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## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

for

Phosphorylated 5-ethynyl-2'-deoxyuridine for advanced DNA labeling

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1. Glycosidic bond hydrolysis by pyrimidine phosphorylases generates 5-ethynyluracil, itself a toxic antimetabolite

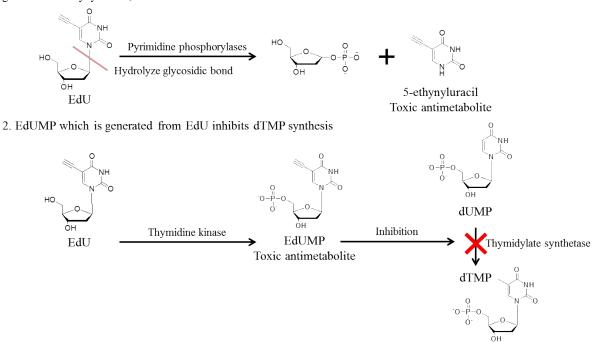


Figure S1. Cytotoxic pathways of EdU.

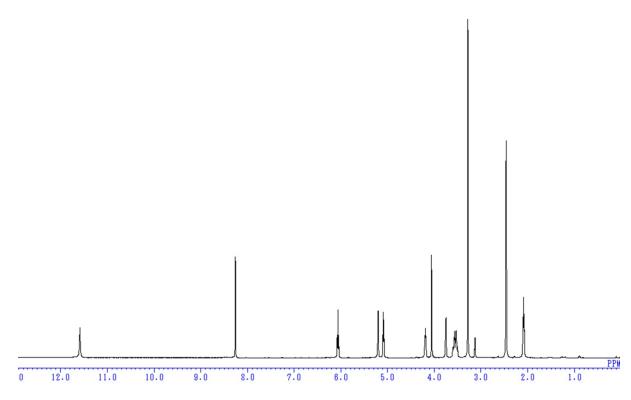


Figure S2.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz) of EdU(1) in DMSO at 25 °C.

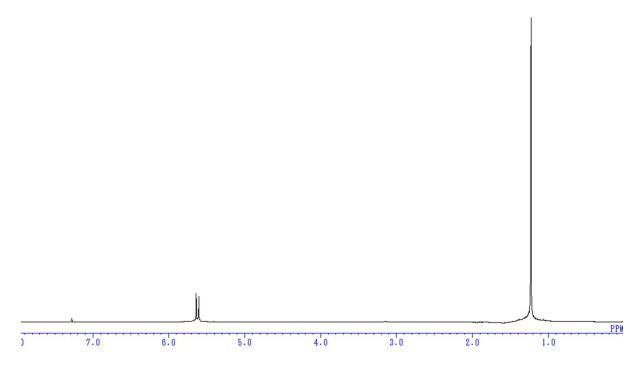


Figure S3.  $^{1}$ H NMR spectrum (400 MHz) of chlorobis(POM) phosphate(2) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25  $^{\circ}$ C.

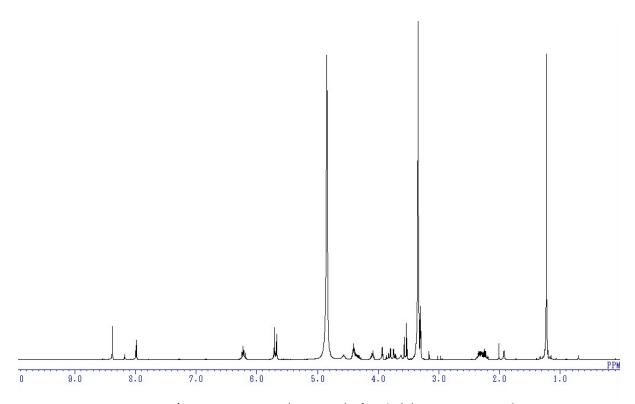


Figure S4.  $^1$ H NMR spectrum (400 MHz) of PEdU(3) in CD<sub>3</sub>OD at 25  $^{\circ}$ C.

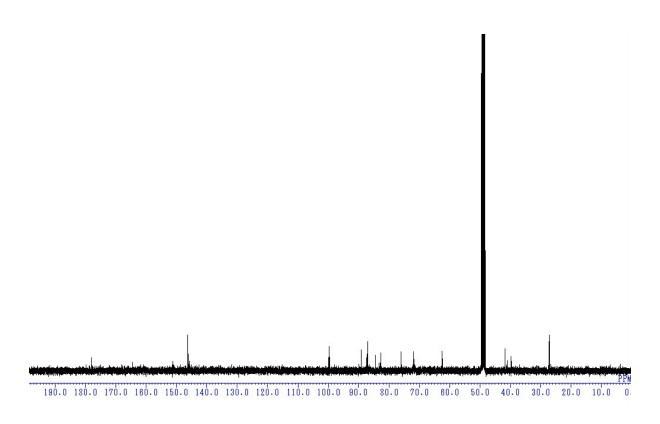


Figure S5.  $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum (400 MHz) of PEdU(3) in CD<sub>3</sub>OD at 25 °C.

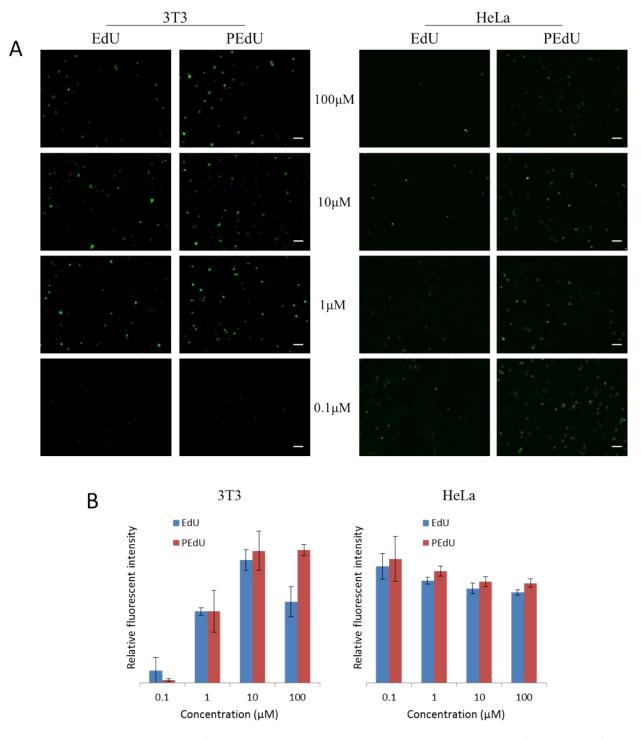


Figure S6. Metabolic labeling of DNA in 3T3 and HeLa cells at various concentrations (0.1–100  $\mu$ M) of EdU or PEdU. After 72 h, incorporated DNA was stained with Alexa Fluor 488 azide (A). Scale bar: 50  $\mu$ m. The relative fluorescence intensity was measured using image analysis software (B). n=4

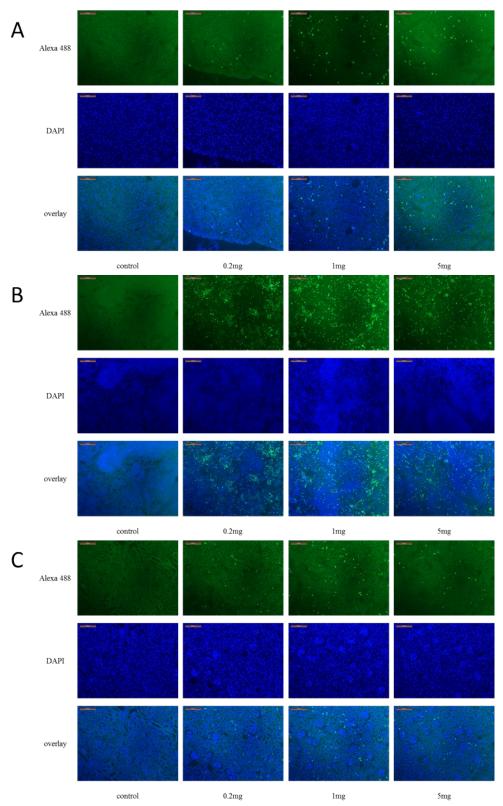


Figure S7. Mice were injected i.p. with 0.2, 1 or 5 mg PEdU. After **24** h, livers (A), spleens (B) and kidneys (C) were harvested. Sections from the organs were fixed and stained with Alexa Fluor 488 azide. Total DNA was stained with DAPI. Scale bar: 100 μm.

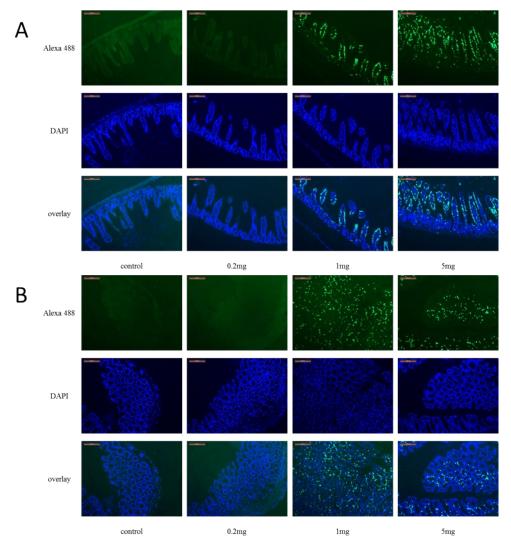


Figure S8. Mice were injected i.p. with 0.2, 1 or 5 mg PEdU. After **48** h, ileums (A) and colons (B) were harvested. Sections from the organs were fixed and stained with Alexa Fluor 488 azide. Total DNA was stained with DAPI. Scale bar: 100 μm.

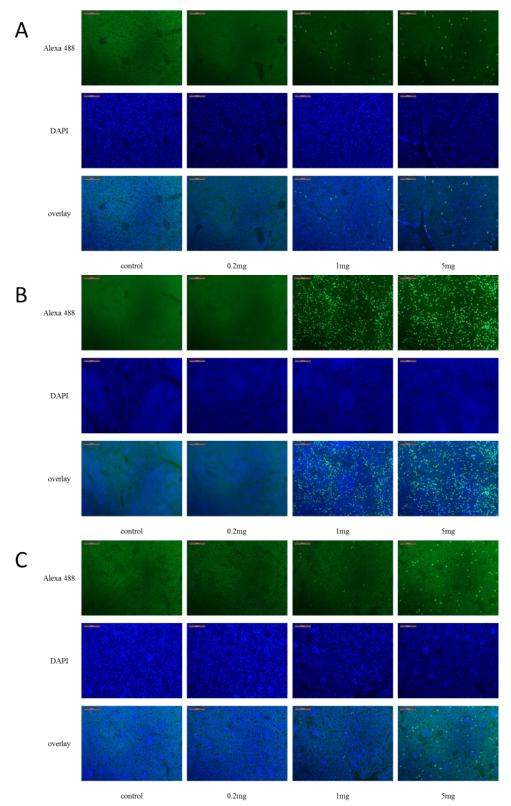


Figure S9. Mice were injected i.p. with 0.2, 1 or 5 mg PEdU. After **48** h, livers (A), spleens (B) and kidneys (C) were harvested. Sections from the organs were fixed and stained with Alexa Fluor 488 azide. Total DNA was stained with DAPI. Scale bar: 100 μm.