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**Confocal Raman Spectral Imaging Study of DAPT, a γ -secretase
Inhibitor, Induced Physiological and Biochemical Responses in
Osteosarcoma Cells**

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1. The spectral contribution of nucleic acid in cell nucleus

The DAPT induced cellular changes was identified by the morphology and spectral characteristics between untreated cells and treated cells, testified that DAPT mainly acted in the nuclear region. We calculate the content changes in the nucleic acid contribution based on spectra presented in Fig. 4D. It could be found that both 787 and 1096 cm^{-1} bands showed a similar variation patterns of spectral contribution in UT, 10T and 20T groups. For 1096 cm^{-1} bands in Nucleus, it showed a same variation pattern with the spectral contribution of 1096 cm^{-1} bands by using mean spectra in Fig. 1. However, the spectral contribution of 787 cm^{-1} bands increased in the 10T group and gradually decreased in 20T group. Since 787 cm^{-1} peak is associated with uracil, thymine, and cytosine ring breathing modes in DNA and RNA bases, its spectral contribution variation may be due to DNA damage and DNA-repair pathway inhibition in DAPT-treated cells, especially in nuclear. The hypothesis is that after 10 μM DAPT

action, the cell proliferation would be interrupted, which may prevent cell division at G phase. Thus, the number of chromosomes is increased, and the content of nucleic acid is improved.

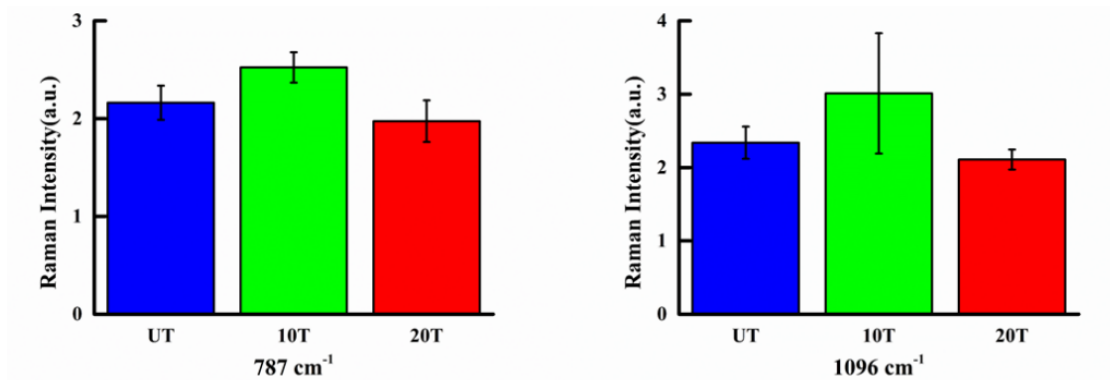


Fig.1S: Box chart displaying the relative spectral contributions of nucleic acid at 787 and 1096 cm^{-1} in the clustered nuclear region of sampled osteosarcoma cells in the UT group (blue), 10 UT group (green) and 20 UT group (red).