*Figure S1. Representative imagines of the uptake of 2c derivatives n10/11 and VV1 fluorescently labelled in Kuramochi and OVCAR3 cell lines* 

## A) Kuramochi



**B) OVCAR3** 



A) and B) Representative images of Kuramochi and OVCAR3, respectively, treated by the 2c-derivatives n10, n11 (see table 1) or VV1 (2  $\mu$ M) conjugated with fluorescein; images were taken 24 hours after drug administration; scale bar: 100  $\mu$ m, magnification 20x; nuclei have been labelled by DAPI (blue); images were taken with a Leica DM2000 fluorescence microscope.

*Figure S2. Representative imagines of the morphology of OVCAR3 and Kuramochi cell lines following 2c administration* 



Representative imagines of the morphology of OVCAR3 (A) and Kuramochi (B) cell lines, analysed with a Leica DM 2000 phase contrast microscope, 24 hours after treatment with the 2c and the VV1 control, at a concentration of  $2\mu$ M. (40/63x objective, Bar: 10 $\mu$ m).

Figure S3. Trilencer siRNA uptake in OVCAR3 and Kuramochi

## OVCAR3



OVCAR3/Kuramochi were seeded at the density of  $7,2*10^4$  cells/well in six well plate on collagen I coated slide; transfection was carried 24 hours later for 4 hours using the red fluorescent Trilencer siRNA complexed with lipofectamine 2000. Imagines were taken immdediately after the end of transfection. Scale bar: 100 µm, magnification 20x; nuclei have been labelled by DAPI (blue); images were taken with a Leica DM2000 fluorescence microscope

Figure S4. In silico docking of 2c to deubiquitinase UCHL5: molecular details



A) Ligand interaction map for the "in" complex. Green: hydrophobic; cyan: polar; red: negatively charged.

B) Ligand interaction map for the "out" complex. Green: hydrophobic; cyan: polar; red: negatively charged; violet: positively charged.



*Figure S5.* Conjugation of the secondary alcohol group of 2c to primary amines and to carboxylic acids



**Reagents and conditions**: a) N,N'-disuccinidimyl carbonate; b) R-NH<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, TEA, rt 12 h, 52-85%. c) for R=(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NHBoc and R=(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>NHBoc: 10% TFA in DCM, rt, 12h; 82-85% overall. d) (L)-BocNHPhe or (L)-BocNHLeu, EDC, HOBt, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, TEA, 25 °C, 12h. e) 10% TFA in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C, 12h, 62-70% overall.