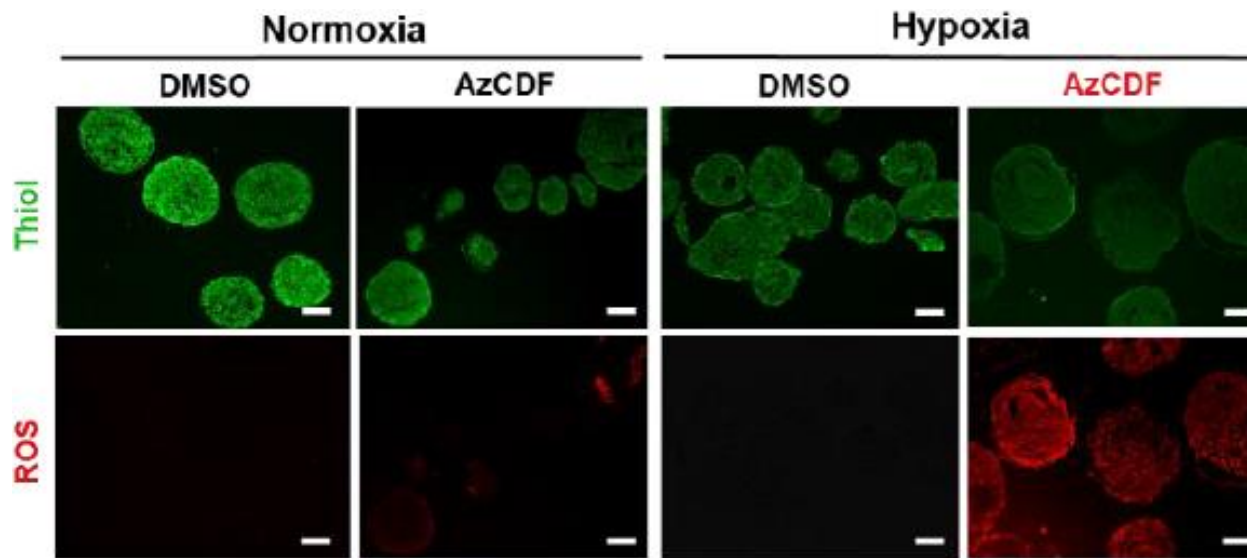
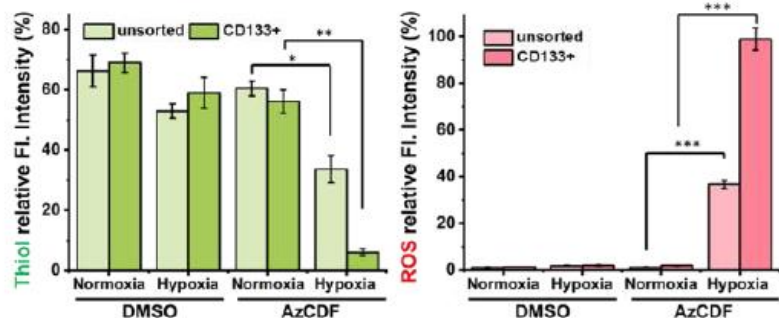
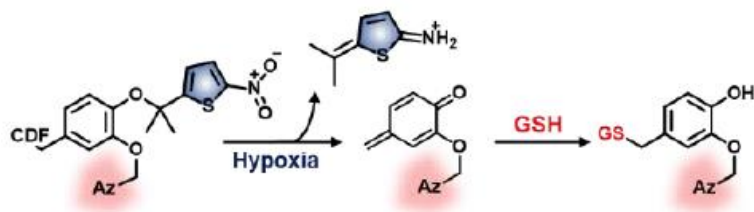
AzNap的激活仅限于低氧环境

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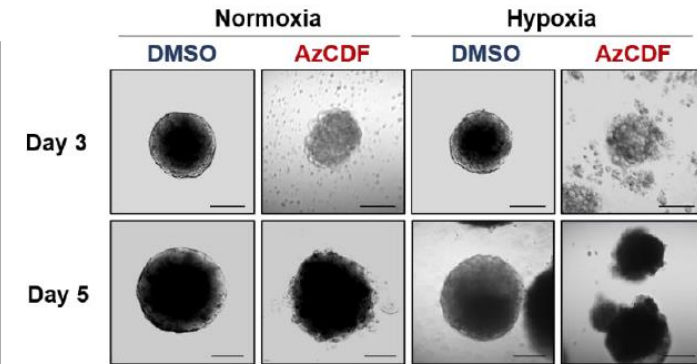
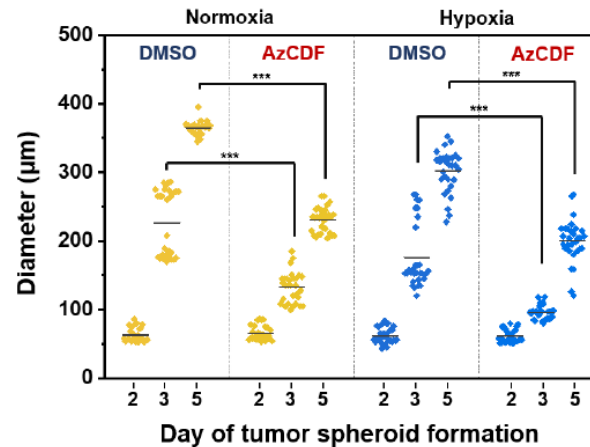
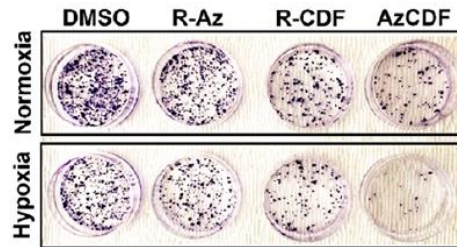
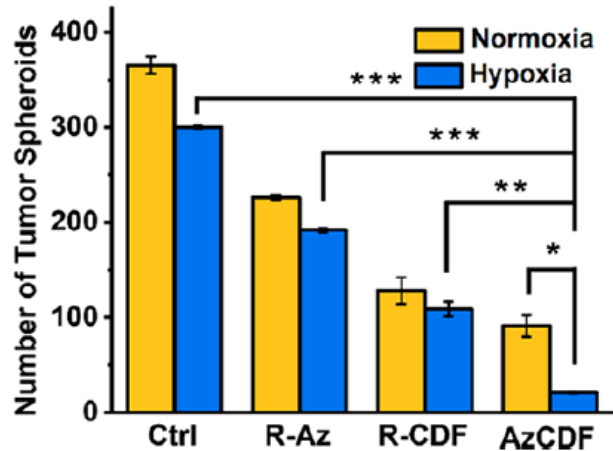
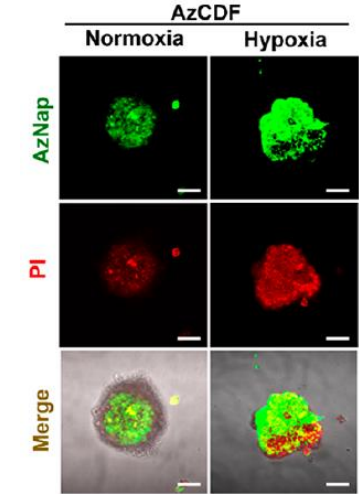
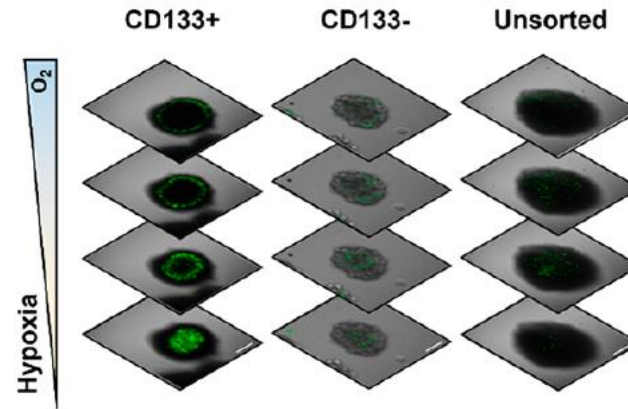
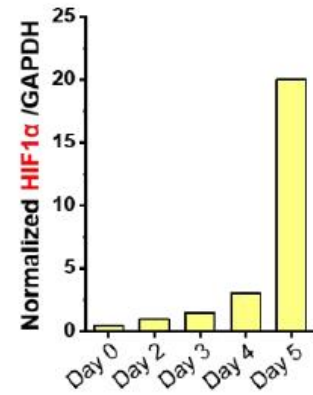
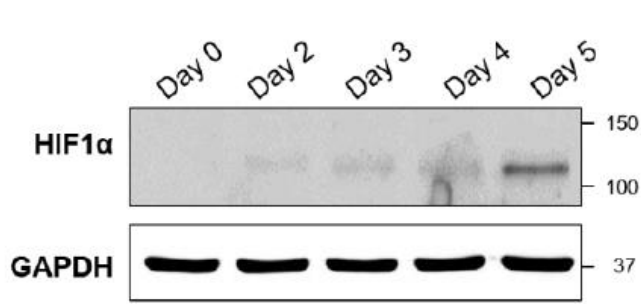
AzCDF仅在缺氧条件下有很强的细胞毒性

Cytotoxicity (MTT assay) of CD133⁻ and CD133⁺ cells under normoxia and 3% O₂, incubated for 24 h with AzCDF



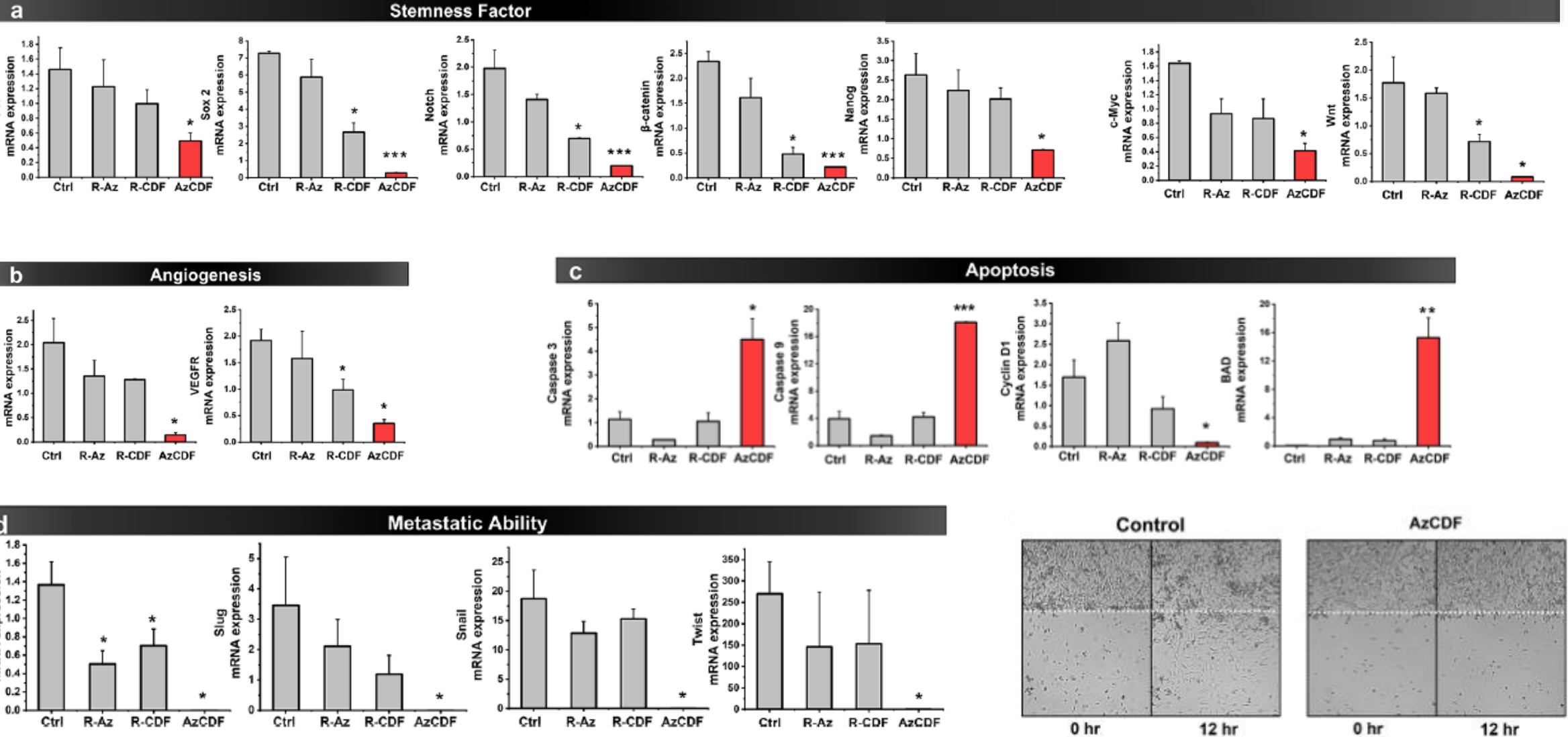
AzNap and AzCDF Activation in 3D Tumor Spheroids

三维肿瘤球体：具有低氧内核，模拟肿瘤微环境



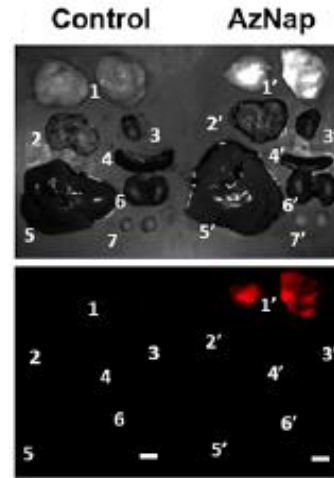
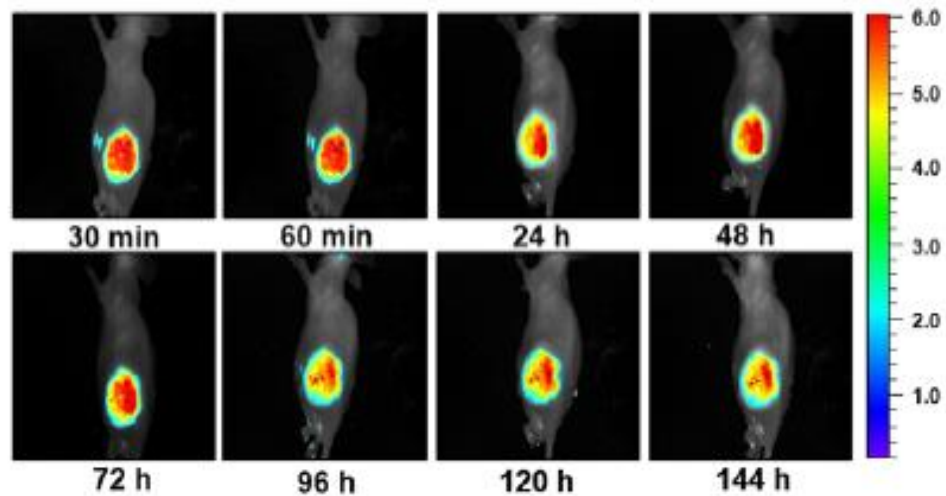
AzCDF抑制肿瘤生长，导致肿瘤干细胞起始特性下调

Mechanisms of AzCDF Suppresses Stemness in CD133+ CSCs



AzCDF导致CSCs生长抑制和凋亡，抑制血管生成，阻止肿瘤转移

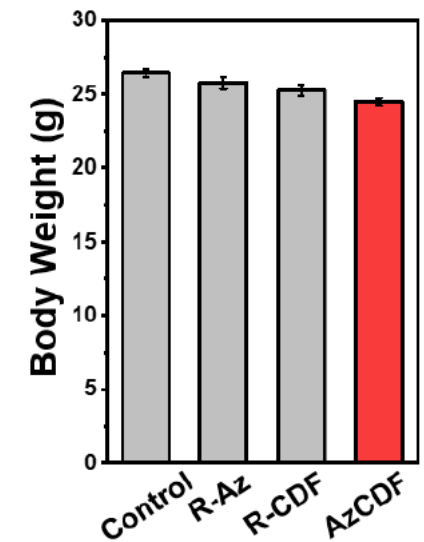
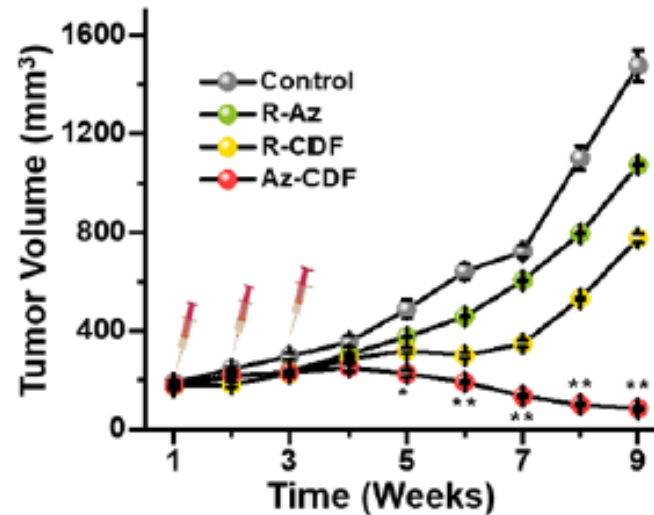
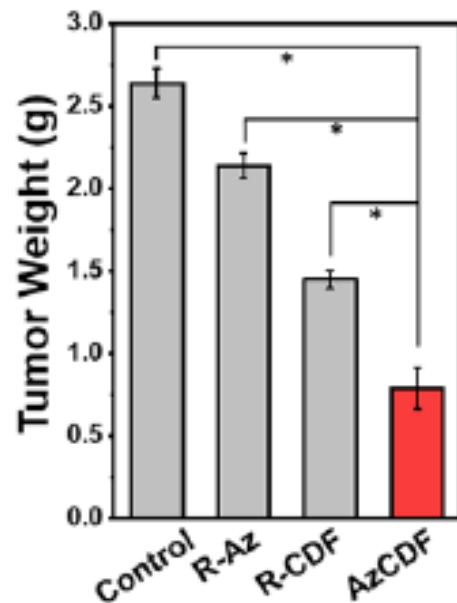
Selective Fluorescence Imaging of AzNap



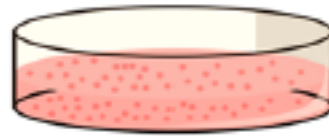
In Vivo Therapeutic Effect of AzCDF



Ctrl AzCDF



Assessment of the ability of AzCDF to prevent tumorigenesis in vivo



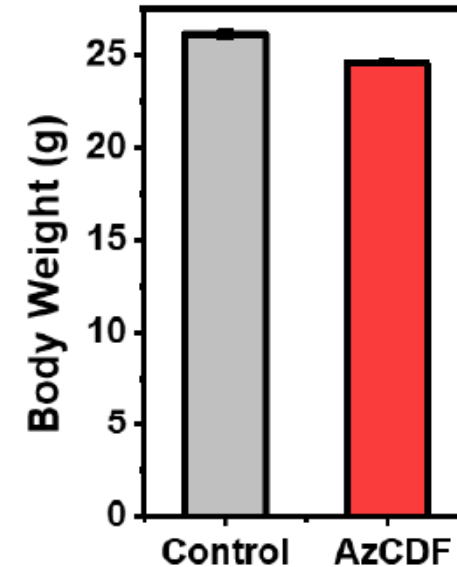
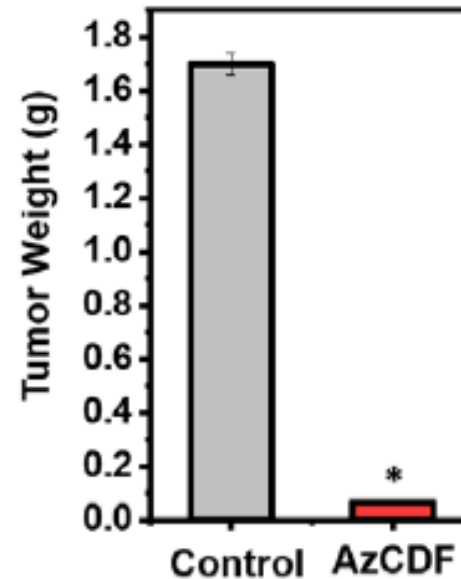
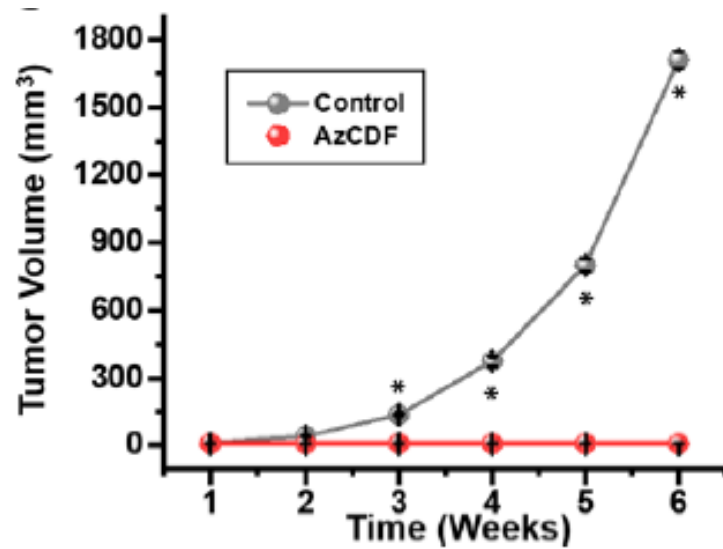
CD133⁺
MDA-MB-231

1. Treat with AzCDF or DMSO
(control) under hypoxia

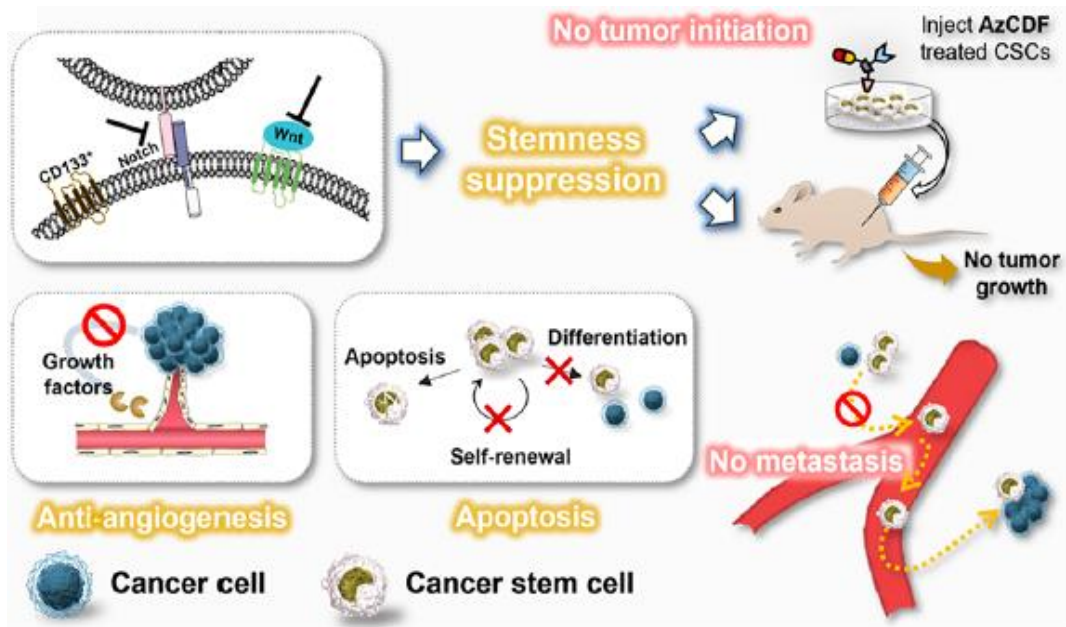
2. After 6 h, count the live
cells and inject the same
number of live cells each



Inoculate with cells



Summary



- 针对癌症干细胞生物标志物CAIX、缺氧的特点设计了AzCDF（治疗）、AzNap（诊断）
- AzCDF仅在缺氧条件下存在肿瘤干细胞毒性，可有效抑制肿瘤生长、迁移
- AzNap可进行高度侵袭性癌症的早期诊断