

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL 1

Mutation status and glucose availability affect the response to mitochondria-targeted quercetin derivative in breast cancer cells

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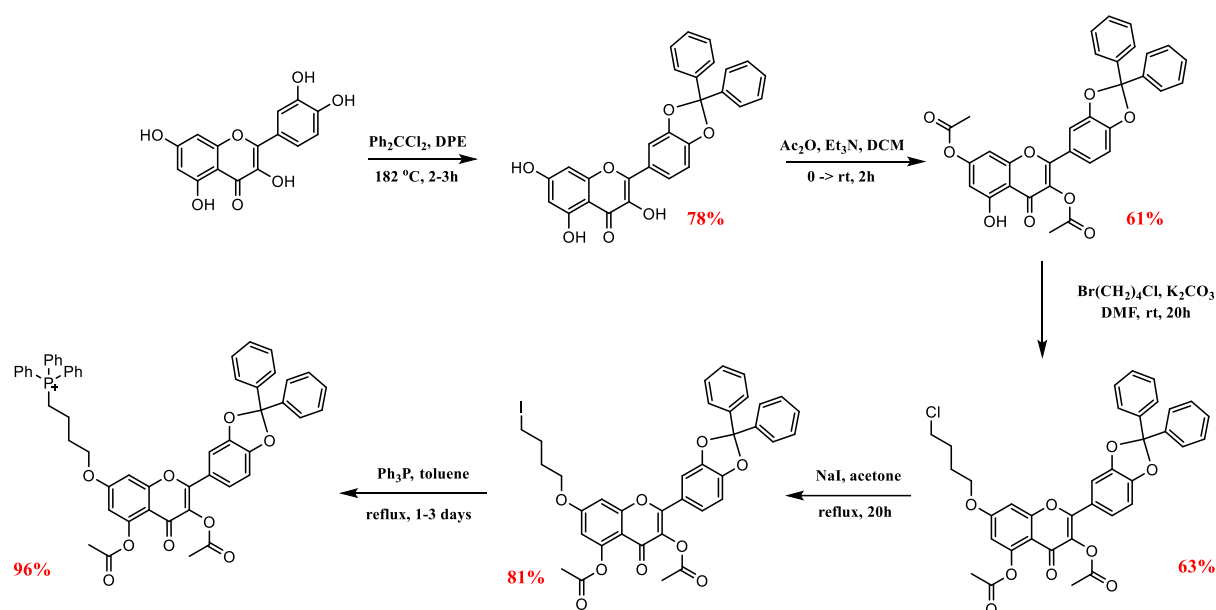
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1. Synthesis of mitochondrial derivatives

1.1. General Information

Synthetic pathways are based on protocols described by Biasutto et al.¹ All reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Merck Silica Gel F254, 0.20 mm thickness and the visualization was accomplished by irradiation at 254 nm. All aqueous solutions were prepared using distilled water. Saturated brine refers to an aqueous saturated sodium chloride solution. All products were purified by column chromatography using silica gel 60 M (40-63 μm , 230-440 mesh). NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature using Bruker 300 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported relatively in δ -scale as parts per million (ppm) referenced to the residual solvent peak. Coupling constants J are given in Hertz (Hz) and the following abbreviations were used for indicating signal multiplicity: ^1H NMR: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, hept = heptet, m = multiplet and the respective combinations. High resolution mass spectra were measured with Agilent 6540 UHD Q-TOF, spectrum recorded at the highest resolution of 4 GH.

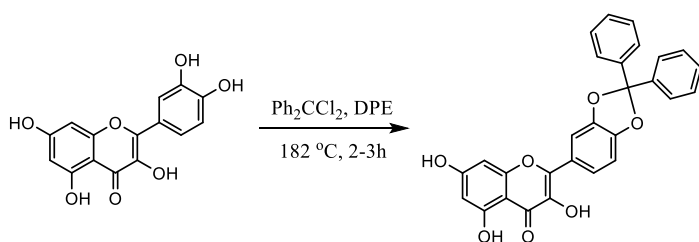
1.2. Synthesis and identification of mitQ7



Scheme S1. Synthetic pathway for mitQ7.

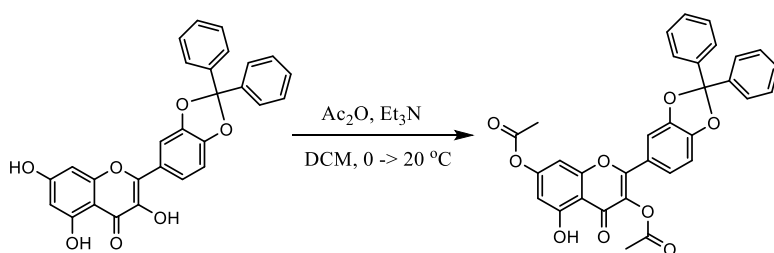
¹ Biasutto, L., Mattarei, A., Paradisi, C. (2021). Synthesis and Testing of Novel Isomeric Mitochondriotropic Derivatives of Resveratrol and Quercetin . In: Weissig, V., Edeas, M. (eds) Mitochondrial Medicine . Methods in Molecular Biology, vol 2275. Humana, New York, NY. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-0716-1262-0_9.

3',4'-O-diphenylmethane quercetin



Quercetin (1.00 g, 3.31 mmol) and 1,1-dichlorodiphenylmethane (1.18 g, 4.96 mmol) were dissolved in diphenyl ether (40 ml) and the reaction mixture was heated to 182 °C with stirring. After 2 h, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, petroleum ether (50 ml) was added. The dark yellow crude product was obtained by filtration and purified by silica gel column chromatography (20-25% ethyl acetate in hexane as eluent) to give a product as a light yellow solid with isolated yield: 78.0% (1.20 g, 2.58 mmol). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.77 (s, 1H), 7.83 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H). The obtained spectral data are consistent with the literature reports.²

3',4'-O-diphenylmethane-3,7-diacetyl quercetin

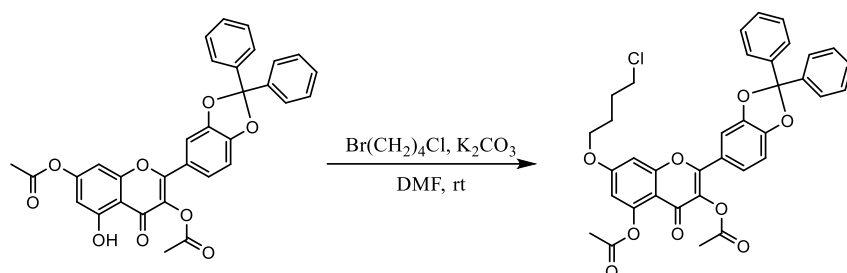


3',4'-O-diphenylmethane quercetin (1.20 g, 2.58 mmol) was dissolved in 15 ml DCM and Et₃N (1.79 ml, 12.9 mmol) was added. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and acetic anhydride (0.49 ml, 5.16 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and it was stirred until starting material disappeared completely (monitored by TLC, with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 7:1 as eluent). After finishing, the reaction mixture was diluted by DCM and extracted 3 times with 1N HCl. Organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. After solvent evaporation, the crude product was recrystallized from ethyl acetate/DCM/petroleum ether mixture to give pure 3',4'-O-diphenylmethane-3,7-diacetyl quercetin as pale yellow solid with isolated yield 61% (0.87 g, 1.57 mmol). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.21 (s, 1H), 7.65 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.37 (m, 8H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). The obtained spectral data are consistent with the literature reports.³

² Cao, Z., Chen, J., Zhu, D., Yang, Z., Teng, W., Liu, G., Liu, B., Tao, C. *J. Chem. Res.* **2018**, Vol. 42, Issue 4, 189-193. <https://doi.org/10.3184/174751918X15232706115112>

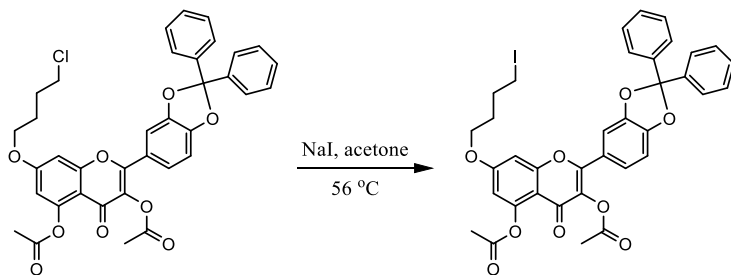
³ **CN104557891B** *Quercetin derivative and preparation method and application thereof.* <https://worldwide.espacenet.com/patent/search/family/053075061/publication/CN104557891B?q=pn%3DCN104557891B> Current Patent Assignee: NANJING HUITELAI PHARMACEUTICAL - CN104557891, 2017, B.

7-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-3,5-diacetyl quercetin



3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-3,7-diacetyl quercetin (0.87 g, 1.57 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (0.24 g, 1.73 mmol) were dissolved in DMF (5 ml) and 1-bromo-4-chlorobutane (0.40 g, 2.36 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight in room temperature. After confirming by TLC that all substrate had reacted, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (50 ml), transfer into the separating funnel and washed 3 times with 25 ml of 1N HCl. Organic layer was dried with anhydrous $MgSO_4$. The crude product was purified by column chromatography with elucidation by hexane:DCM:ethyl acetate (38:10:2) mixture to give 7-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-3,5-diacetyl quercetin as off-white solid with isolated yield 63% (0.64 g, 0.99 mmol). 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.58 (ddd, J = 8.9, 4.0, 2.3 Hz, 4H), 7.47 – 7.34 (m, 8H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.99 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.8 Hz, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 170.2, 169.8, 168.2, 163.0, 158.2, 154.7, 150.8, 149.7, 147.8, 139.8, 133.3, 129.6, 128.5, 126.4, 123.5, 123.5, 118.3, 111.1, 109.0, 108.8, 108.4, 99.4, 68.1, 44.6, 29.2, 26.4, 21.3, 20.9.

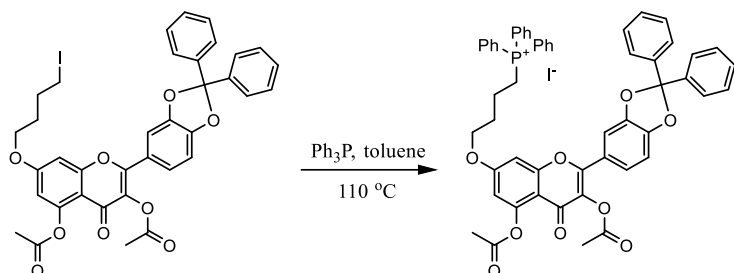
7-(4-*O*-iodobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-3,5-diacetyl quercetin



7-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-3,5-diacetyl quercetin (0.64 g, 0.99 mmol) and NaI (4.45 g, 29.7 mmol) were dissolved in acetone (11.5 ml) and heat at reflux overnight. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with 100 ml of ethyl acetate, filtered through paper filter directly into the separating funnel and washed 3 times with 50 ml of water. Organic layer was dried with anhydrous $MgSO_4$. The crude product was purified by column chromatography with elucidation by hexane:ethyl acetate (8:2) mixture to give 7-(4-*O*-iodobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-3,5-diacetyl quercetin as white solid with isolated yield 81% (0.59 g, 0.80 mmol). 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.64 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.47 – 7.34 (m, 8H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (s, 2H), 3.26 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.12 – 1.89 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 170.2, 169.7,

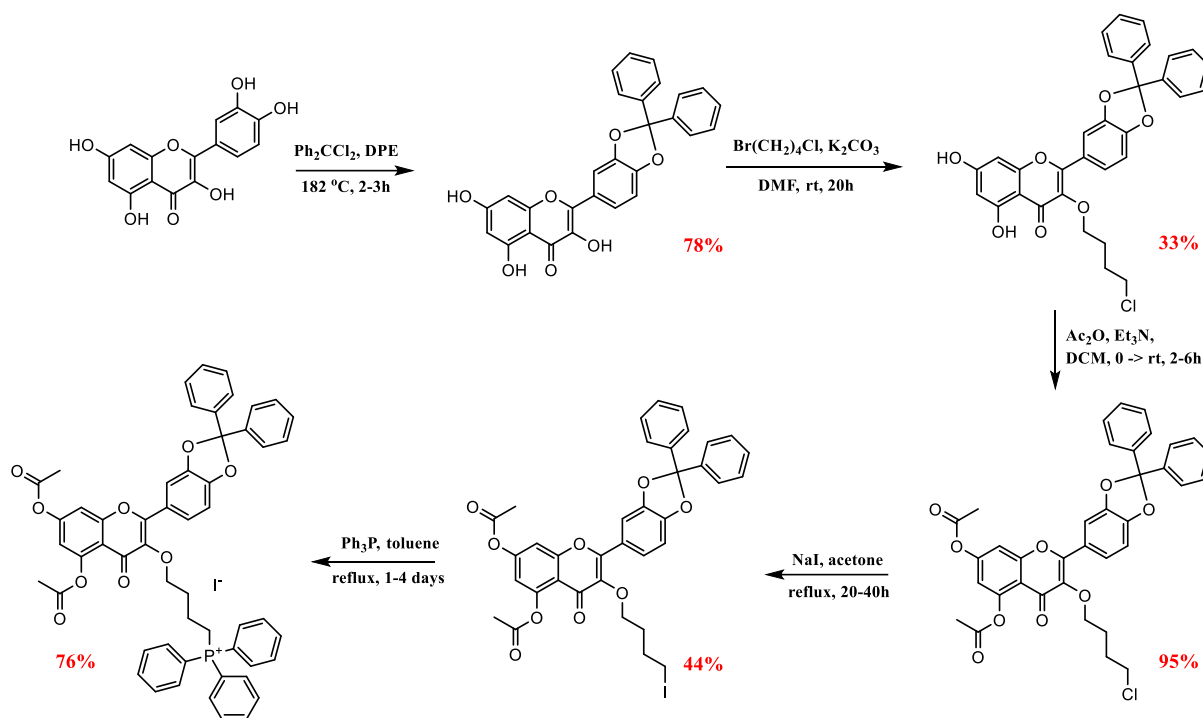
168.2, 163.0, 158.2, 154.7, 150.8, 149.7, 147.8, 139.8, 133.3, 129.6, 128.5, 126.4, 123.5, 123.5, 118.3, 111.1, 108.9, 108.8, 108.4, 99.4, 67.8, 30.0, 29.9, 21.3, 20.9, 6.0.

7-(4-*O*-butyl triphenylphosphonium)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-3,5-diacetyl quercetin iodide



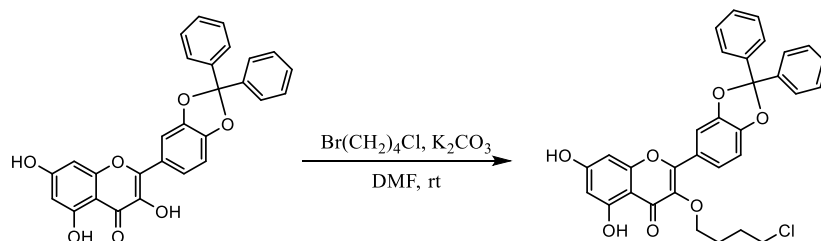
7-(4-*O*-iodobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-3,5-diacetyl quercetin (0.59 g, 0.80 mmol) and Ph_3P (1.05 g, 4.0 mmol) were dissolved in toluene (15 ml) and heated at reflux for 2-3 days with monitoring the reaction course by TLC. When all the substrate had reacted, the reaction mixture was cooled and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography with elucidaion by DCM:methanol (96:4) mixture to give 7-(4-*O*-butyl triphenylphosphonium)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-3,5-diacetyl quercetin iodide as yellow solid with isolated yield 96% (0.77 g, 0.77 mmol). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 – 7.70 (m, 10H), 7.66 (dd, $J = 7.2, 2.9$ Hz, 6H), 7.56 (dd, $J = 6.3, 2.6$ Hz, 4H), 7.46 – 7.31 (m, 8H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 (t, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.79 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.33 – 2.21 (m, 5H), 1.92 – 1.76 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.0, 169.6, 168.0, 162.7, 158.0, 154.5, 150.4, 149.6, 147.6, 139.6, 135.2, 135.2, 133.7, 133.6, 133.0, 130.6, 130.5, 129.4, 128.4, 126.2, 123.5, 123.2, 118.4, 118.1, 117.3, 110.8, 108.9, 108.8, 108.2, 99.4, 67.7, 29.6, 29.1, 28.9, 22.7, 22.0, 21.1, 20.7, 19.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}-\text{I}^-]$ $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{44}\text{O}_9\text{P}$ 867.2723, found 867.2731.

1.3. Synthesis and identification of mitQ3



Scheme S2. Synthetic pathway for mitQ3.

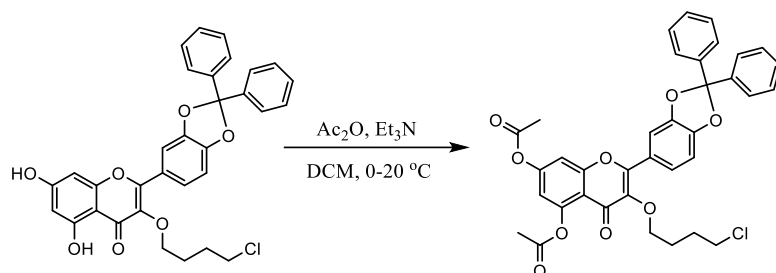
3-(4-O-chlorobutyl)-3',4'-O-diphenylmethane quercetin



3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-3,7-diacetyl quercetin (1.20 g, 2.58 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (0.39 g, 2.84 mmol) were dissolved in DMF (8 ml) and 1-bromo-4-chlorobutane (0.66 g, 3.87 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight in room temperature. After confirming by TLC that all substrate had reacted, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (100 ml), transfer into the separating funnel and washed 3 times with 50 ml of 1N HCl. Organic layer was dried with anhydrous $MgSO_4$. The crude product was purified by column chromatography with elucidation by hexane:ethyl acetate (8:2) mixture to give 3-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane quercetin as light yellow solid with isolated yield 33% (0.47 g, 0.85 mmol). 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 12.60 (s, 1H), 7.82 – 7.51 (m, 6H), 7.51 – 7.30 (m, 7H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.46

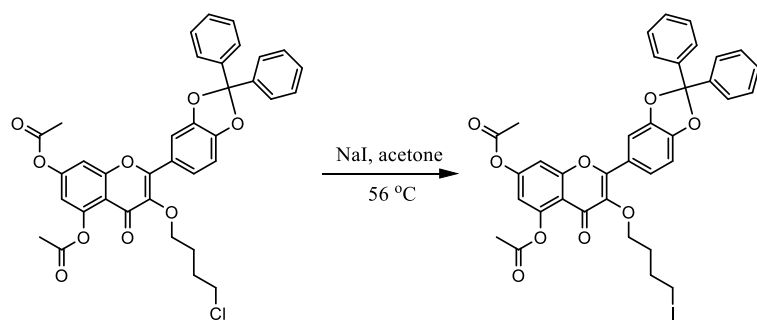
(t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.94 – 1.71 (m, 4H). The obtained spectral data are consistent with the literature reports.⁴

3-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-5,7-diacetyl quercetin



3-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane quercetin (0.47 g, 0.85 mmol) was dissolved in 15 ml DCM and Et₃N (7.07 ml, 51 mmol) was added. The solution was cooled to 0°C and acetic anhydride (2.57 ml, 27.2 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and it was stirred until starting material disappeared completely (monitored by TLC, with hexane:ethyl acetate 8:2 as eluent; the fully reacted reaction mixture turned colorless). After finishing, the reaction mixture was diluted by DCM and extracted 3 times with 1N HCl. Organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. After solvent evaporation, the crude product in the form of colorless oil turned out to be sufficiently pure to be used in next synthesis stage without further purification. Isolated yield: 95% (0.52 g, 0.81 mmol). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 – 7.56 (m, 6H), 7.47 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 7.27 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, $J = 8.1, 0.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.48 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.96 – 1.74 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.2, 169.5, 168.1, 156.6, 155.1, 153.7, 150.3, 149.4, 147.5, 140.3, 139.8, 139.5, 129.6, 129.5, 128.5, 128.5, 126.3, 126.3, 124.1, 123.8, 118.1, 115.2, 113.2, 108.9, 108.6, 71.7, 64.8, 44.8, 29.1, 27.4, 21.3, 21.2.

3-(4-*O*-iodobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-5,7-diacetyl quercetin

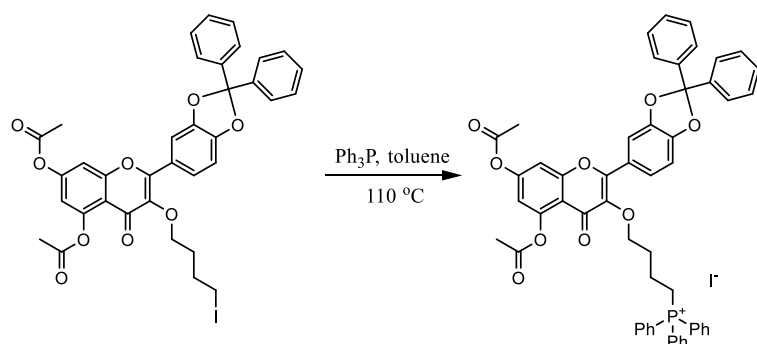


3-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-5,7-diacetyl quercetin (0.52 g, 0.81 mmol) and NaI (3.65 g, 24.3 mmol) were dissolved in acetone (9.5 ml) and heat at reflux overnight. Next day, small amount of solution was taken, evaporated under reduced pressure and measured by ¹H NMR to calculate the reaction conversion (R_f of substrate and product are the same). If there

⁴ Mattarei, A., Biasutto, L., Marotta, E., De Marchi, U., Sassi, N., Garbisa, S., Zoratti, M., Paradisi, C. A mitochondriotropic derivative of quercetin: a strategy to increase the effectiveness of polyphenols. *ChemBioChem* **2008**, 9, 2633–2642 (10.1002/cbic.200800162)

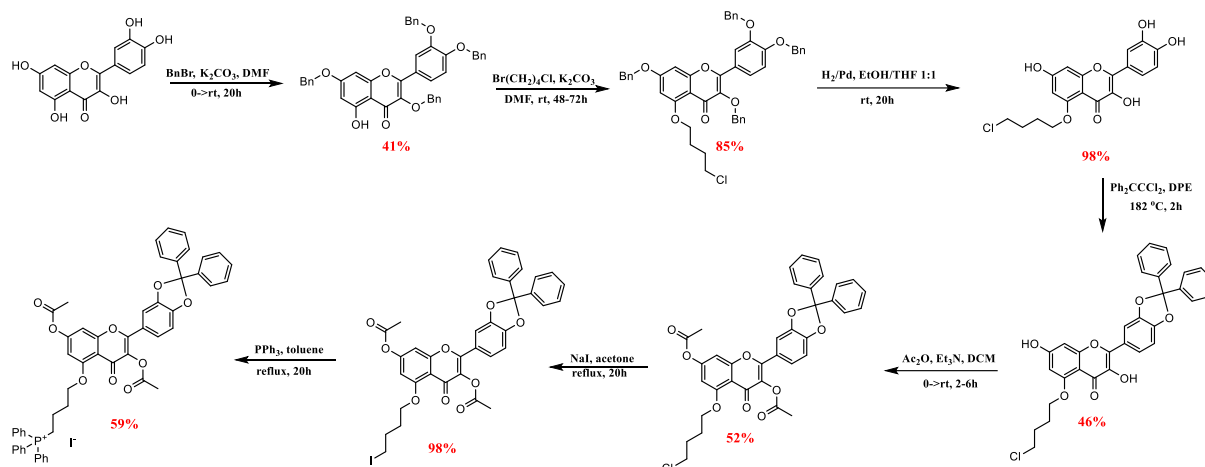
was no substrate traces on ^1H NMR spectrum, the reaction mixture was cooled, diluted with 100 ml of ethyl acetate, filtered through paper filter directly into the separating funnel and washed 3 times with 50 ml of water. Organic layer was dried with anhydrous MgSO_4 . The crude product was purified by column chromatography with elucidation by hexane:ethyl acetate (8:2) mixture to give 3-(4-*O*-iodobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-5,7-diacetyl quercetin as white solid with isolated yield 44% (0.26 g, 0.36 mmol). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 – 7.55 (m, 6H), 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.27 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.97 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.71 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.2, 169.6, 168.2, 156.7, 155.1, 153.8, 150.3, 149.5, 147.6, 140.3, 139.9, 129.5, 128.5, 126.4, 124.1, 123.9, 118.1, 115.3, 113.3, 109.0, 108.9, 108.7, 71.4, 30.9, 30.0, 21.3, 21.3, 6.8.

3-(4-*O*-butyl triphenylphosphonium)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-5,7-diacetyl quercetin iodide



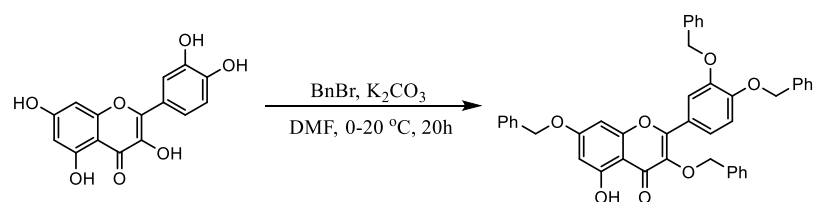
3-(4-*O*-iodobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-5,7-diacetyl quercetin (0.26 g, 0.36 mmol) and Ph_3P (0.47 g, 1.80 mmol) were dissolved in toluene (10 ml) and heated at reflux for 1-3 days with monitoring the reaction course by TLC. When all the substrate had reacted, the reaction mixture was cooled and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography with elucidation by DCM:methanol (96:4) mixture to give 3-(4-*O*-butyl triphenylphosphonium)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-5,7-diacetyl quercetin iodide as yellow solid with isolated yield 76% (0.27 g, 0.27 mmol). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 ; mixture of isomers) δ 7.92 – 7.82 (m, 6H), 7.82 – 7.74 (m, 3H), 7.73 – 7.64 (m, 7H), 7.64 – 7.51 (m, 5H), 7.45 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 7.27 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 0.5H), 6.95 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 0.5H), 6.76 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 0.4H), 6.50 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 0.4H), 4.11 – 3.88 (m, 4H), 2.32 (s, 1.7H), 2.31 (s, 1.3H), 2.26 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 2.07 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.90 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.2, 173.2, 169.1, 168.4, 168.1, 161.6, 157.2, 156.5, 155.9, 155.6, 155.2, 153.9, 150.0, 149.9, 149.6, 147.7, 147.7, 139.7, 139.6, 139.6, 138.1, 135.1, 133.9, 133.7, 130.7, 130.6, 130.5, 130.4, 129.4, 128.6, 128.4, 126.2, 124.2, 123.8, 123.7, 123.6, 118.9, 118.8, 118.2, 118.1, 117.8, 117.7, 114.9, 113.3, 109.1, 109.0, 108.8, 108.2, 104.9, 101.0, 70.7, 69.3, 29.7, 29.5, 29.3, 29.1, 21.3, 20.7, 19.2, 18.7, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}-\text{I}^-]$ $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{44}\text{O}_9\text{P}$ 867.2723, found 867.2727.

1.4. Synthesis and identification of mitQ5



Scheme S3. Synthetic pathway for mitQ5.

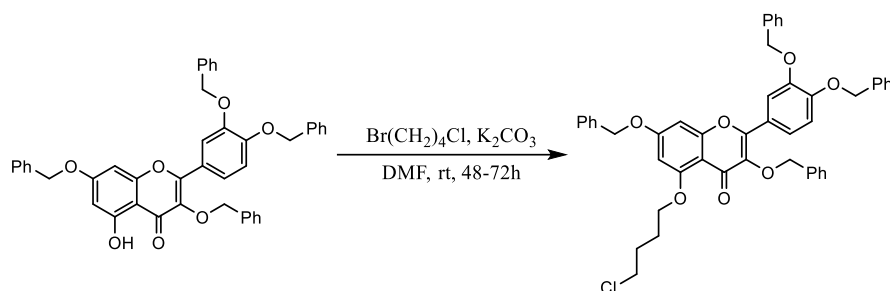
3,3',4',7-tetrabenzyl quercetin



Quercetin (1.00 g, 3.31 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (1.60 g, 11.6 mmol) were dissolved in DMF (20 ml), cooled to 0 °C and BnBr (1.38 ml, 11.6 mmol) was added dropwise with vigorous stirring. After 2 hours, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and the stirring was continued for night. Then, after TLC confirmation, that all the substrate had reacted, the mixture was diluted with 100 ml of ethyl acetate and washed with 1N HCl (3x50 ml). Organic phase was dried with anhydrous $MgSO_4$ and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. Purification by column chromatography using gradient mixture of hexane/DCM (1:1 to 1:2) as eluent led to obtain 3,3',4',7-tetrabenzyl quercetin as yellow solid with isolated yield: 41% (0.90 g, 1.36 mmol). The obtained spectral data are consistent with the literature reports:⁵ 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.71 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.19 (m, 21H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 5.00 (s, 2H).

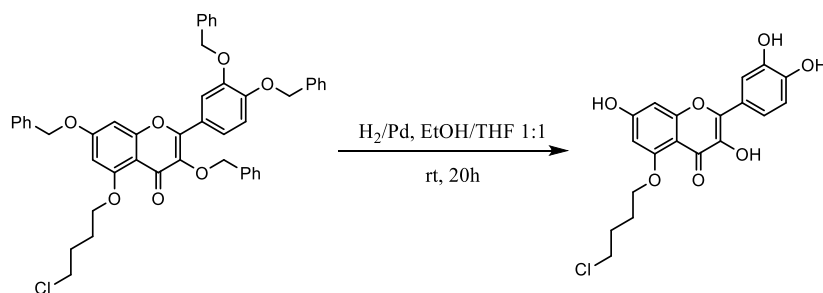
⁵ **CN104557891B** Quercetin derivative and preparation method and application thereof. <https://worldwide.espacenet.com/patent/search/family/053075061/publication/CN104557891B?q=pn%3DCN104557891B> Current Patent Assignee: NANJING HUITELAI PHARMACEUTICAL - CN104557891, 2017, B.

3,3',4',7-tetrabenzyl-5-(4-O-chlorobutyl) quercetin



3,3',4',7-tetrabenzyl quercetin (0.90 g, 1.36 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (0.28 g, 2.04 mmol) were dissolved in DMF (5 ml) and 1-bromo-4-chlorobutane (0.47 g, 2.72 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight in room temperature. After confirming by TLC that all substrate had reacted, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (100 ml), transfer into the separating funnel and washed 3 times with 50 ml of 1N HCl. Organic layer was dried with anhydrous $MgSO_4$. The solvent was evaporated and crude product was recrystallized from ethyl acetate/hexane mixture. Isolated yield: 85% (0.87 g, 1.15 mmol). 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.28 (m, 17H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 6.95 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 4.11 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.70 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.27 – 2.05 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 174.0, 162.9, 160.4, 158.8, 153.3, 150.6, 148.3, 139.9, 137.2, 136.9, 135.9, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 124.1, 122.2, 115.3, 113.9, 109.9, 97.4, 93.6, 74.3, 71.1, 71.0, 70.6, 68.6, 45.2, 29.3, 26.3.

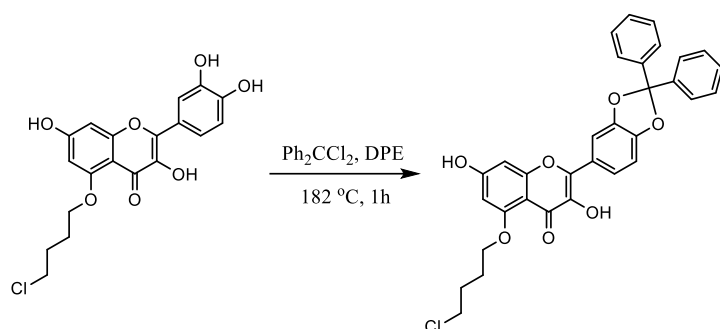
5-(4-O-chlorobutyl) quercetin



3,3',4',7-tetrabenzyl-5-(4-O-chlorobutyl) quercetin (0.87 g, 1.15 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of ethanol : tetrahydrofuran 1:1 (60 ml). The mixture was deoxygenated with the use of nitrogen and catalytic amount of palladium on carbon 10 wt % was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere through night. Then, the reaction mixture was filtered on Celite[®] and washed with ethanol (100 ml). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give crude product (confirmed by 1H NMR), which was used in next step without further purification. Isolated yield: 98% (0.44 g, 1.13 mmol).

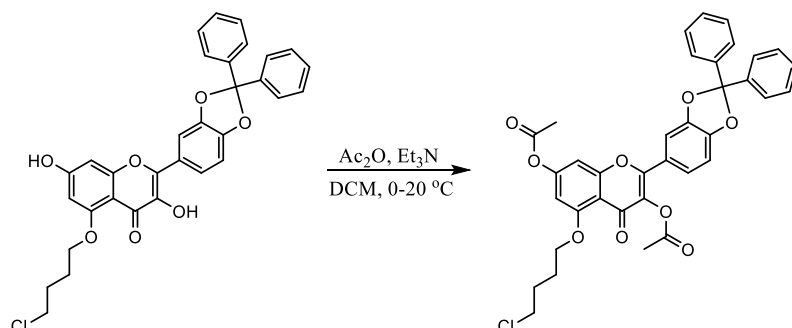
1H NMR (300 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 9.47 (br s, 2H), 8.77 (br s, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.43 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.06 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.79 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.10 (ddd, $J = 21.0, 14.9, 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.00 – 1.83 (m, 2H).

5-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane quercetin



5-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl) quercetin (0.44 g, 1.13 mmol) and 1,1-dichlorodiphenylmethane (0.40 g, 1.70 mmol) were dissolved in diphenyl ether (15 ml) and the reaction mixture was heated to 182 °C with stirring. After 2 h, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, petroleum ether (100 ml) was added. The dark brown crude product was obtained by filtration and purified by silica gel column chromatography (20-50% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether as eluent) to give a product as a light brown solid with isolated yield: 46% (0.29 g, 0.52 mmol). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.75 (s, 1H), 9.06 (s, 1H), 7.83 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.58 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 4.5, 2.8 Hz, 4H), 7.53 – 7.41 (m, 6H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.15 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.98 – 1.84 (m, 2H).

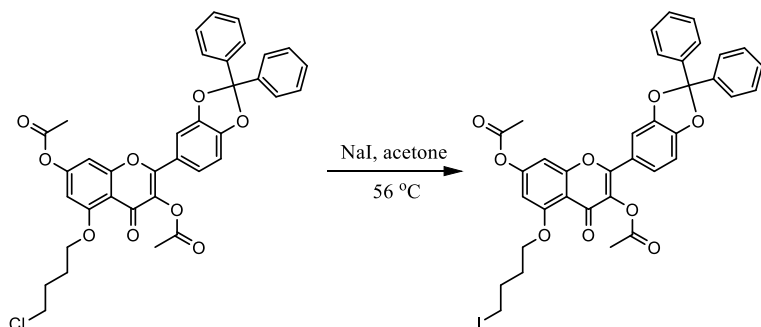
5-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl)-3,7-diacetyl-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane quercetin



5-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane quercetin (0.29 g, 0.52 mmol) was dissolved in 20 ml of DCM and Et₃N (1.08 ml, 7.80 mmol) was added. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and acetic anhydride (0.29 ml, 3.12 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and it was stirred until starting material disappeared completely (monitored by TLC, with hexane:ethyl acetate 8:2 as eluent). After finishing, the reaction mixture was diluted by DCM and extracted 3 times with 1N HCl. Organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. After solvent evaporation, crude product was purified by column chromatography with the use of mixture of hexane/ethyl acetate/DCM 19:4:1 as eluent. Pure 5-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl)-3,7-diacetyl-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane quercetin is a white solid. Isolated yield: 52% (0.17 g, 0.27 mmol). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.47 – 7.35 (m, 8H), 7.02 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.20 – 1.99 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7, 168.5, 168.2, 160.4, 157.9, 154.9, 153.9, 149.7, 147.8, 139.7, 133.8,

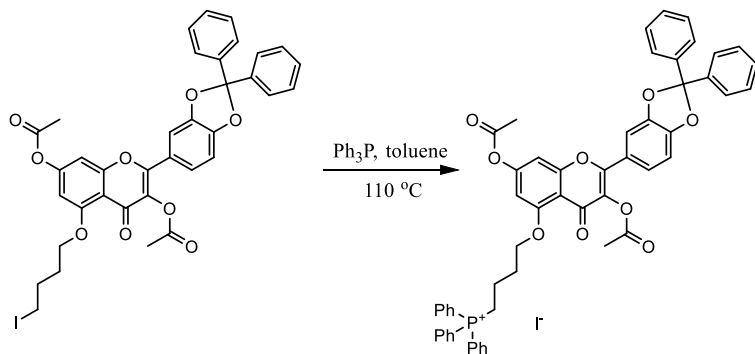
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5-(4-*O*-iodobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-3,7-diacetyl quercetin



5-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl)-3,7-diacetyl-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane quercetin (0.17 g, 0.27 mmol) and NaI (1.21 g, 8.1 mmol) were dissolved in acetone (5 ml) and heat at reflux overnight. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with 50 ml of ethyl acetate, filtered through paper filter directly into the separating funnel and washed 3 times with 30 ml of water. Organic layer was dried with anhydrous MgSO_4 . Solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to get the crude product (confirmed by ^1H NMR) as a white solid, which was used in next step without further purification. Isolated yield: 98% (0.19 g, 0.26 mmol). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 9H), 7.01 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.08 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.31 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.15 – 1.99 (m, 4H).

5-(4-*O*-butyl triphenylphosphonium)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-3,7-diacetyl quercetin iodide



5-(4-*O*-iodobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-3,7-diacetyl quercetin (0.19 g, 0.26 mmol) and Ph_3P (0.34 g, 1.30 mmol) were dissolved in toluene (8 ml) and heated at reflux for 1-3 days with monitoring the reaction course by TLC. When all the substrate had reacted, the reaction mixture was cooled and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography with elucidation by DCM:methanol (96:4) mixture to give 5-(4-*O*-butyl triphenylphosphonium)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-3,7-diacetyl quercetin iodide as yellow solid with isolated yield: 59% (0.16 g, 0.16 mmol). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88 – 7.67 (m, 9H), 7.63 (dd, $J = 7.1, 2.9$ Hz, 6H), 7.57 – 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.45 – 7.28 (m, 8H), 6.95 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 4.15 (m, 2H), 3.89 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.22 (m, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.01 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.4, 168.4,

167.6, 159.7, 157.5, 154.9, 153.9, 149.6, 147.6, 139.4, 134.9, 134.8, 133.7, 133.5, 133.3, 130.5, 130.3, 129.4, 128.3, 126.1, 123.3, 123.0, 118.7, 118.1, 117.6, 111.7, 108.7, 108.0, 103.2, 102.1, 69.3, 30.9, 29.6, 28.6, 28.3, 22.4, 21.7, 21.2, 20.6, 20.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for [M-I] C₅₄H₄₄O₉P 867.2723, found 867.2734.

2. NMR spectral data

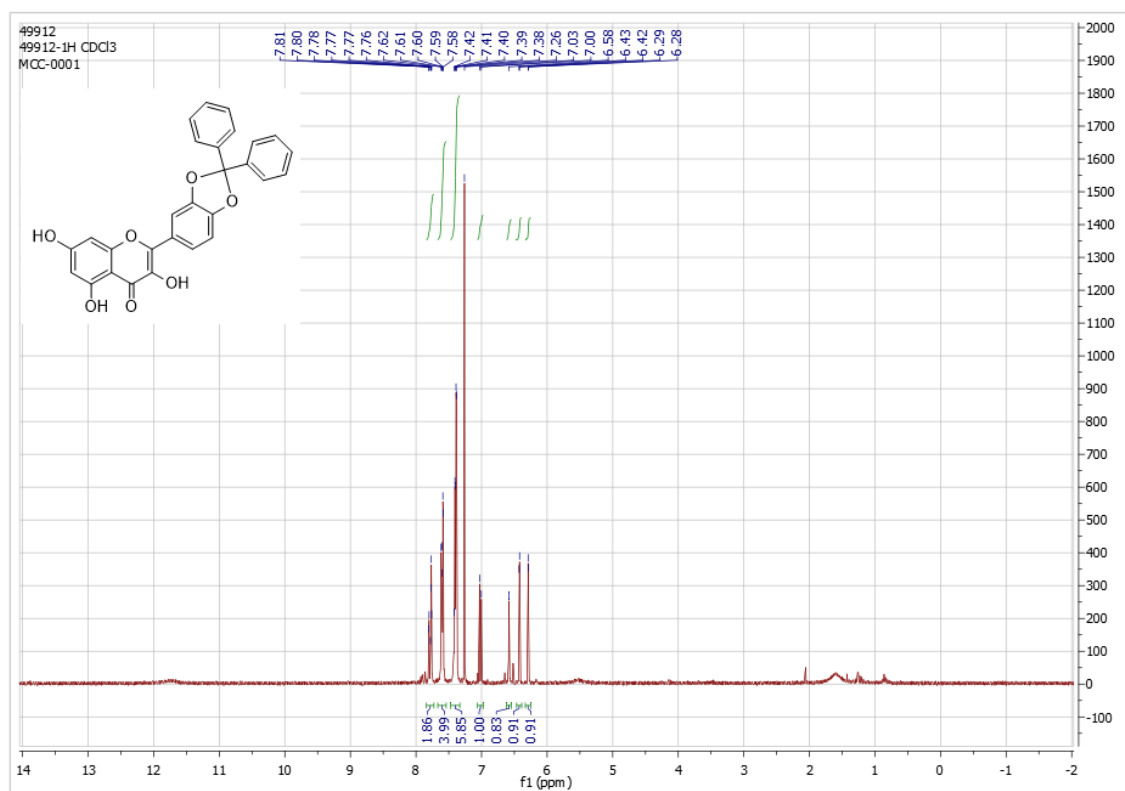


Figure S1. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3',4'-O-diphenylmethane quercetin.

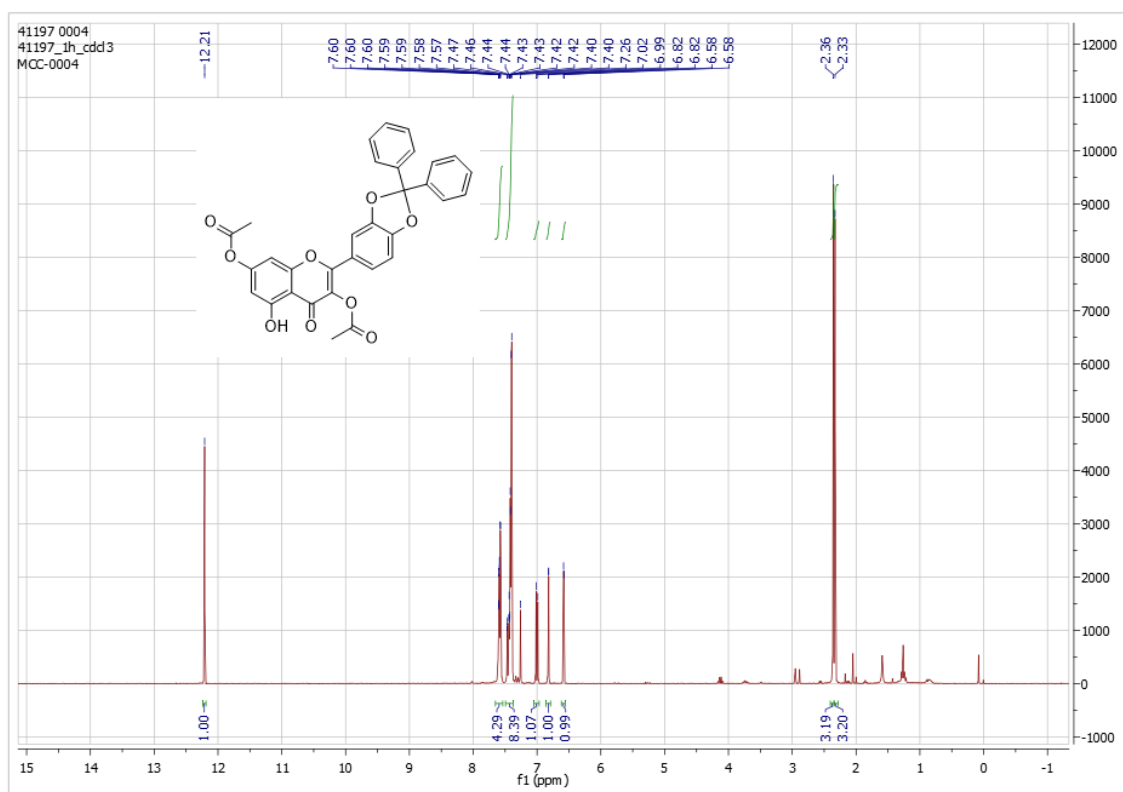


Figure S2. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of 3',4'-O-diphenylmethane-3,7-diacetyl quercetin.

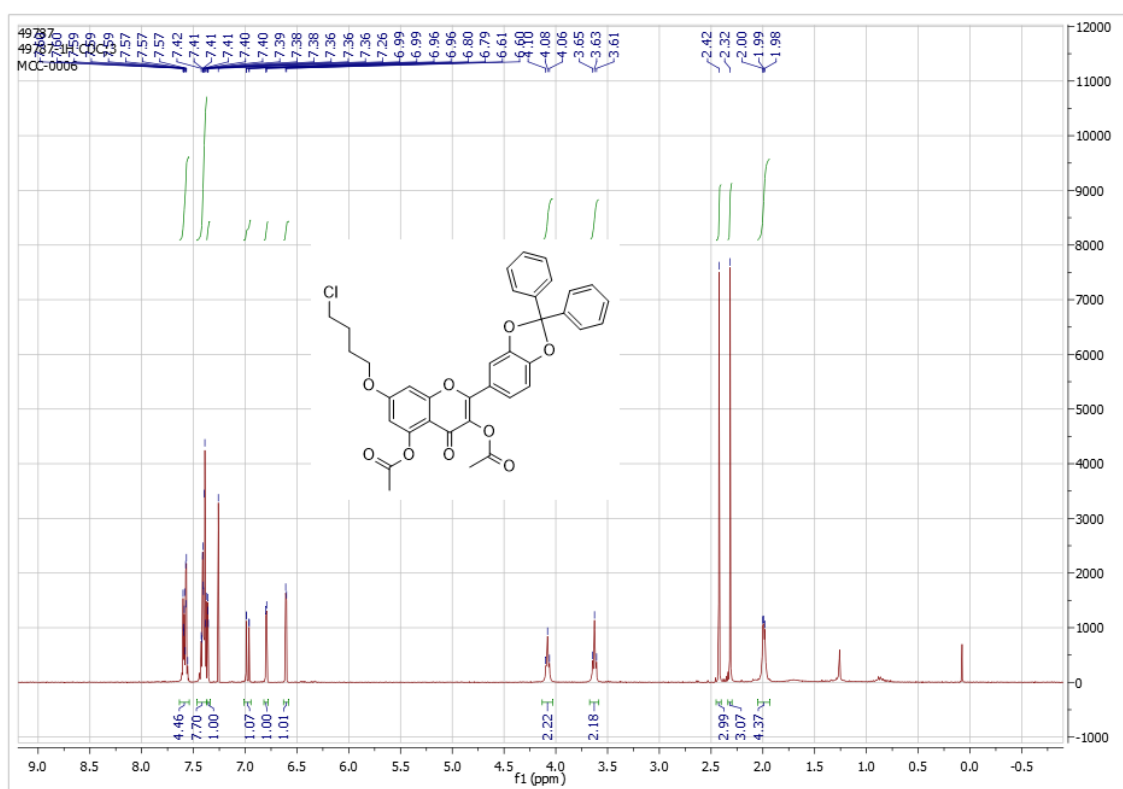


Figure S3. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of 7-(4-O-chlorobutyl)-3',4'-O-diphenylmethane-3,5-diacetyl quercetin.

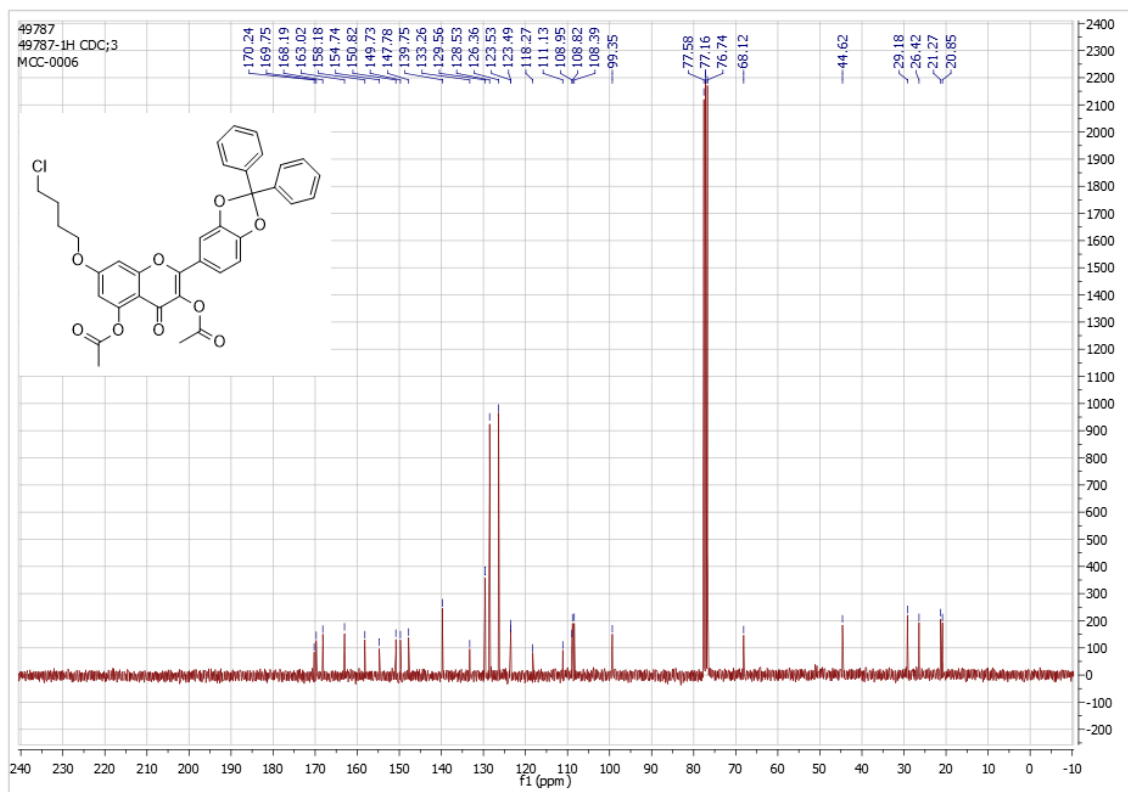


Figure S4. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) of 7-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-3,5-diacetyl quercetin.

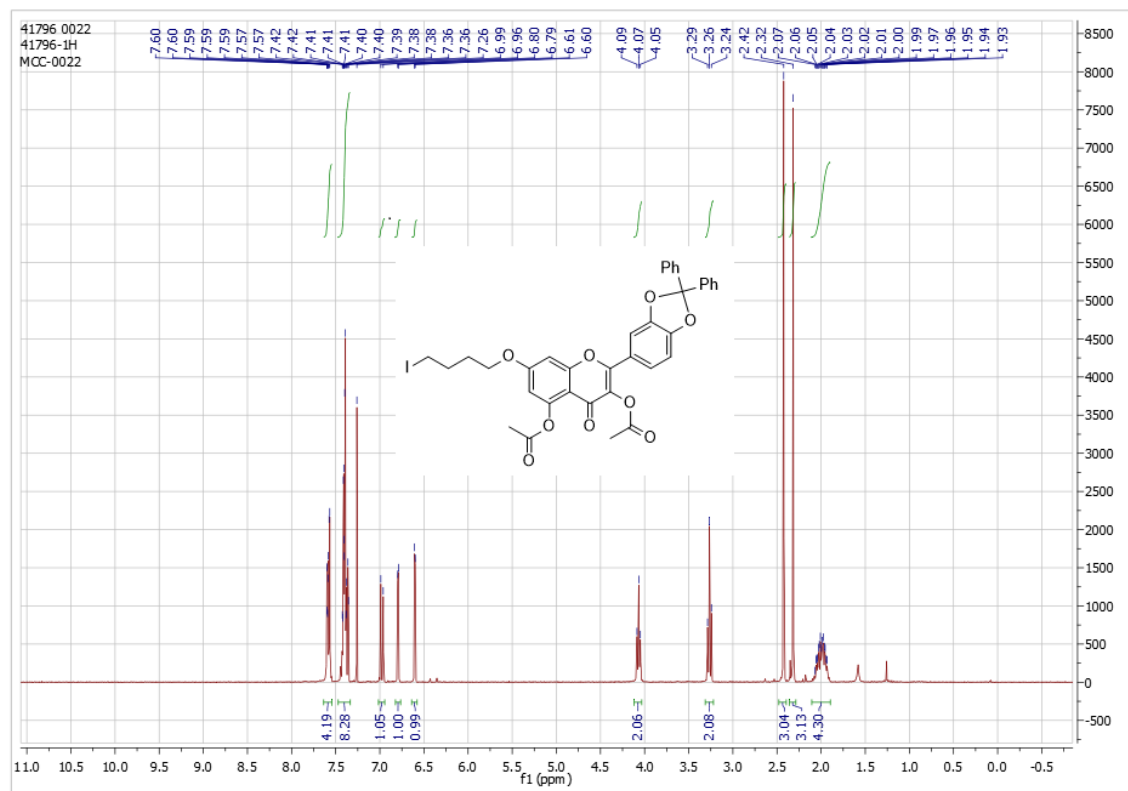


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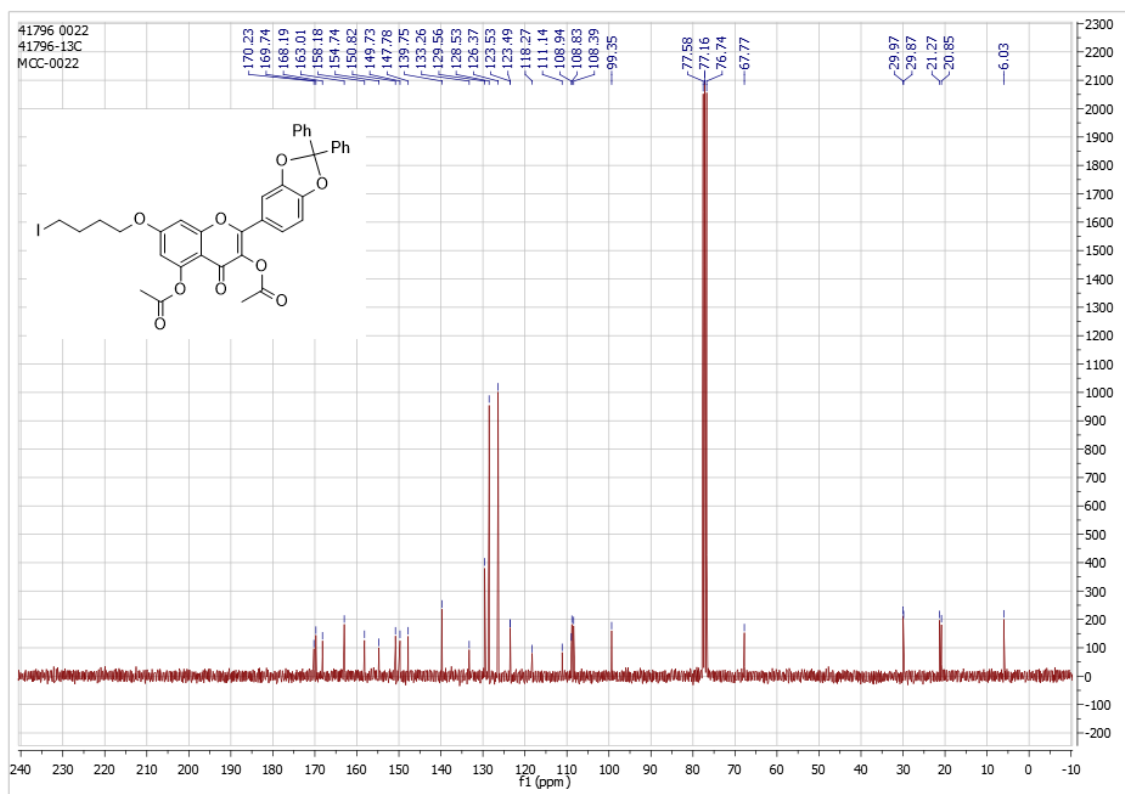


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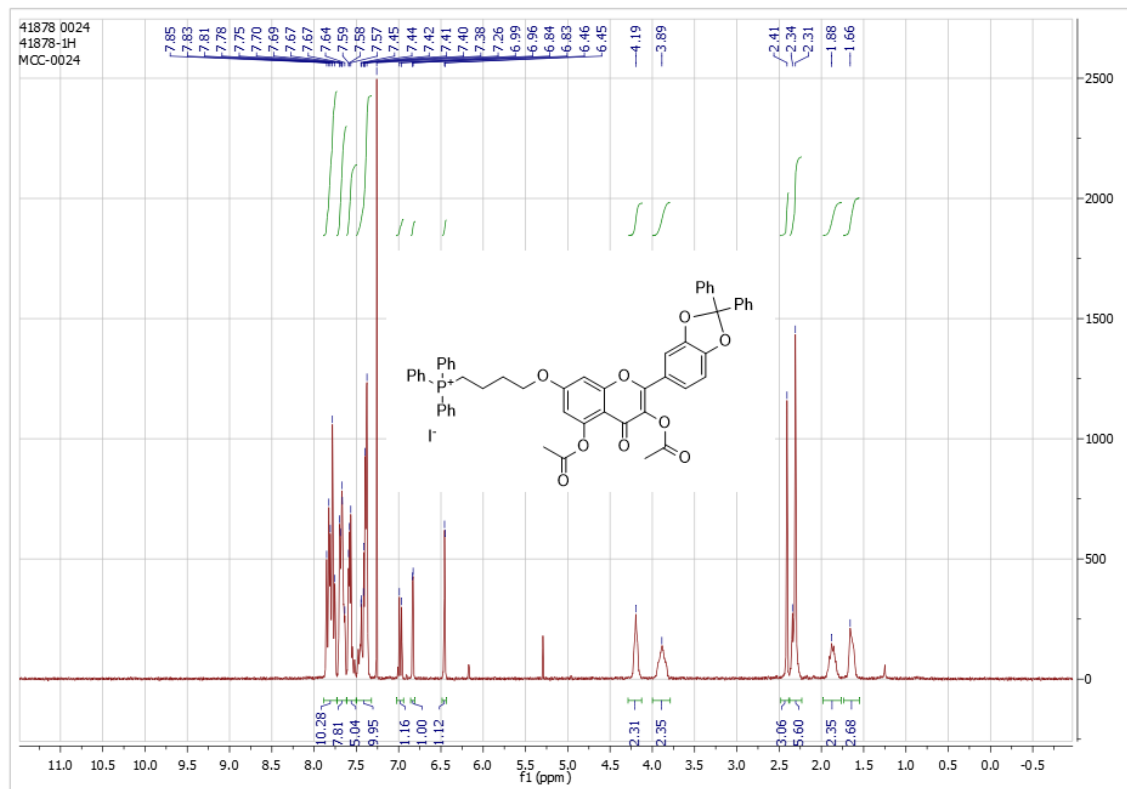


Figure S7. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of 7-(4-*O*-butyl triphenylphosphonium)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-3,5-diacetyl quercetin iodide.

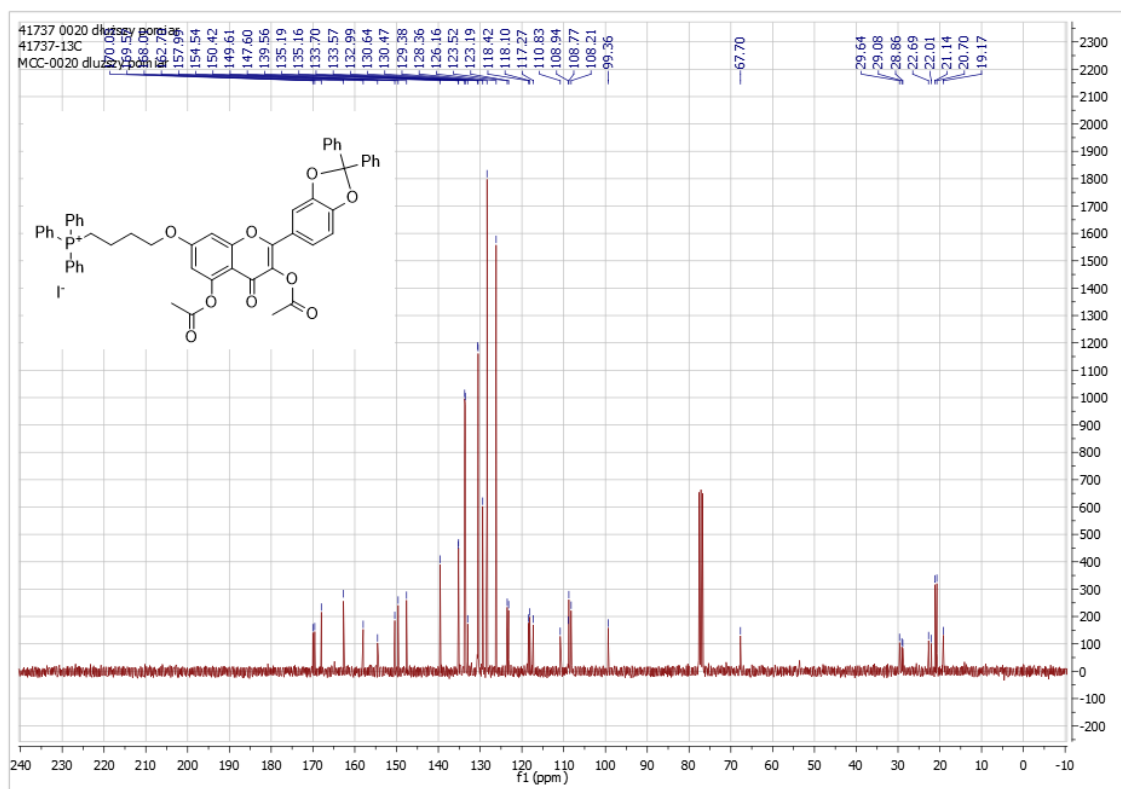


Figure S8. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) of 7-(4-*O*-butyl triphenylphosphonium)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-3,5-diacetyl quercetin iodide.

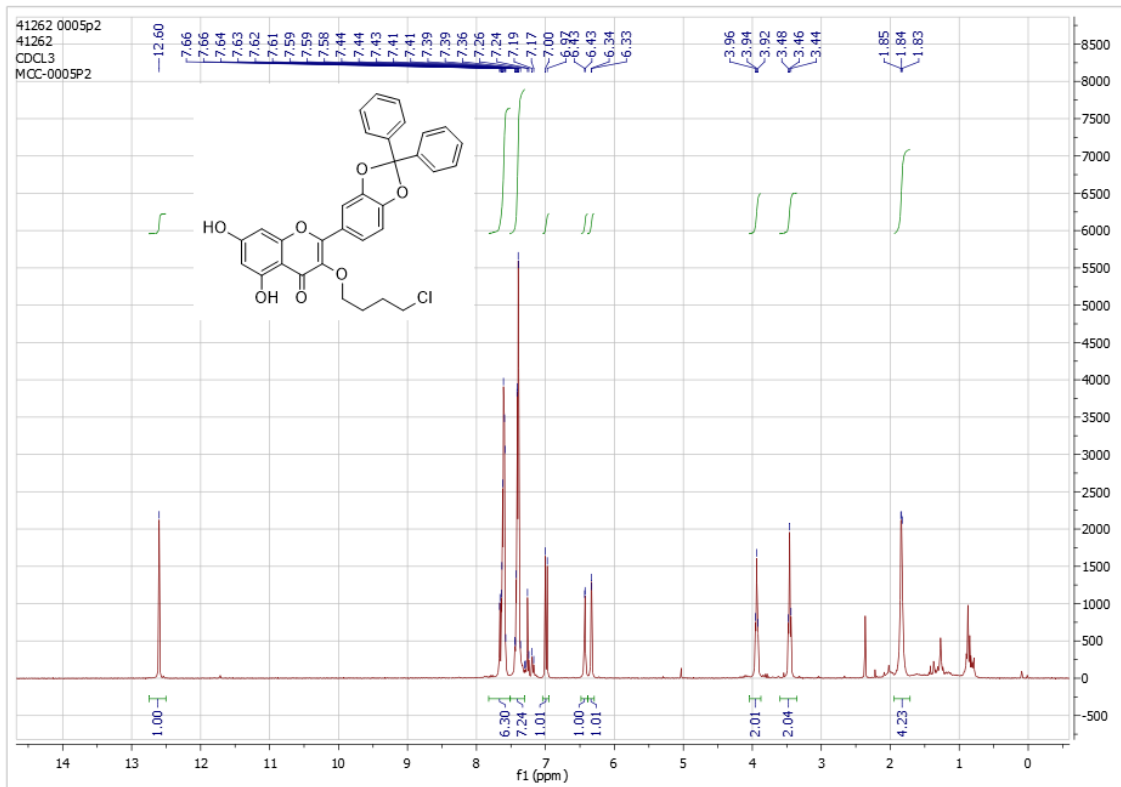


Figure S9. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane quercetin.

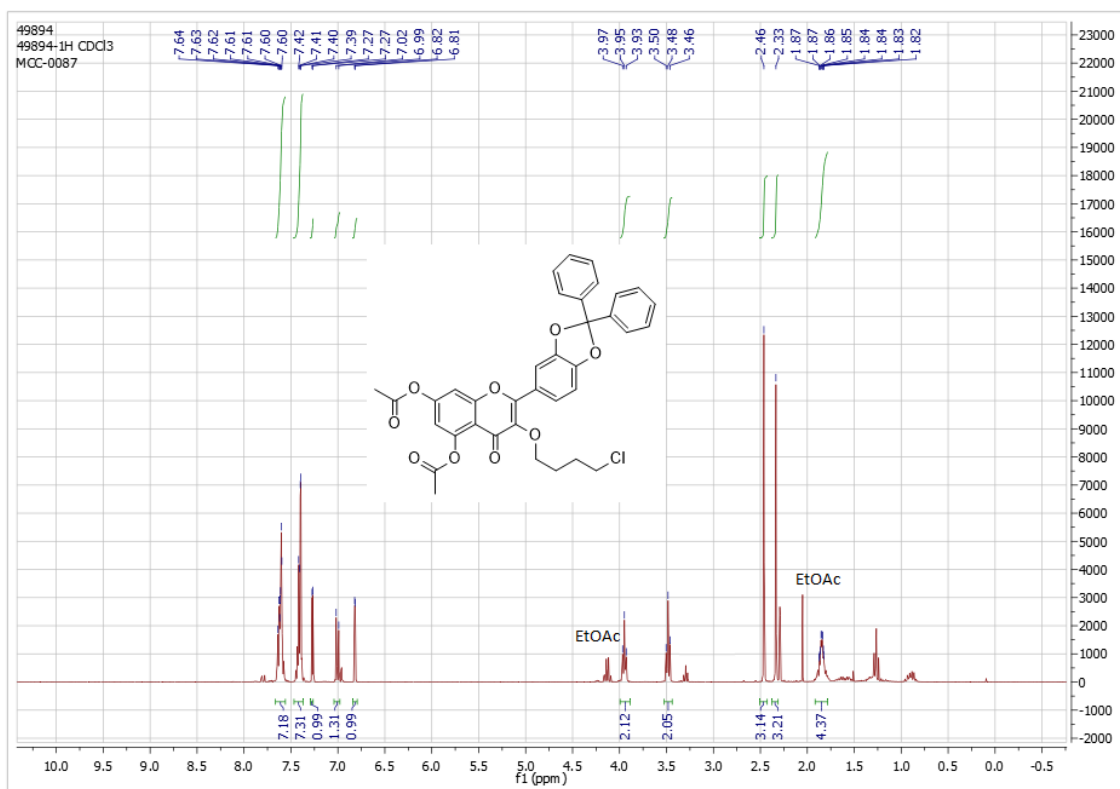


Figure S10. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-5,7-diacetyl quercetin.

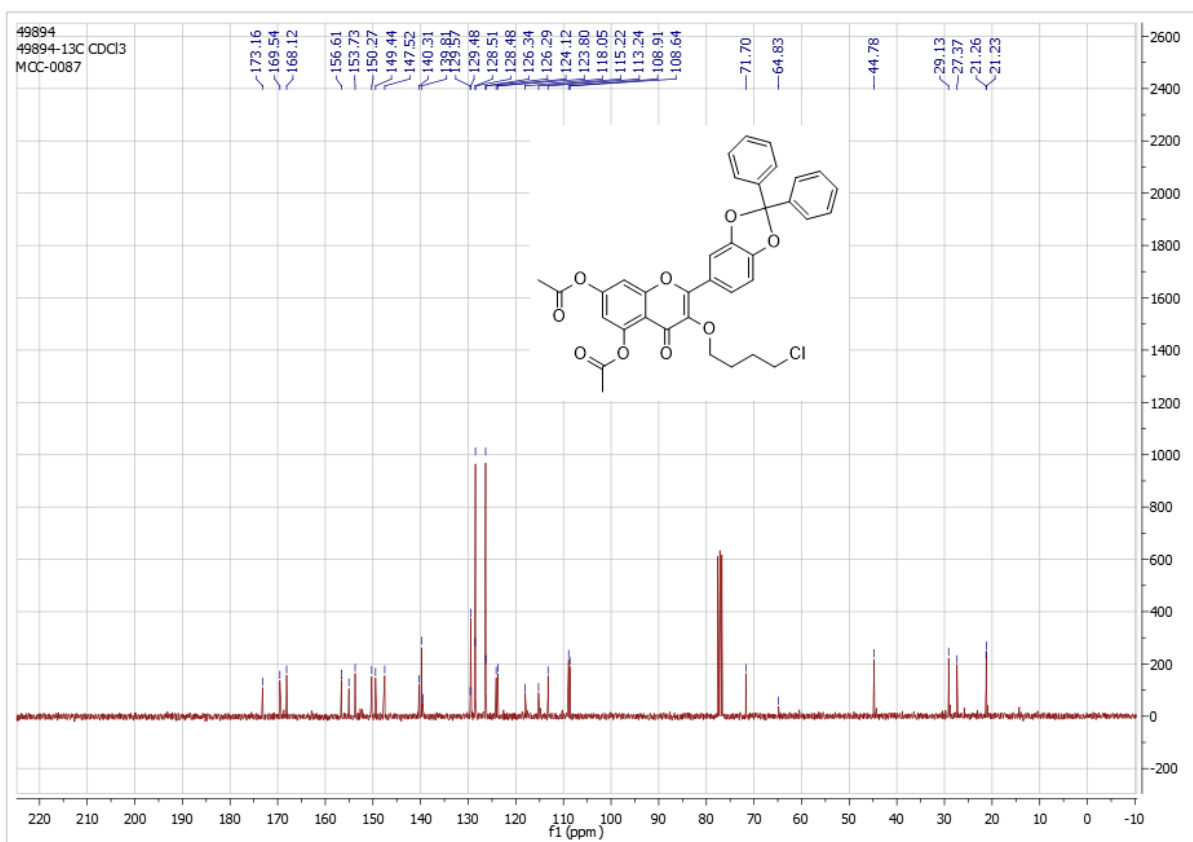


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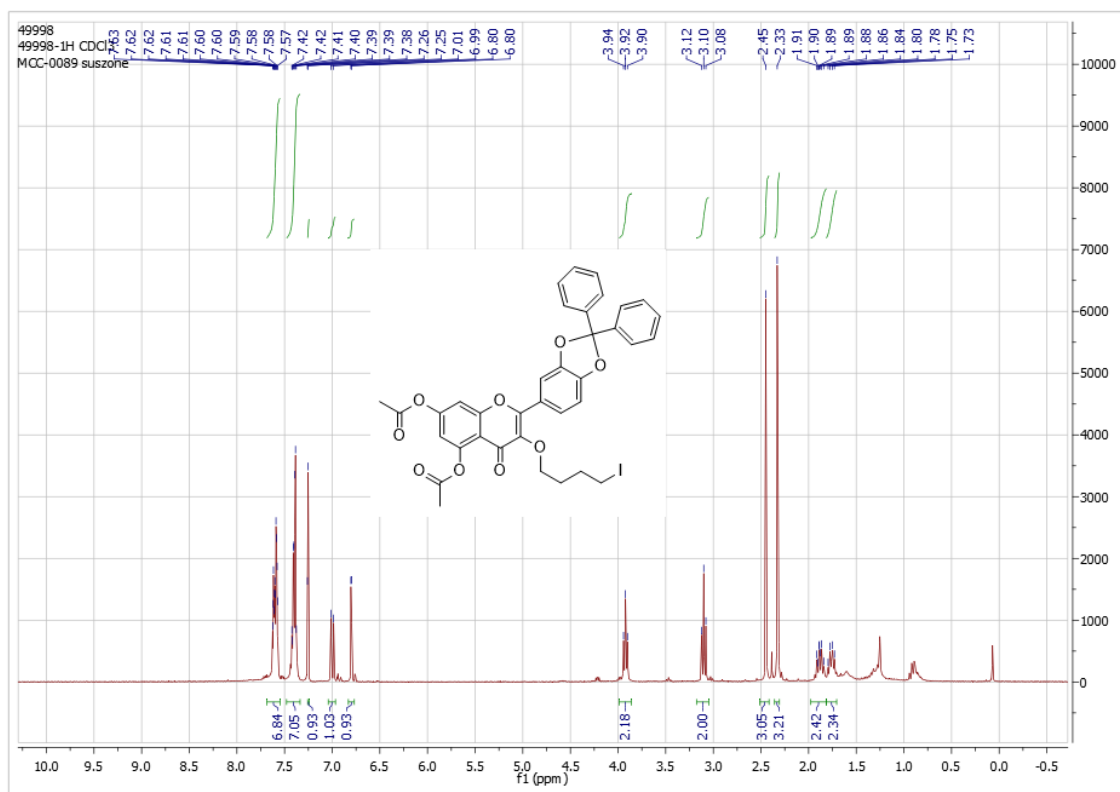


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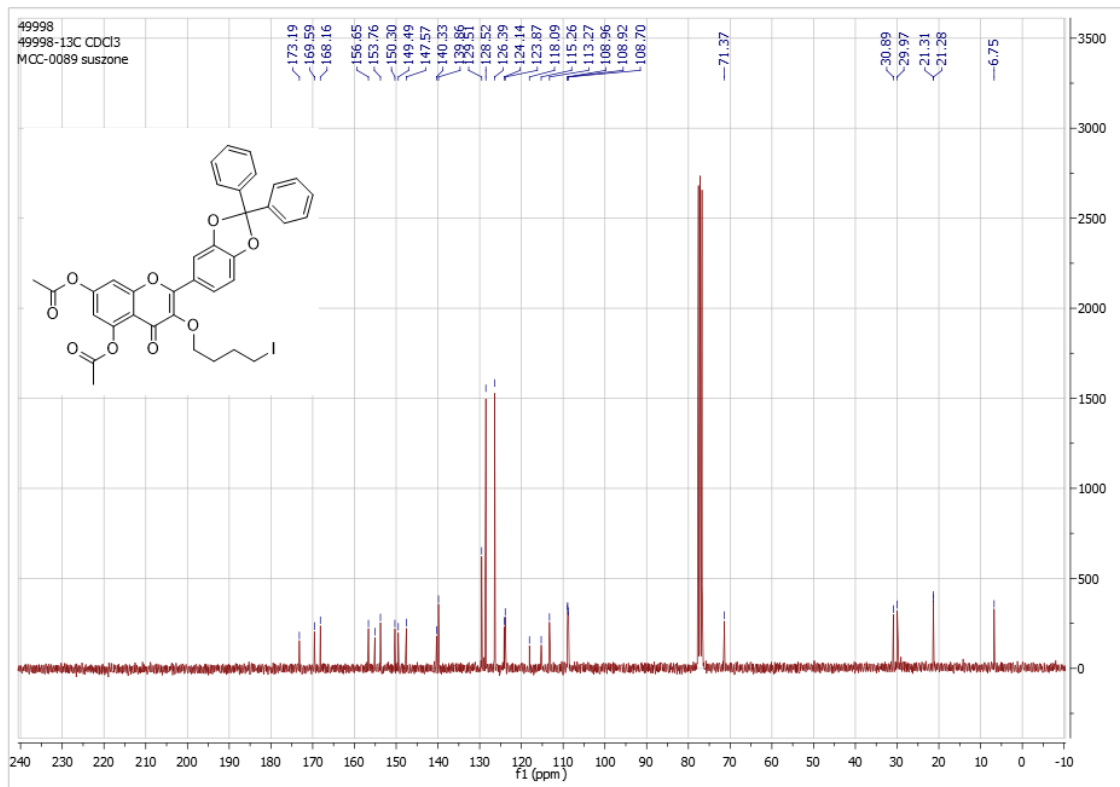


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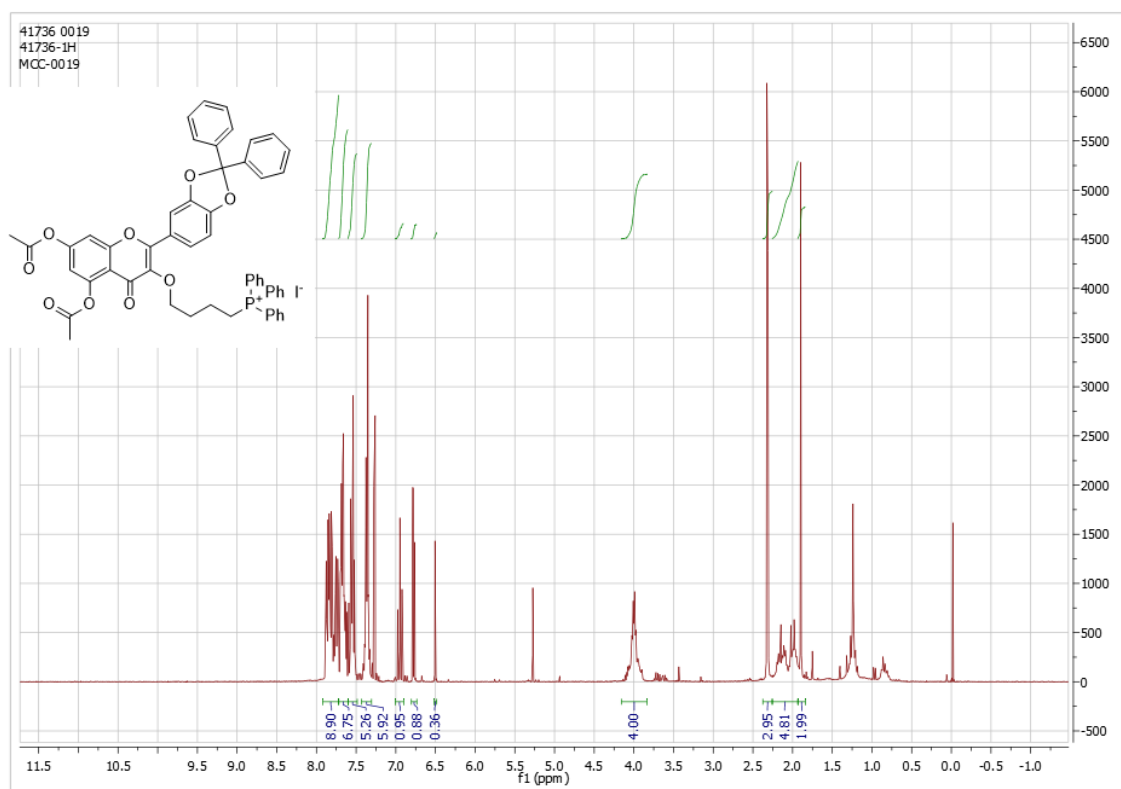


Figure S14. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of 3-(4-*O*-butyl triphenylphosphonium)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-5,7-diacetyl quercetin iodide.

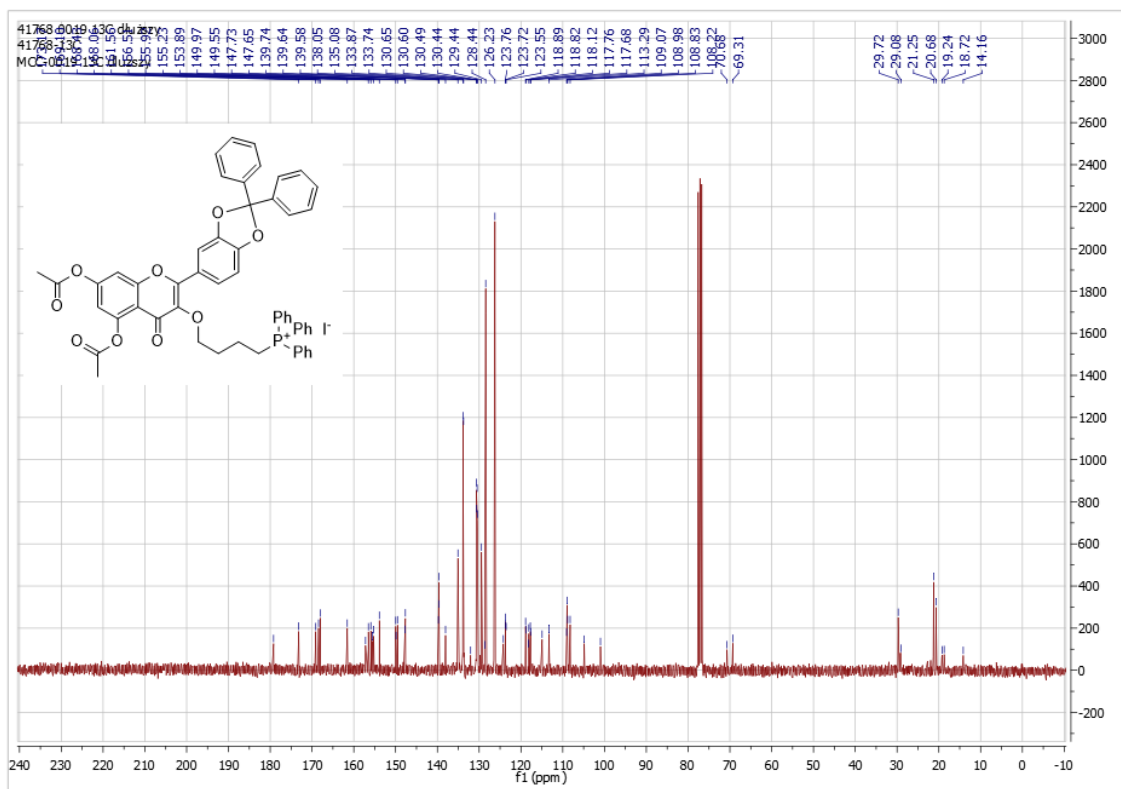


Figure S15. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) of 3-(4-*O*-butyl triphenylphosphonium)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-5,7-diacetyl quercetin iodide.

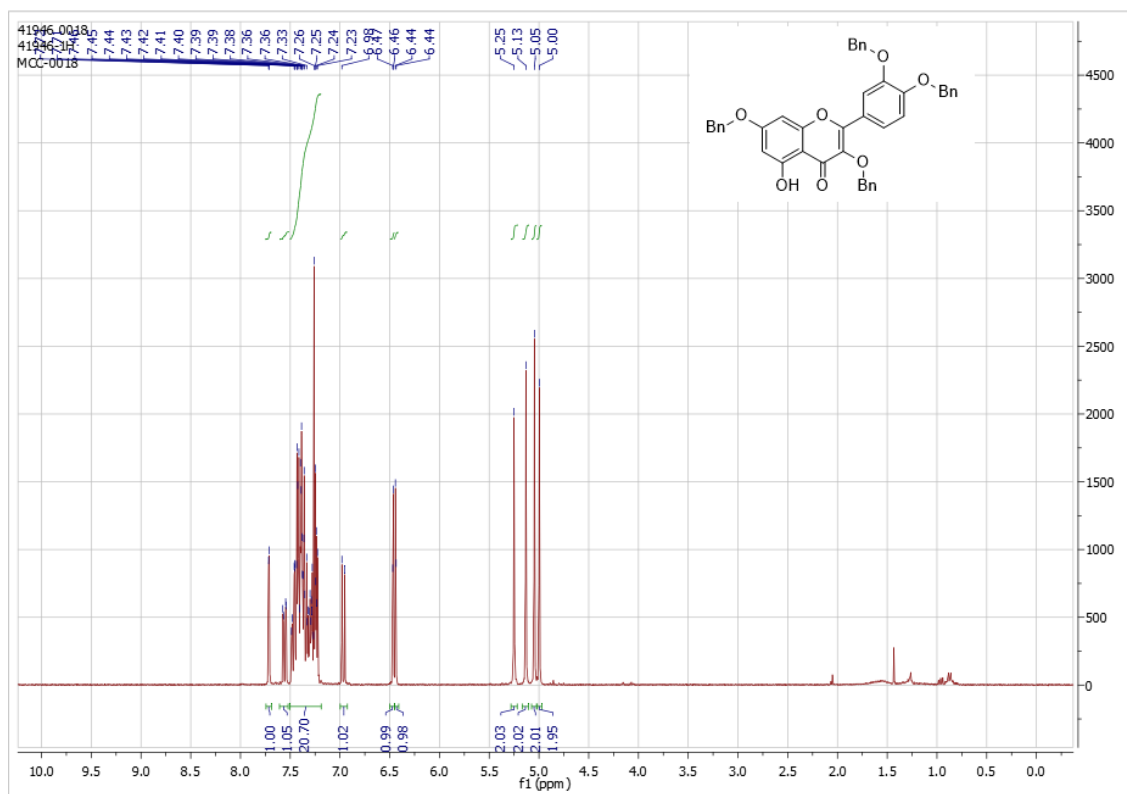


Figure S16. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of 3,3',4',7-tetrabenzyl quercetin.

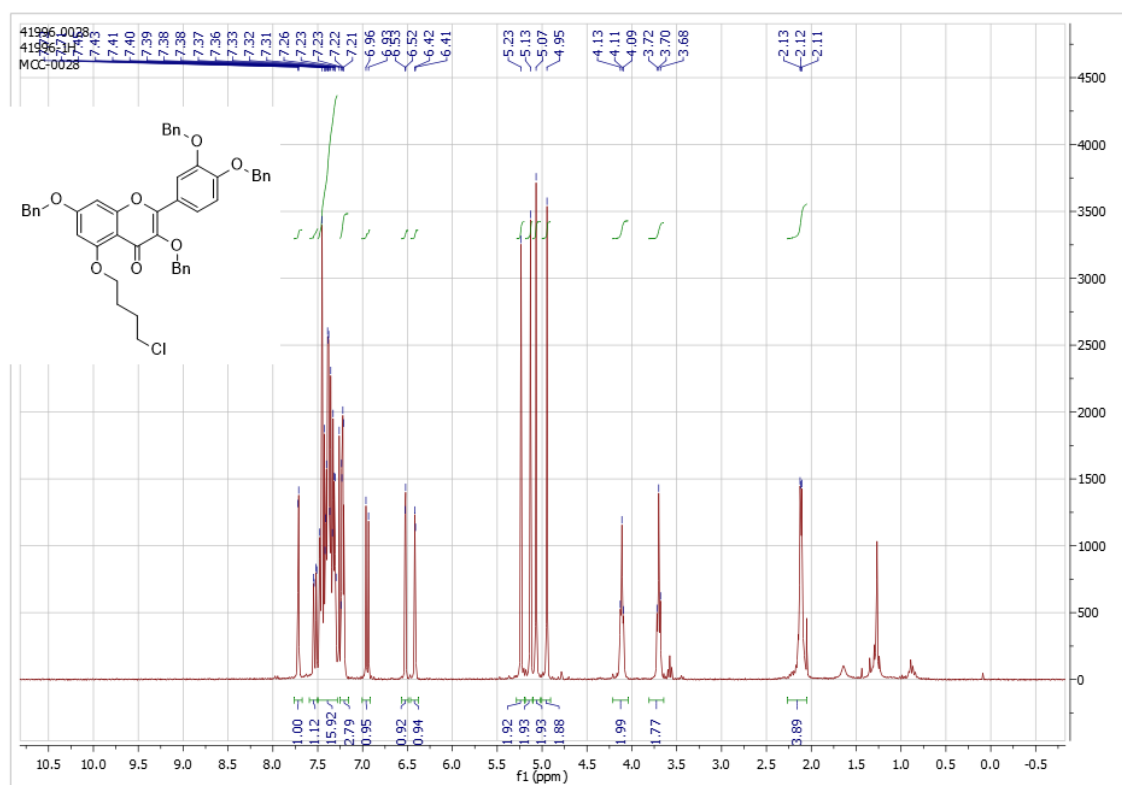


Figure S17. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of 3,3',4',7-tetrabenzyl-5-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl) quercetin.

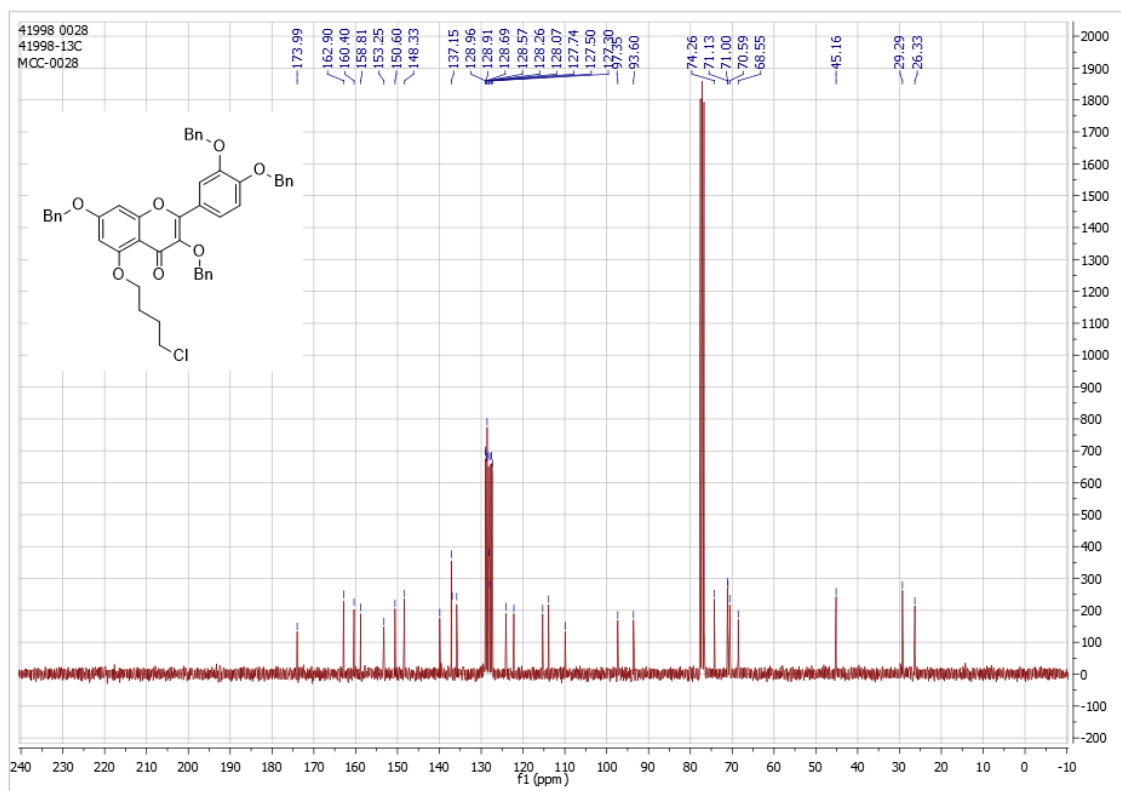


Figure S18. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) of 3,3',4',7-tetrabenzyl-5-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl) quercetin.

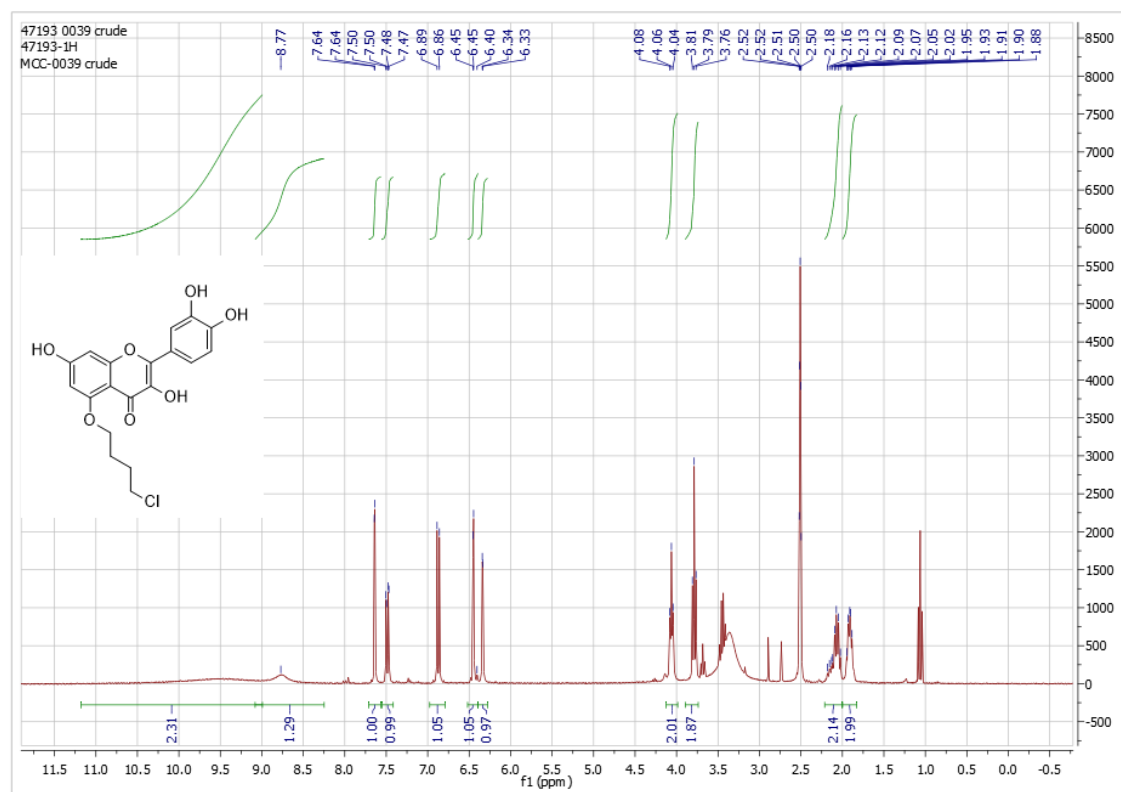


Figure S19. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of 5-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl) quercetin.

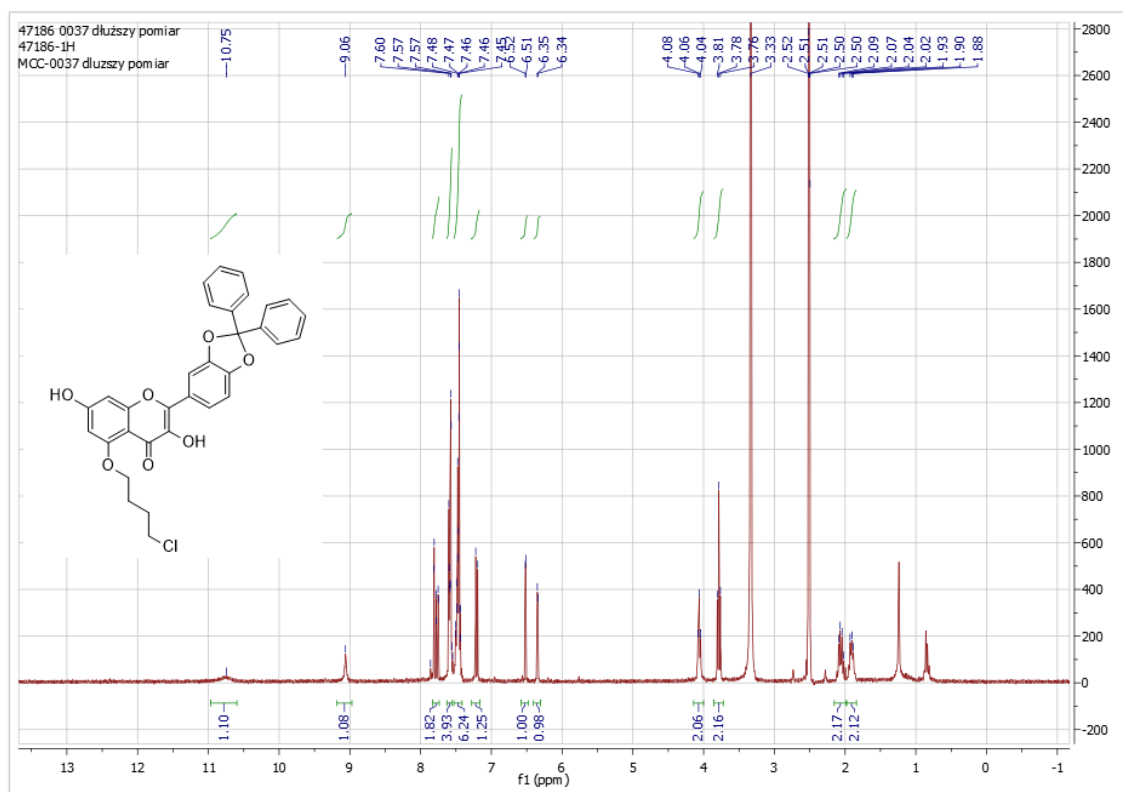


Figure S20. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of 5-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane quercetin.

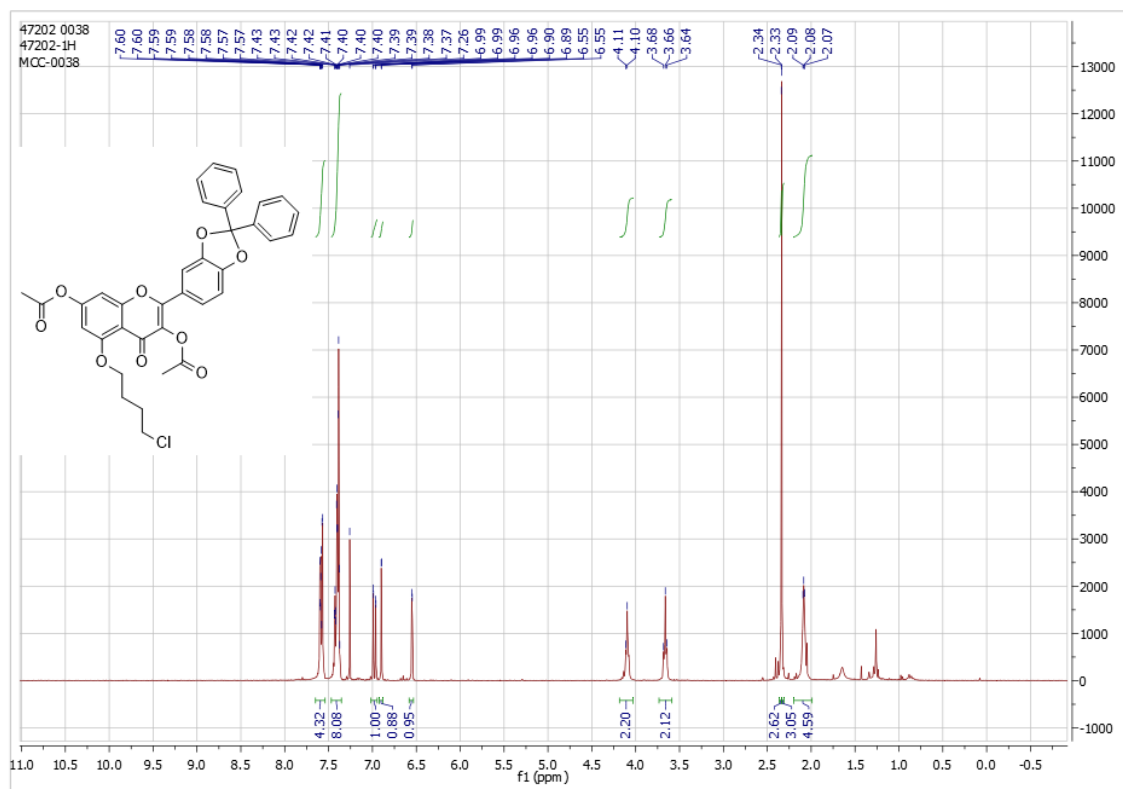


Figure S21. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of 5-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl)-3,7-diacetyl-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane quercetin.

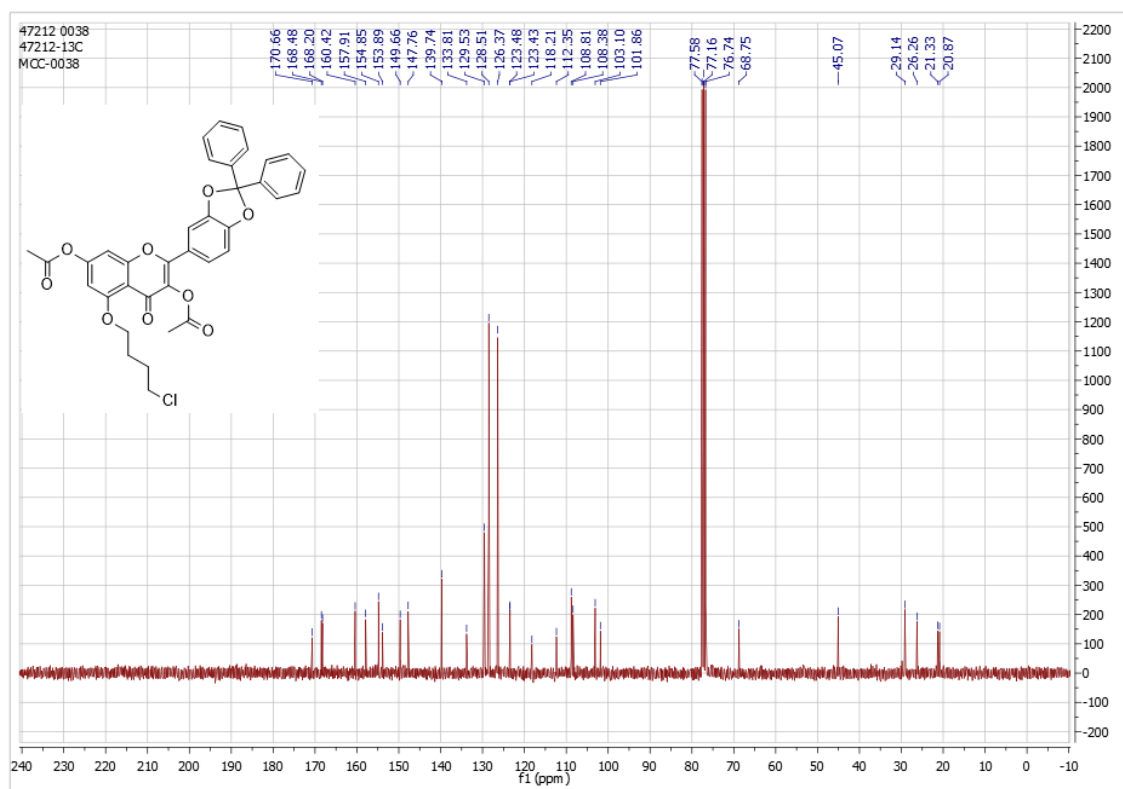


Figure S22. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) of 5-(4-*O*-chlorobutyl)-3,7-diacetyl-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane quercetin.

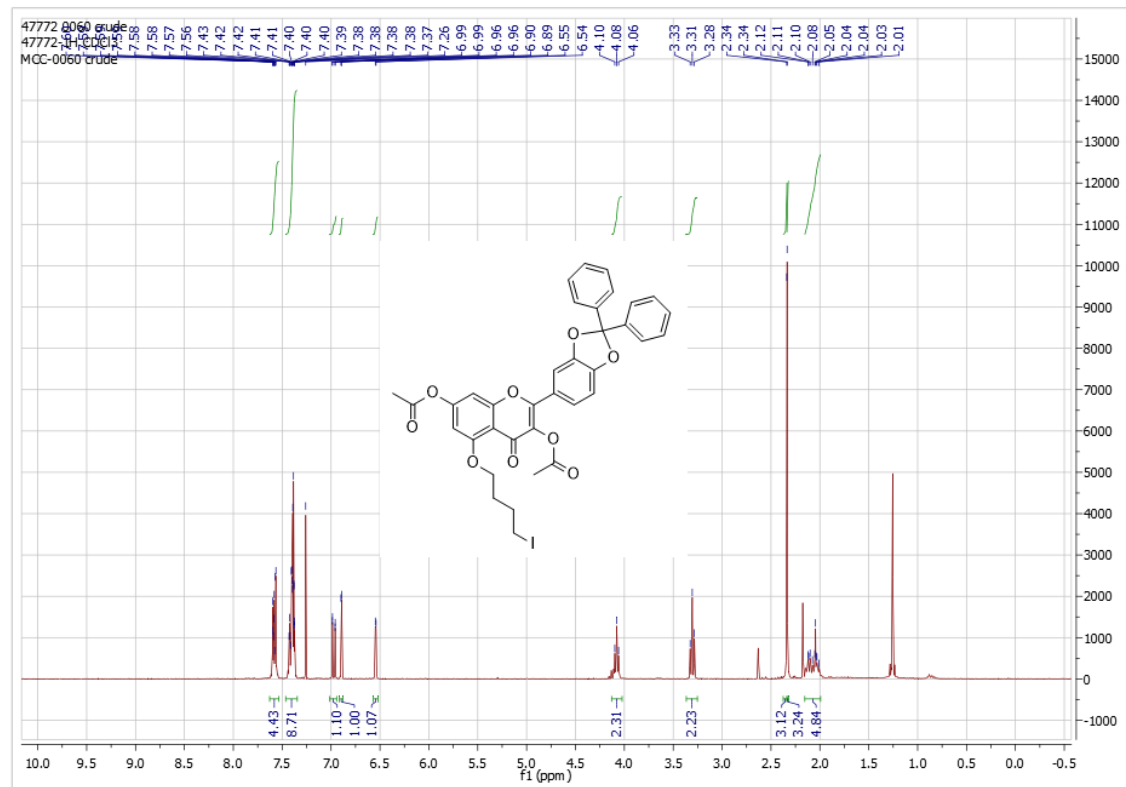


Figure S23. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of 5-(4-*O*-iodobutyl)-3,7-diacetyl-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane quercetin.

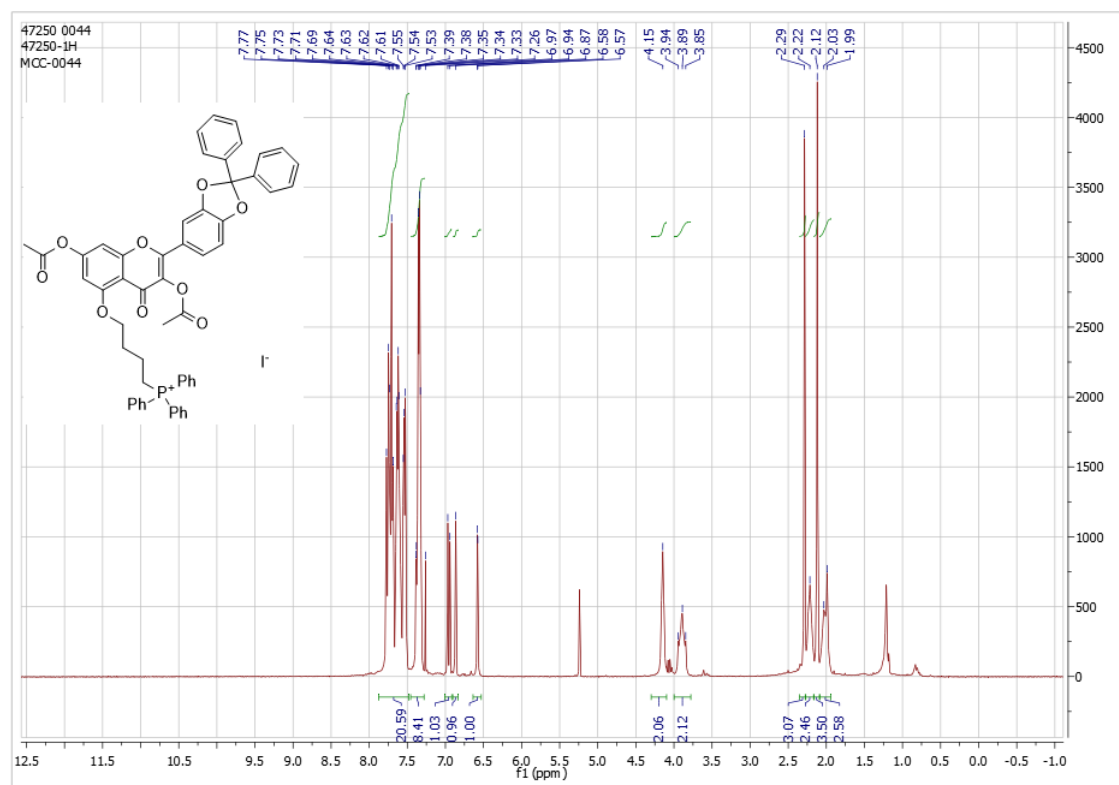


Figure S24. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) of 5-(4-*O*-butyl triphenylphosphonium)-3',4'-*O*-diphenylmethane-3,7-diacetyl quercetin iodide.

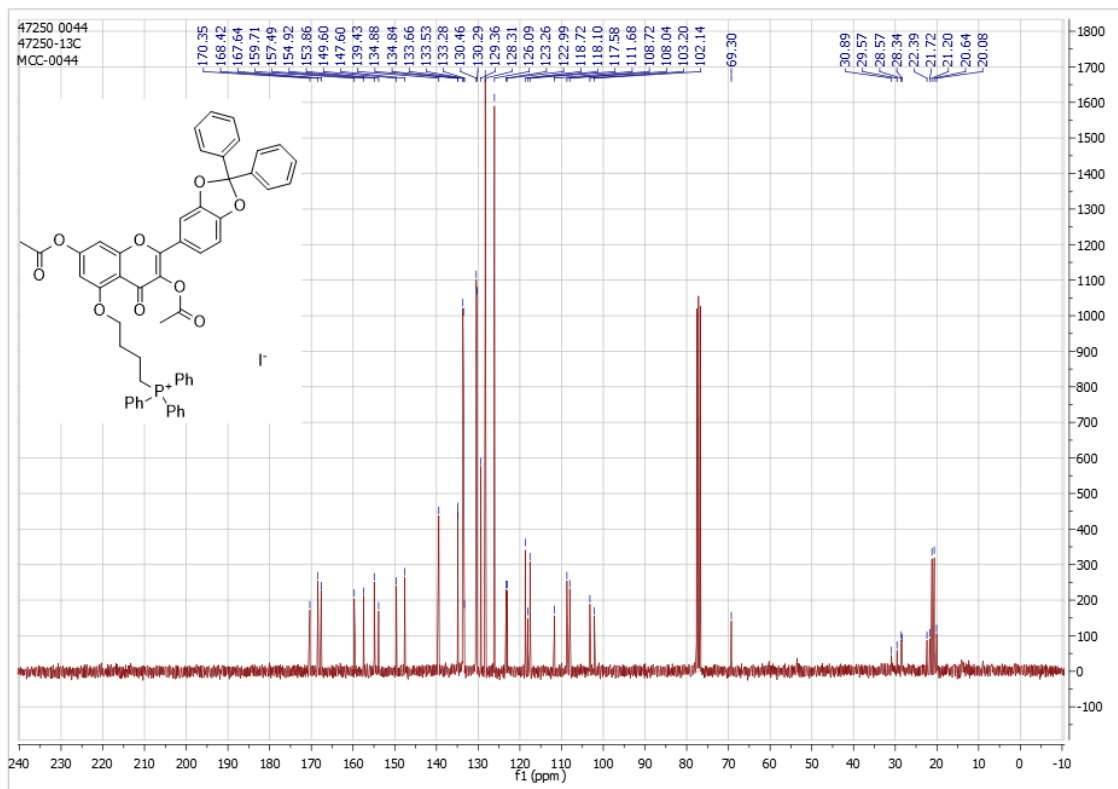


Figure S25. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) of 5-(4-*O*-butyl triphenylphosphonium)-3',4'-diphenylmethane-3,7-diacetyl quercetin iodide.

3. Kinetic measurements for quercetin

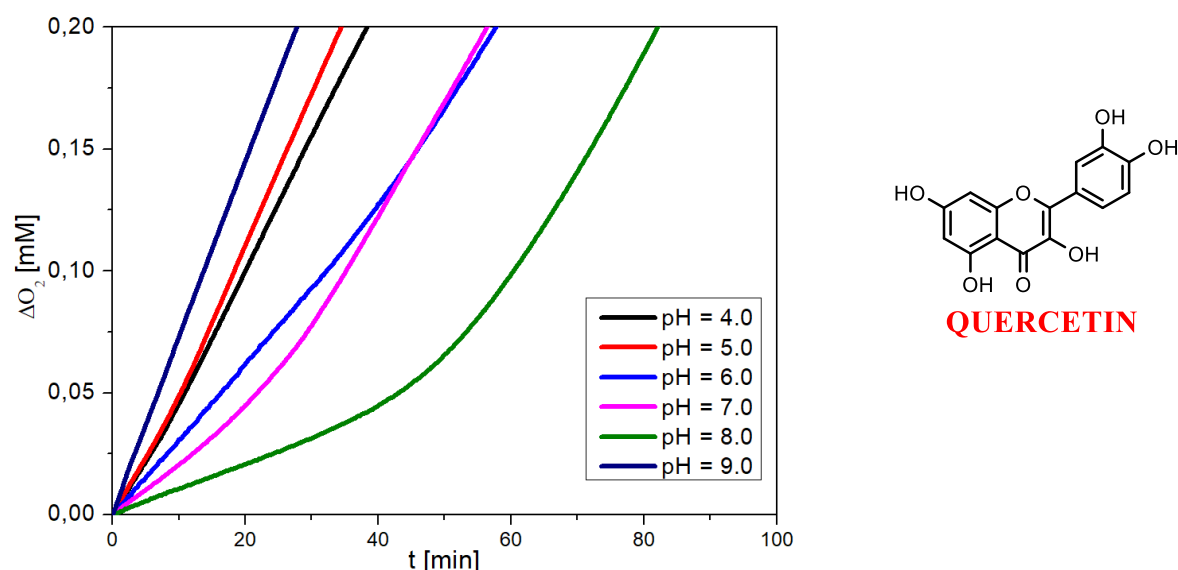


Figure S26. Kinetic traces of oxygen uptake for peroxidation in the presence of quercetin.

Table S1. Kinetic parameters: induction time τ_{ind} , rate of autooxidation, R_{ox1} , initiation rate R_i , rate of inhibited autooxidation R_{inh} , inhibition rate constant k_{inh} determined for autooxidation of 2.7 mM methyl linoleate in 10 mM DMPC liposomes in the presence of 1 μ M quercetin at pH range from 4 to 9.

pH	τ_{ind} [min]	$R_{ox1} \cdot 10^8$ [M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹]	$R_i \cdot 10^8$ [M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹]	$R_{inh} \cdot 10^8$ [M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹]	$k_{inh} \cdot 10^4$ [M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹]
4.0	-	16.6 ± 1.1	-	-	-
5.0	-	13.0 ± 0.1	-	-	-
6.0	-	15.6 ± 0.6	-	-	-
7.0	16.9 ± 1.2	15.8 ± 1.0	0.13 ± 0.02	4.4 ± 0.3	0.8 ± 0.3
8.0	46.8 ± 3.2	14.5 ± 1.5	0.04 ± 0.01	2.8 ± 0.1	0.4 ± 0.1
9.0	-	13.8 ± 0.6	-	-	-

Table S2. Thermodynamic parameters determined from DSC experiments: molar enthalpy (ΔH in kJ/mol) and the main transition temperature^a (T_m in kelvins) of DMPC containing quercetin and its derivatives mitQ3/5/7 at the concentrations of 0, 50, 100, and 150 μ M.

C [μ M]	quercetin		mitQ3		mitQ5		mitQ7	
	ΔH	T_m	ΔH	T_m	ΔH	T_m	ΔH	T_m
0	20.5	297.1	20.5	297.1	20.5	297.1	20.5	297.1
50	nd ^b	nd ^b	16.6	296.7	18.8	296.7	19.9	296.7
100	nd ^b	nd ^b	16.0	296.4	17.6	296.3	15.1	296.4
150	14.2	296.9	12.6	296.0	13.9	296.4	13.5	296.1

^a Temperature at which 50% of heat was exchanged. ^b nd = not determined.

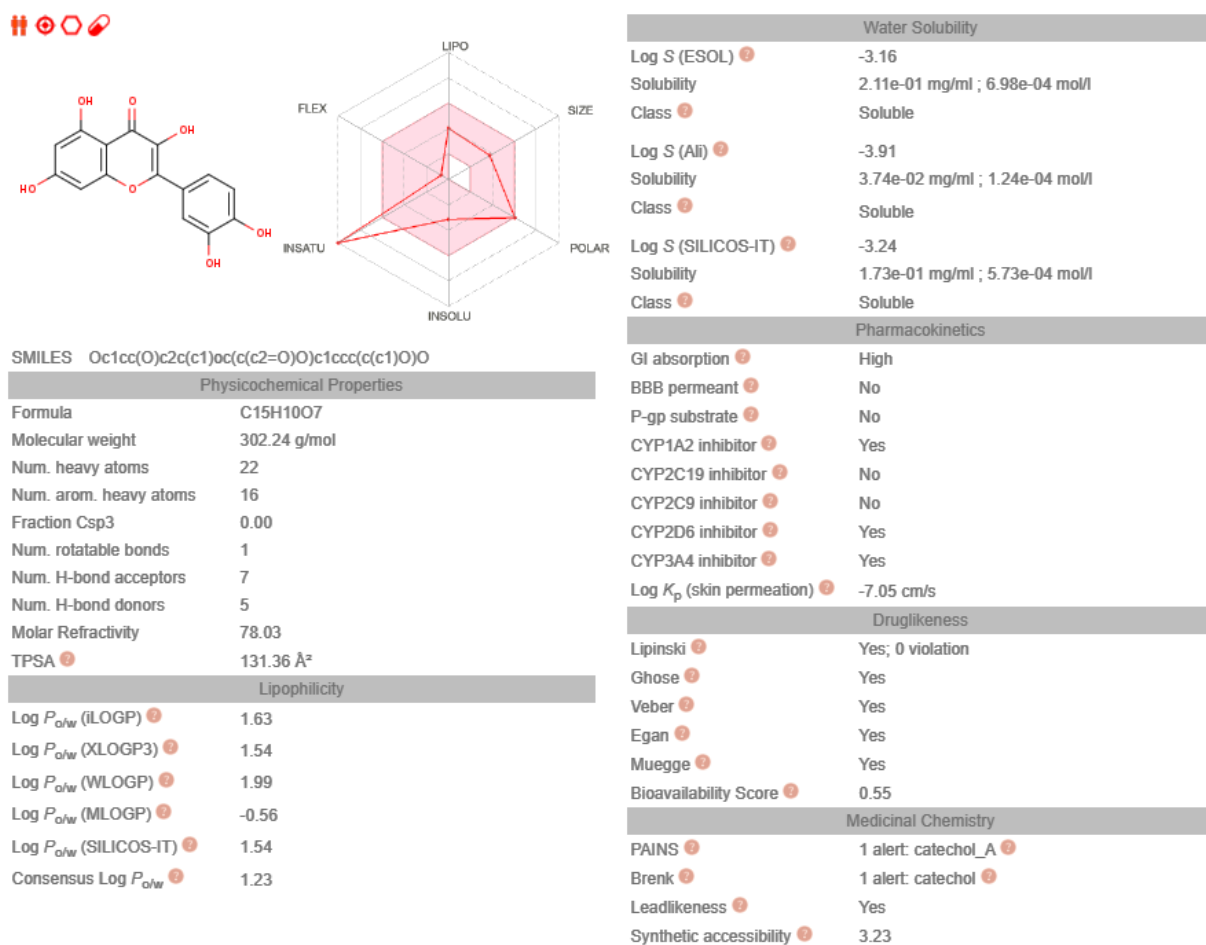


Figure S27. ADME parameters calculated for quercetin.

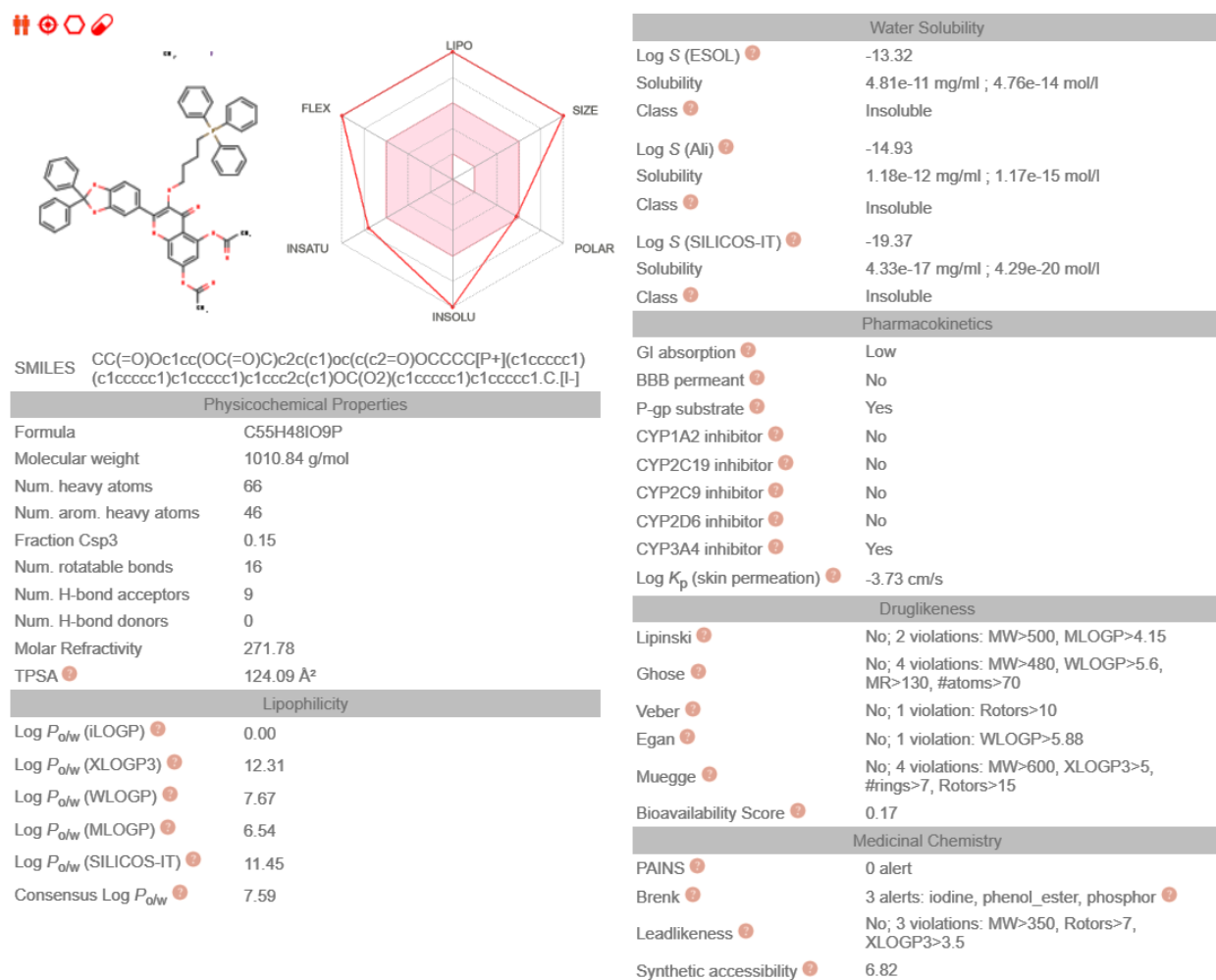


Figure S28. ADME parameters calculated for mitQ3.

Please note that consensus $\log P_{o/w}$ for mitQ3 was erroneously calculated as an average from 5 values, while one of them (iLOGP=0.00) should be omitted, thus, consensus $\log P_{o/w}$ is 9.49.

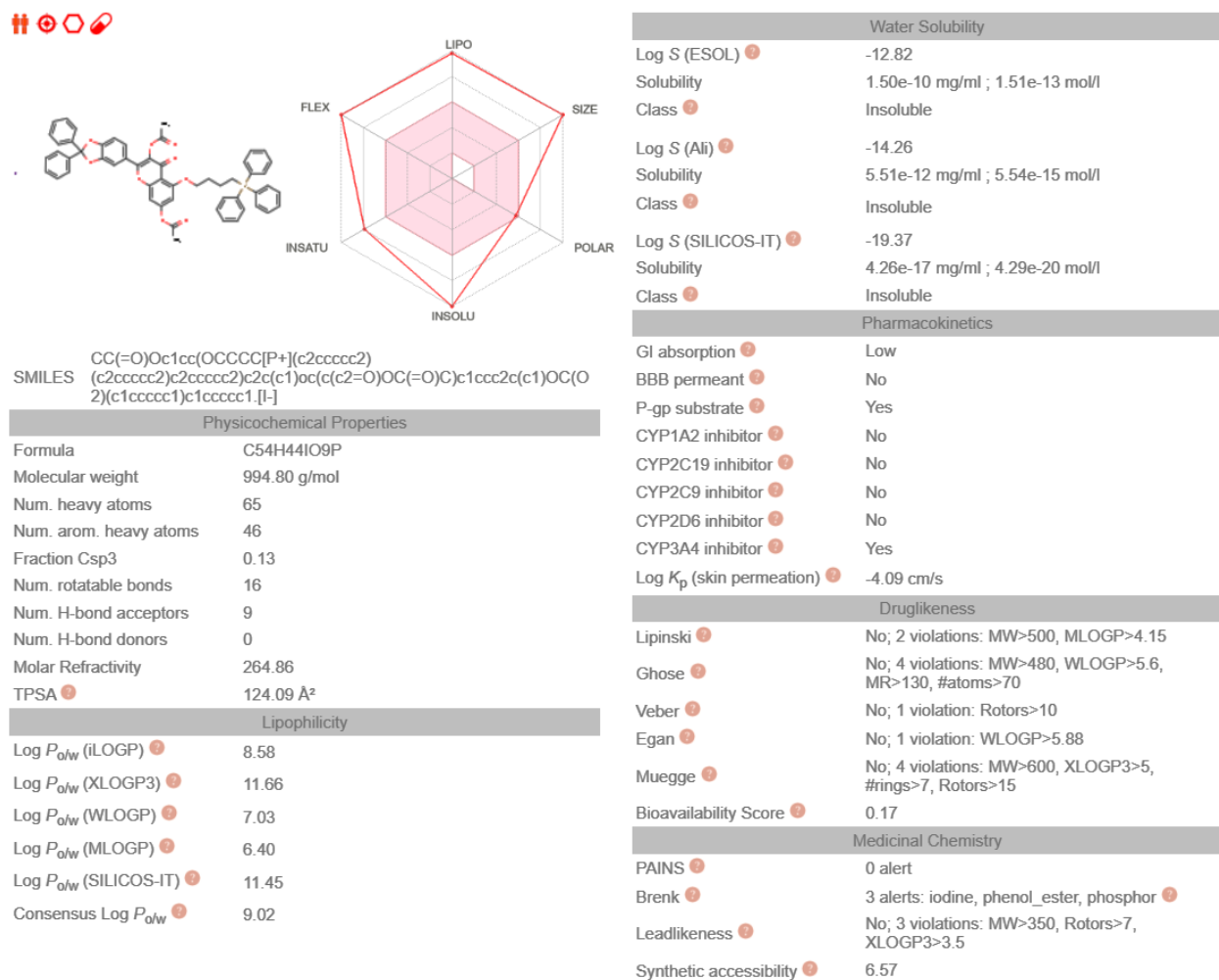


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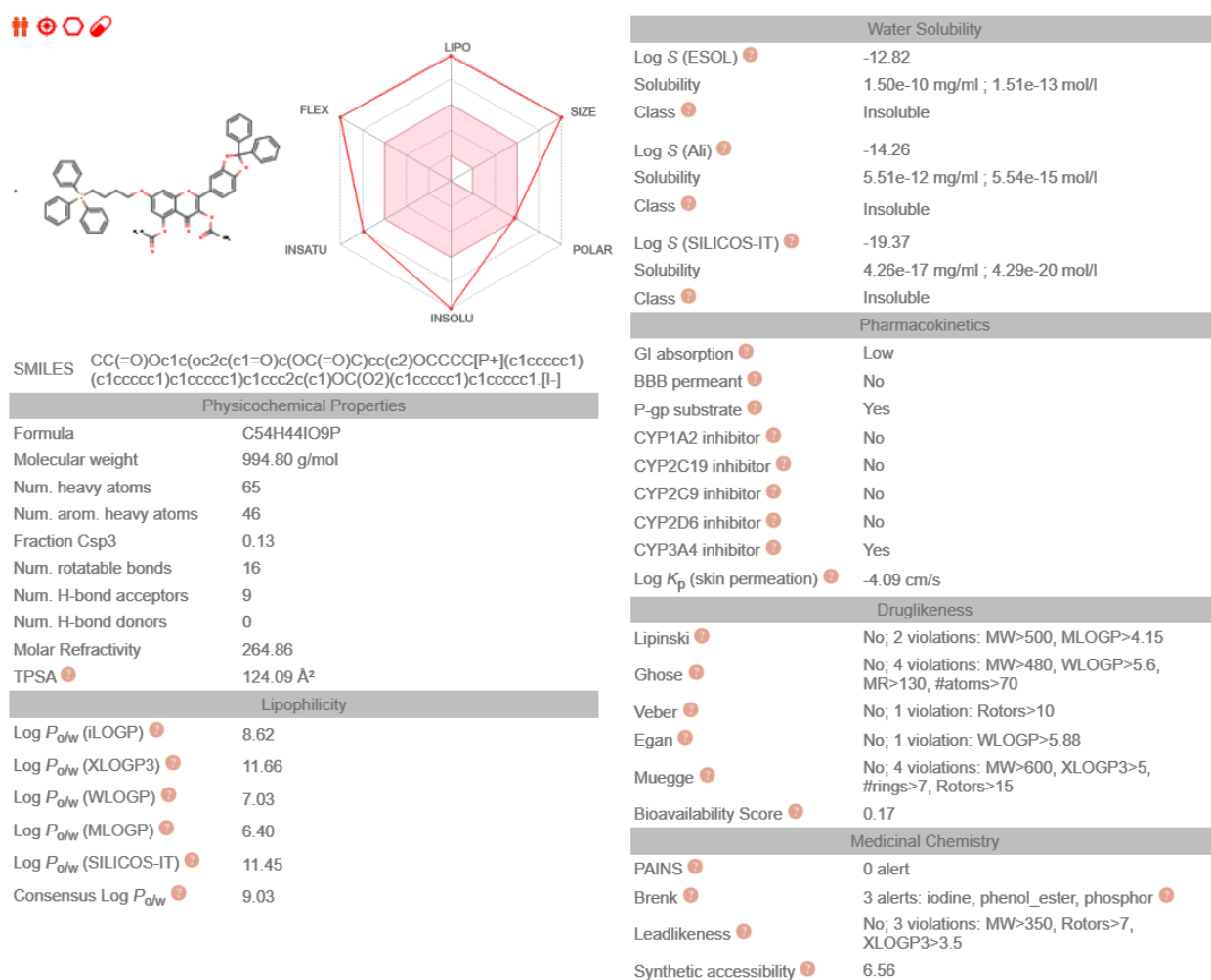


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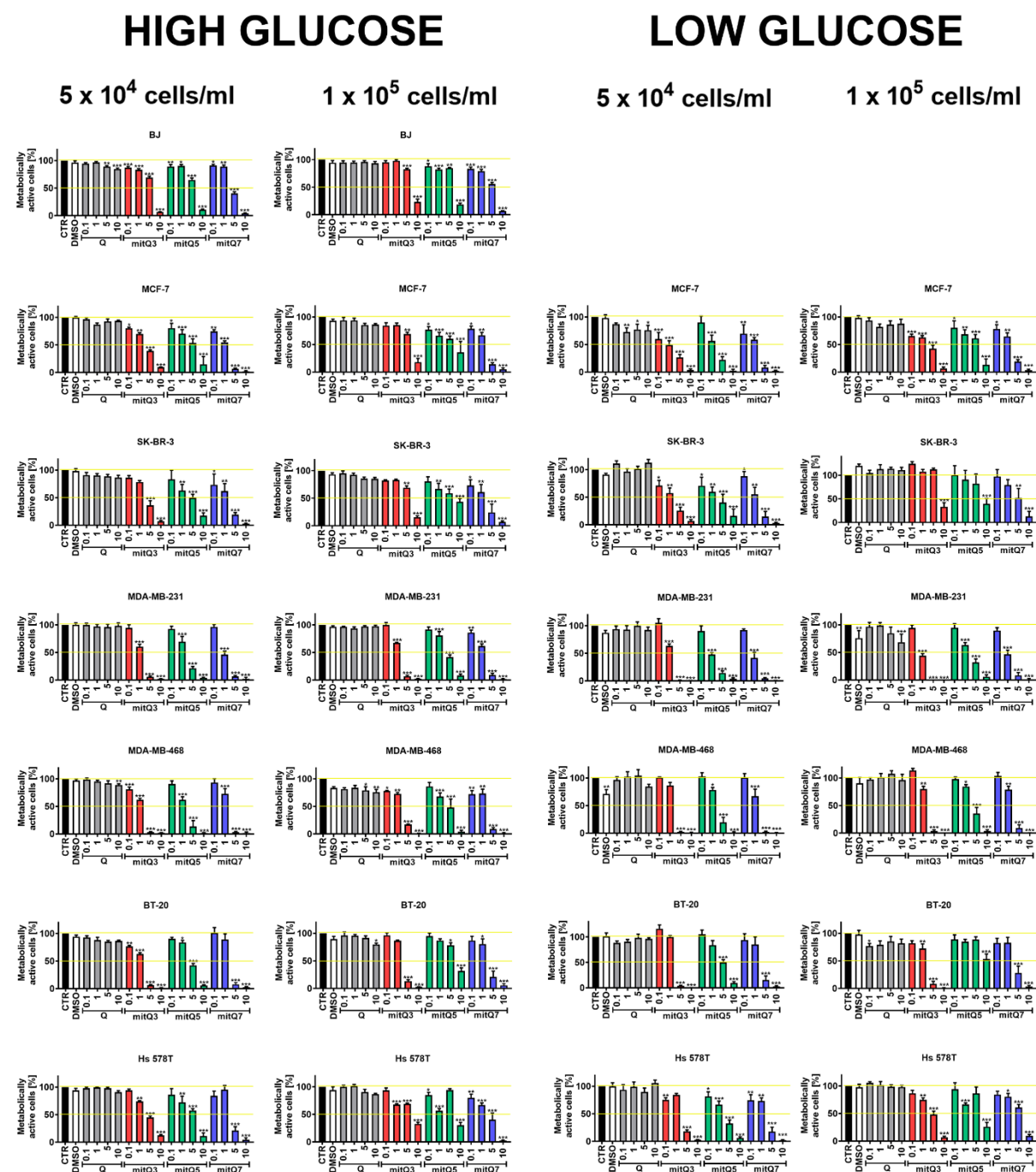


Figure S31. The effects of quercetin (Q) and mito-quercetin derivatives (mitQ3, 5, and 7) on metabolic activity of six breast cancer cell lines, namely, ER-positive MCF-7, HER2-positive SK-BR-3 and four triple negative (TNBC) MDA-MB-231, MDA-MB-468, BT-20, and Hs 578T cells. Normal human fibroblasts (BJ cells) were used for comparison. Cells were treated with Q, mitQ3, 5, and 7 at the concentrations of 0.1, 1, 5 and 10 μ M for 24 h. Two glucose concentrations in cell culture medium (DMEM), namely 4.5 g/l (high glucose, HG DMEM) and 1 g/l (low glucose, LG DMEM) and two cell concentrations, namely 5×10^4 cells/ml and 1×10^5 cells/ml were considered. Metabolic activity was assayed using MTT test. Metabolic activity at

untreated conditions (HG or LG conditions, CTR) is considered as 100%. As Q and mitQ3, 5 and 7 were dissolved in DMSO, the effects of DMSO were also studied. Yellow horizontal lines were used to emphasize the effects similar to the effects of untreated control (100% of metabolic activity, HG or LG conditions, CTR) and a decrease in metabolic activity of 50% compared to CTR. Bars indicate SD, $n = 3$, $***p < 0.001$, $**p < 0.01$, $*p < 0.05$ compared to HG or LG untreated control (CTR) (ANOVA and Dunnett's a posteriori test).

A

Number of genes with mutations involved in the mitochondrial functions

Gene mutations

Cell Line	Number of genes with mutations involved in the mitochondrial functions
Hs 578T	42
MDA-MB-231	30
SK-BR-3	28
BT-20	27
MCF-7	24
MDA-MB-468	16

Gene mutations (indicated by dots in the dot plot):

- Hs 578T: 42 genes
- MDA-MB-231: 30 genes
- SK-BR-3: 28 genes
- BT-20: 27 genes
- MCF-7: 24 genes
- MDA-MB-468: 16 genes

B

5 x 10⁴ cells/ml **1 x 10⁵ cells/ml** **5 x 10⁴ cells/ml** **1 x 10⁵ cells/ml**

Q **Q** **Q** **Q**

Metabolically active cells [%]

Genes with mutations

mitQ3

mitQ5

mitQ7

$r = -0.56$

$r = -0.65$

$r = 0.29$

$r = 0.03$

$r = -0.62$

$r = -0.10$

$r = -0.11$

$r = -0.44$

$r = -0.62$

$r = -0.29$

$r = -0.11$

$r = -0.20$

$r = -0.85$
 $p < 0.05$

$r = -0.73$

$r = -0.61$

$r = -0.53$

HG

LG

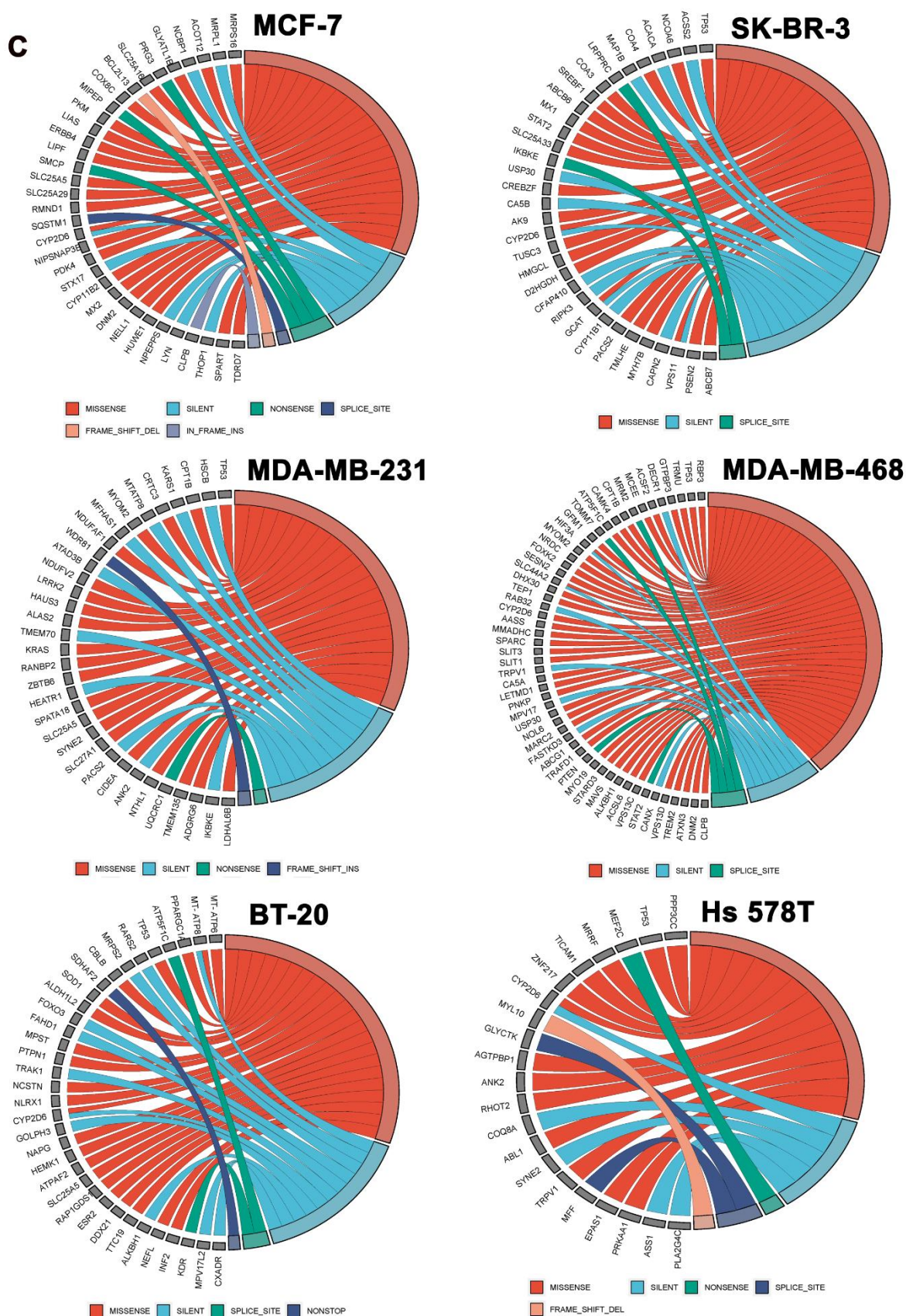
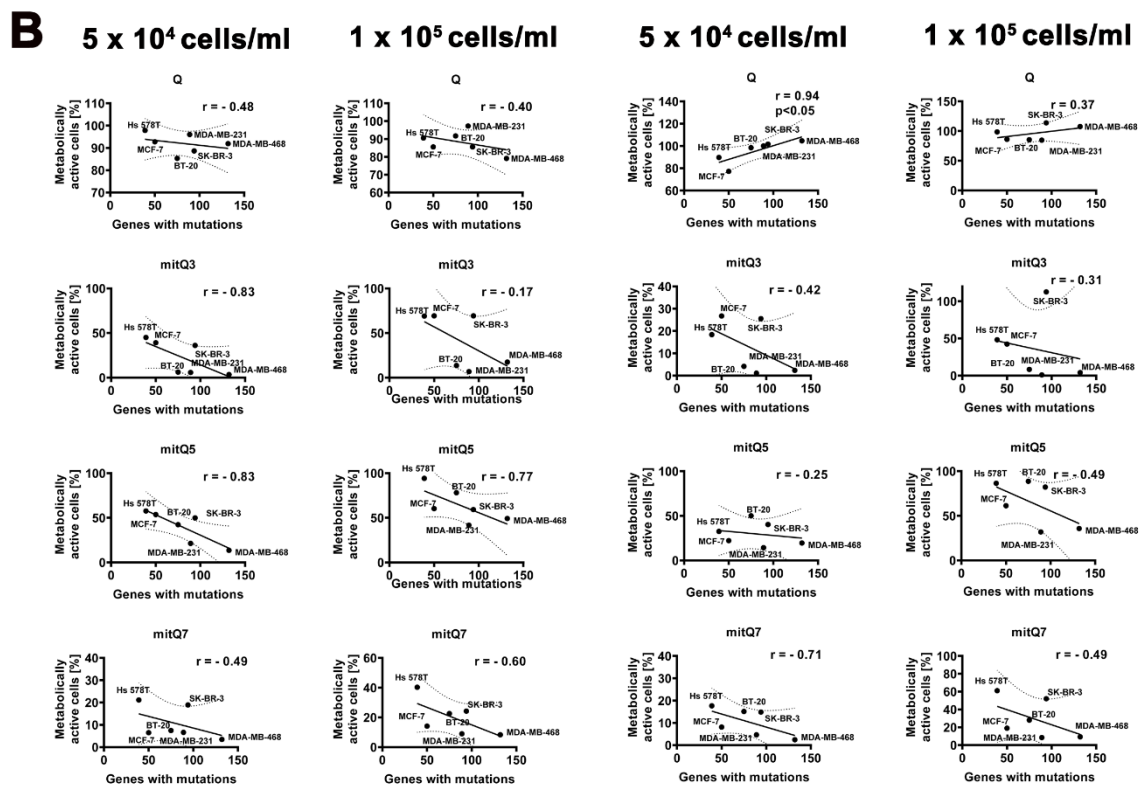
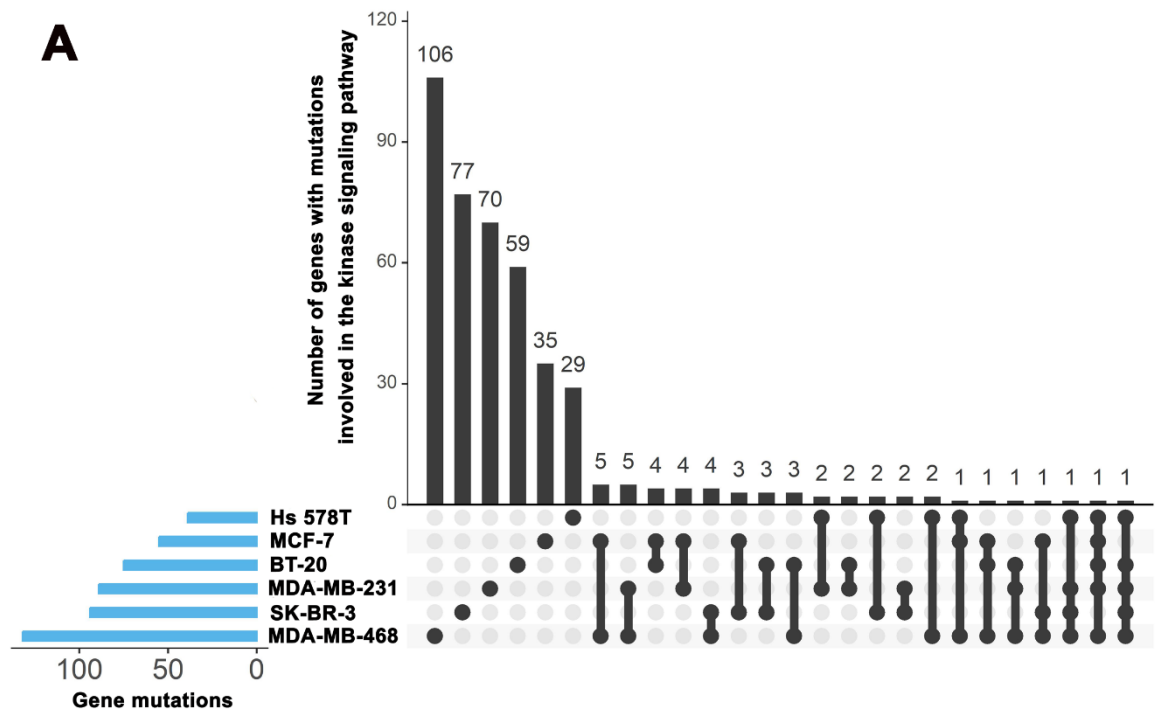


Figure S32. Mitochondria-related gene mutation status (A), correlation analysis between the metabolic activity (MTT-based data) and the number of gene mutations in genes involved in

mitochondrial functions (B), and mutation types (C) in six breast cancer cell lines used in the study. (A) Gene mutation raw data were acquired from DepMap portal (<https://depmap.org/portal/>). Set intersections in a matrix layout were visualized using the UpSet plot. Total, shared and unique gene mutations in genes involved in mitochondrial functions across six breast cancer cell lines are shown. Blue bars in the y -axis represent the number of gene mutations in genes involved in mitochondrial functions in each cell line. Black bars in the x -axis represent the number of mutations shared across cell lines connected by the black dots in the body of the plot. (B) Correlation analysis of the data was performed using a linear correlation (Spearman's r) test. The 95% confidence interval, r and p values are shown. (C) Gene mutation types are presented as a chord diagram (<https://www.bioinformatics.com.cn>). HG, high glucose DMEM (4.5 g/l); LG, low glucose DMEM (1 g/l).



HG

LG

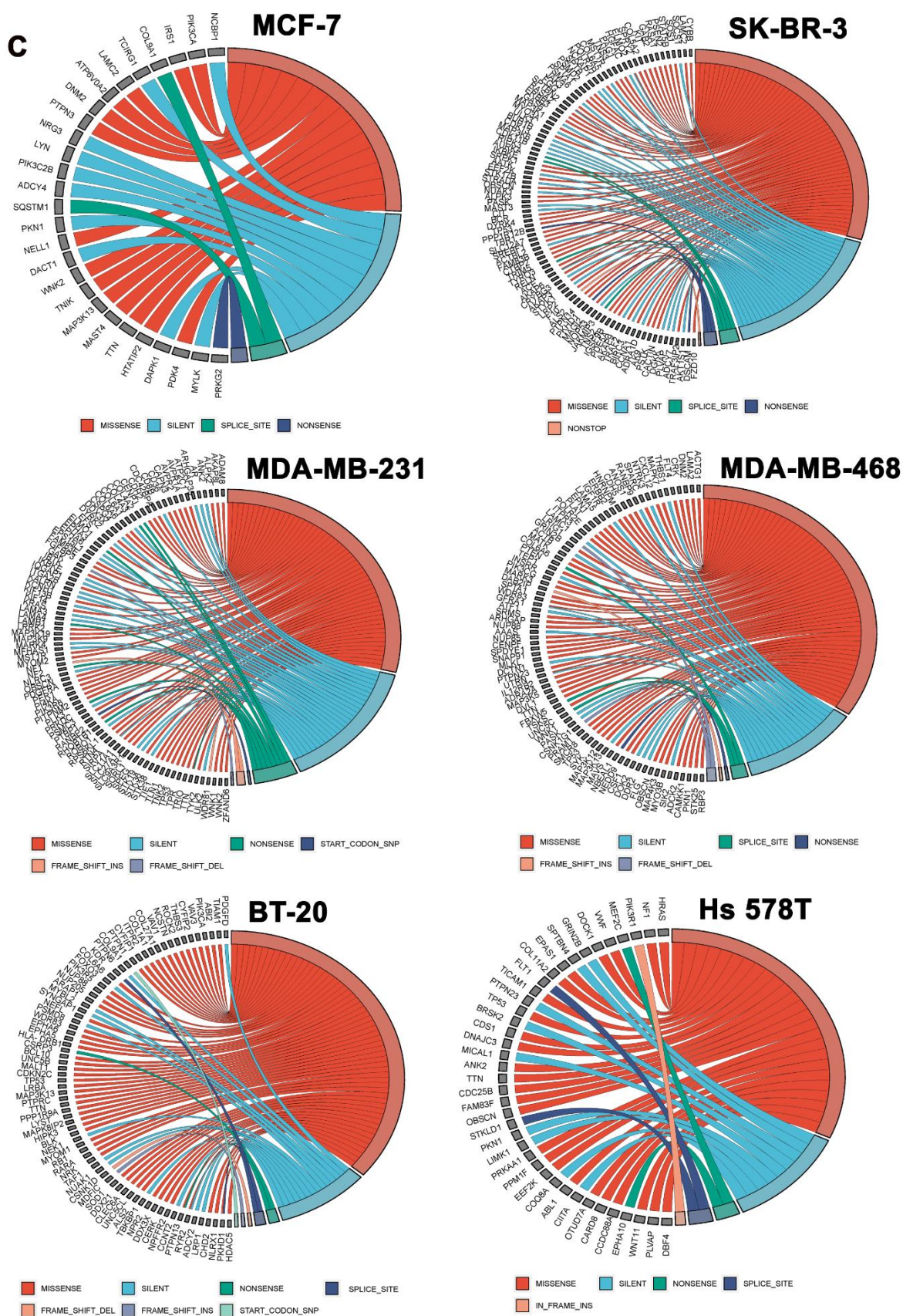


Figure S33. Kinase gene mutation status (A), correlation analysis between the metabolic activity (MTT-based data) and the number of kinase gene mutations (B) and mutation types (C) in six breast cancer cell lines used in the study. (A) Gene mutation raw data were acquired form

DepMap portal (<https://depmap.org/portal/>). Set intersections in a matrix layout were visualized using the UpSet plot. Total, shared and unique kinase gene mutations across six breast cancer cell lines are shown. Blue bars in the y -axis represent the number of kinase gene mutations in each cell line. Black bars in the x -axis represent the number of mutations shared across cell lines connected by the black dots in the body of the plot. (B) Correlation analysis of the data was performed using a linear correlation (Spearman's r) test. The 95% confidence interval, r and p values are shown. (C) Gene mutation types are presented as a chord diagram (<https://www.bioinformatics.com.cn>). HG, high glucose DMEM (4.5 g/l); LG, low glucose DMEM (1 g/l).

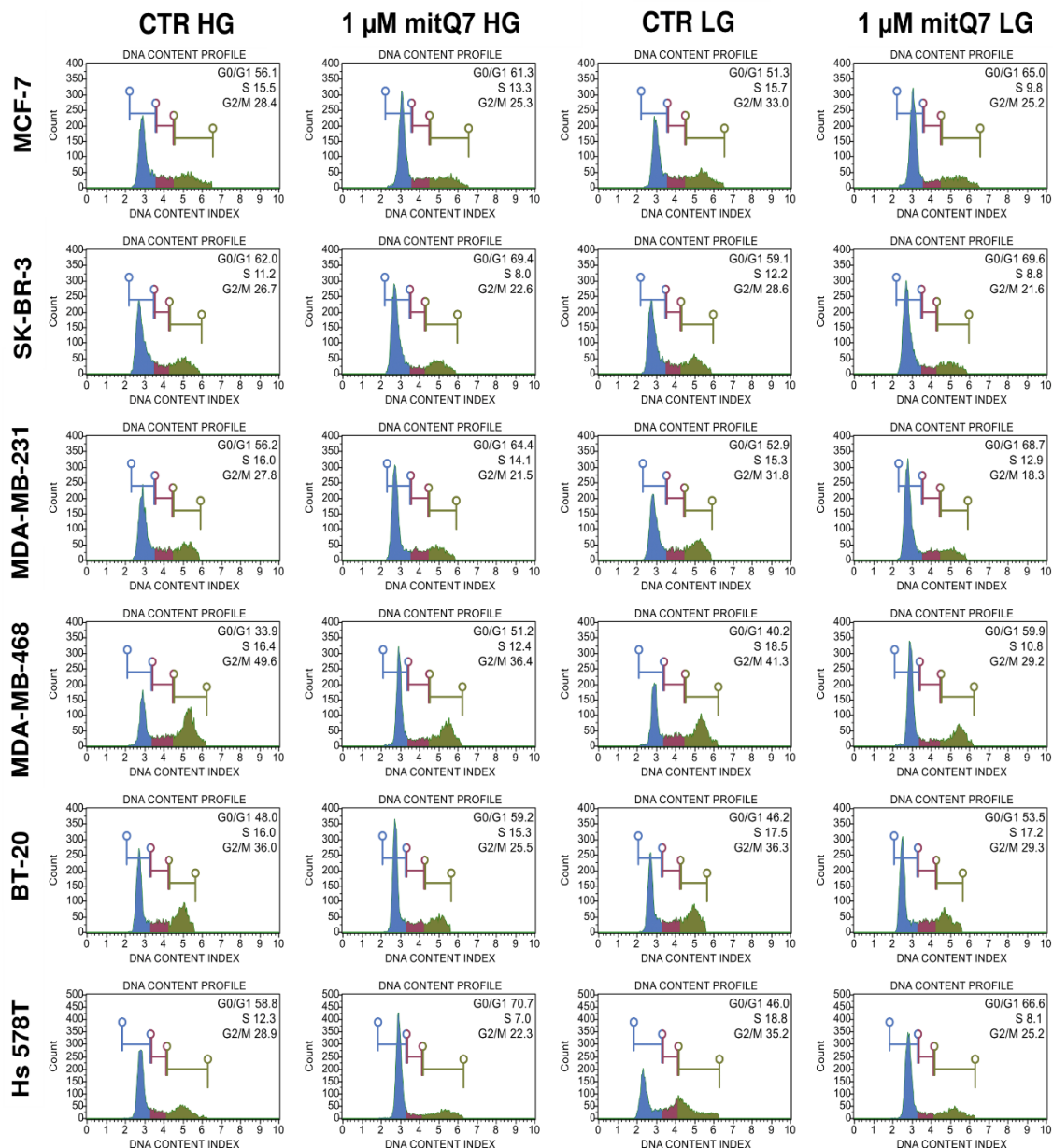


Figure S34. MitQ7-mediated changes in the phases of cell cycle in six breast cancer cell lines, namely, ER-positive MCF-7, HER2-positive SK-BR-3 and four triple negative (TNBC) MDA-MB-231, MDA-MB-468, BT-20, and Hs 578T cells. Breast cancer cells were treated with 1 μ M mitQ7 for 24 h. DNA content-based analysis of cell cycle using flow cytometry and dedicated DNA staining. Representative histograms are shown. HG, high glucose DMEM (4.5 g/l); LG, low glucose DMEM (1 g/l); CTR, untreated control.

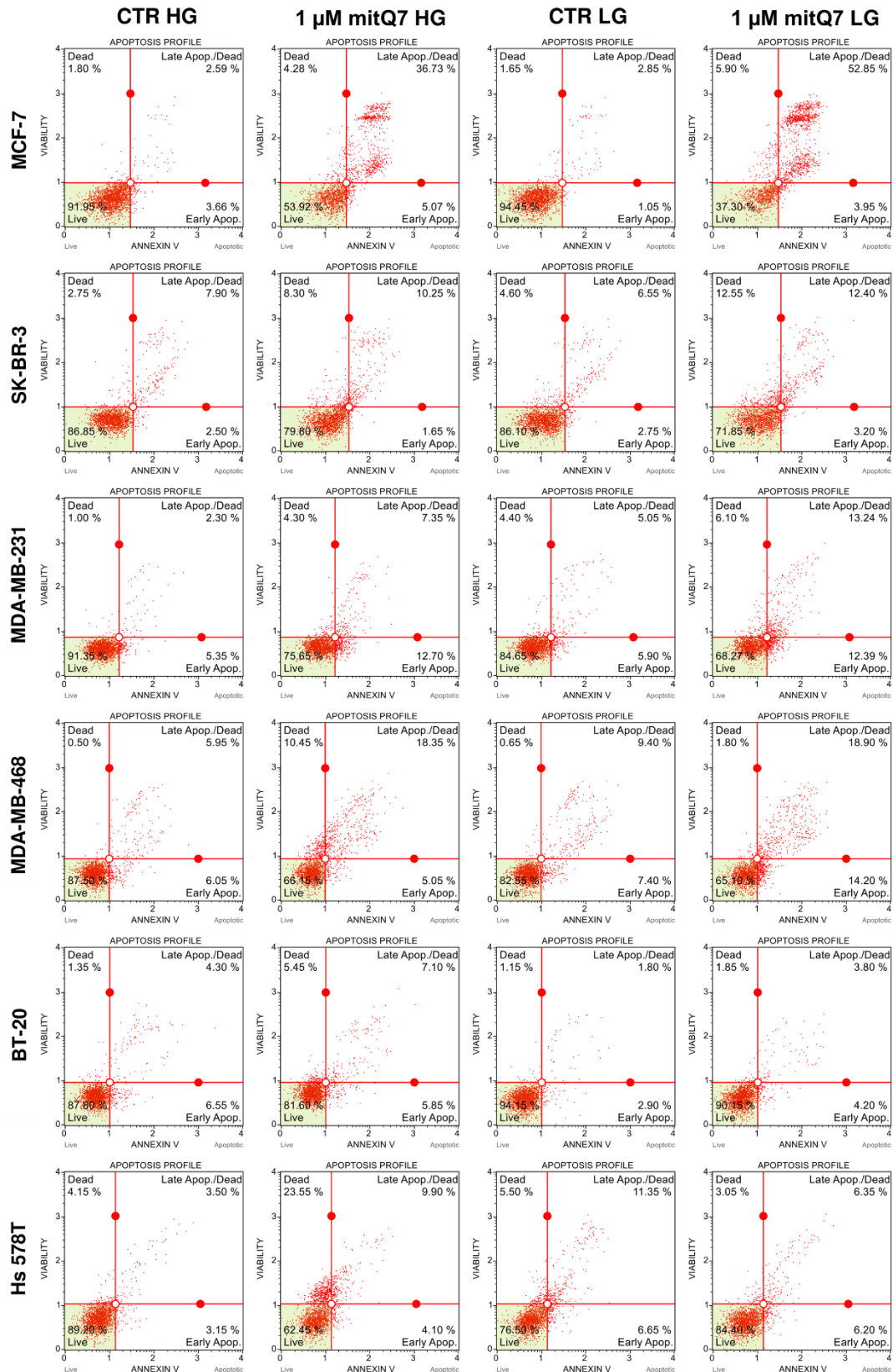


Figure S35. MitQ7-induced apoptosis in six breast cancer cell lines, namely, ER-positive MCF-7, HER2-positive SK-BR-3 and four triple negative (TNBC) MDA-MB-231, MDA-MB-468, BT-20, and Hs 578T cells. Breast cancer cells were treated with 1 μ M mitQ7 for 24 h. Apoptosis

was assayed using flow cytometry and Annexin V staining (apoptotic marker) and 7-AAD staining (necrotic marker). Four subpopulations were revealed, namely live cells (dual staining-negative), early apoptotic cells (Annexin V-positive), late apoptotic cells (dual staining-positive) and necrotic cells (7-AAD-positive). Representative dot plots are shown. HG, high glucose DMEM (4.5 g/l); LG, low glucose DMEM (1 g/l); CTR, untreated control.

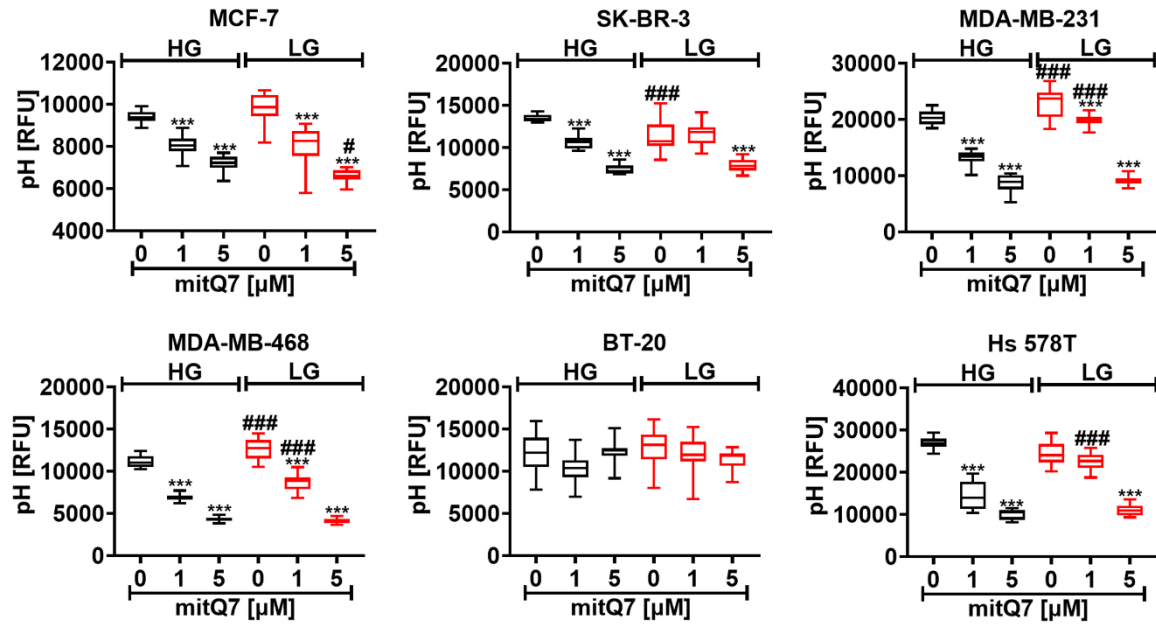


Figure S36. MitQ7-mediated changes in intracellular pH in six breast cancer cell lines, namely, ER-positive MCF-7, HER2-positive SK-BR-3 and four triple negative (TNBC) MDA-MB-231, MDA-MB-468, BT-20, and Hs 578T cells. Breast cancer cells were treated with 1 μM or 5 μM mitQ7 for 24 h. Imaging cytometry and dedicated protocol was considered. Intracellular alkalization was monitored as a decrease in fluorescent signals and is presented as relative fluorescence units (RFU). Box and whisker plots are shown, $n = 3$, *** $p < 0.001$ compared to HG or LG untreated control (ANOVA and Dunnett's a posteriori test), ### $p < 0.001$, # $p < 0.05$ compared to HG corresponding conditions (ANOVA and Dunnett's a posteriori test). HG, high glucose DMEM (4.5 g/l); LG, low glucose DMEM (1 g/l).

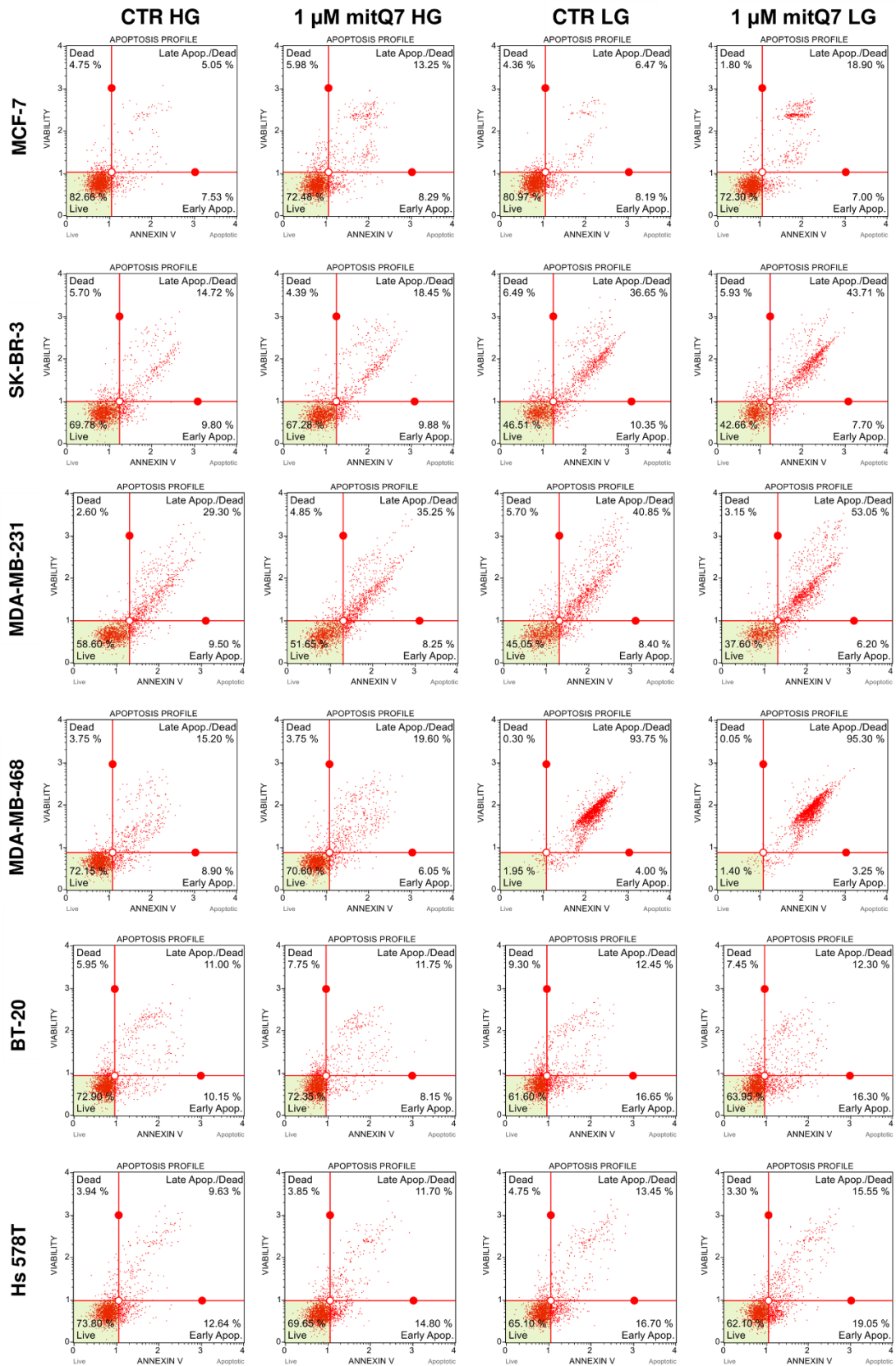


Figure S37. MitQ7-mediated senolytic activity in doxorubicin-induced senescent breast cancer cells. MCF-7, SK-BR-3, MDA-MB-231, MDA-MB-468, BT-20, and Hs 578T cells were treated with 35 nM doxorubicin for 24 h and left for growth for 7 days after drug removal to

induce senescence program. Doxorubicin-induced senescent breast cancer cells were then treated with 1 μ M mitQ7 for 24 h and apoptosis was assayed using flow cytometry and Annexin V staining. Representative dot plots are shown. HG, high glucose DMEM (4.5 g/l); LG, low glucose DMEM (1 g/l); CTR, untreated control.

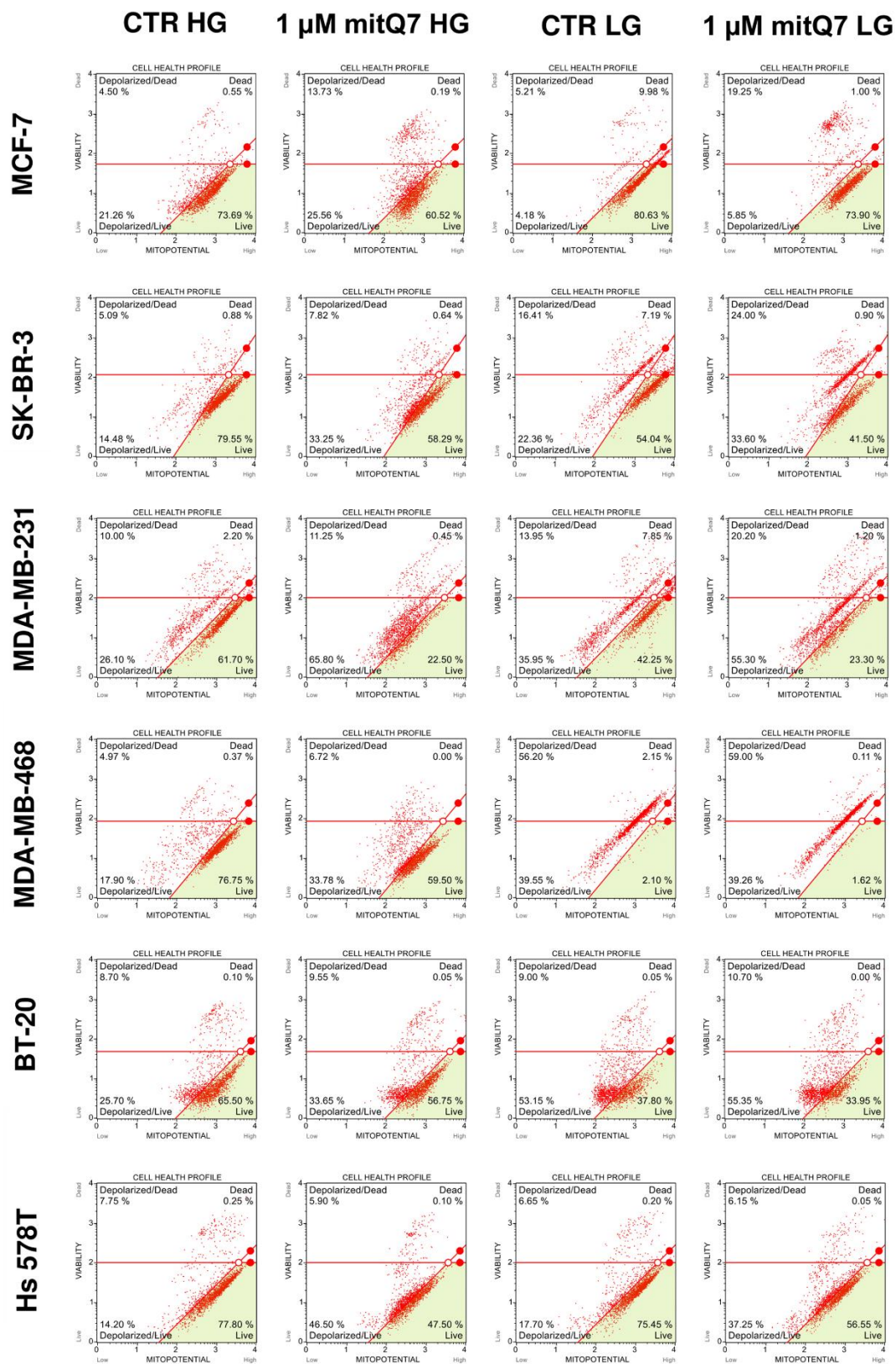


Figure S38. MitQ7-mediated changes in mitochondrial transmembrane potential in doxorubicin-induced senescent breast cancer cells. MCF-7, SK-BR-3, MDA-MB-231, MDA-MB-468, BT-20, and Hs 578T cells were treated with 35 nM doxorubicin for 24 h and left for

growth for 7 days after drug removal to induce senescence program. Doxorubicin-induced senescent breast cancer cells were then treated with 1 μ M mitQ7 for 24 h and changes in mitochondrial transmembrane potential were revealed using flow cytometry and dedicated mitopotential probe. Four cell subpopulations were distinguished, namely cells with intact mitochondrial membrane and 7-AAD-negative (live), cells with depolarized mitochondrial membrane and 7-AAD-negative (depolarized/live), cells with depolarized mitochondrial membrane and 7-AAD-positive (depolarized/dead), and cells with intact mitochondrial membrane and 7-AAD-positive (dead). Representative dot plots are shown. HG, high glucose DMEM (4.5 g/l); LG, low glucose DMEM (1 g/l); CTR, untreated control.