

Supplementary Materials: Alisertib Induces Cell Cycle Arrest, Apoptosis, Autophagy and Suppresses EMT in HT29 and Caco-2 Cells

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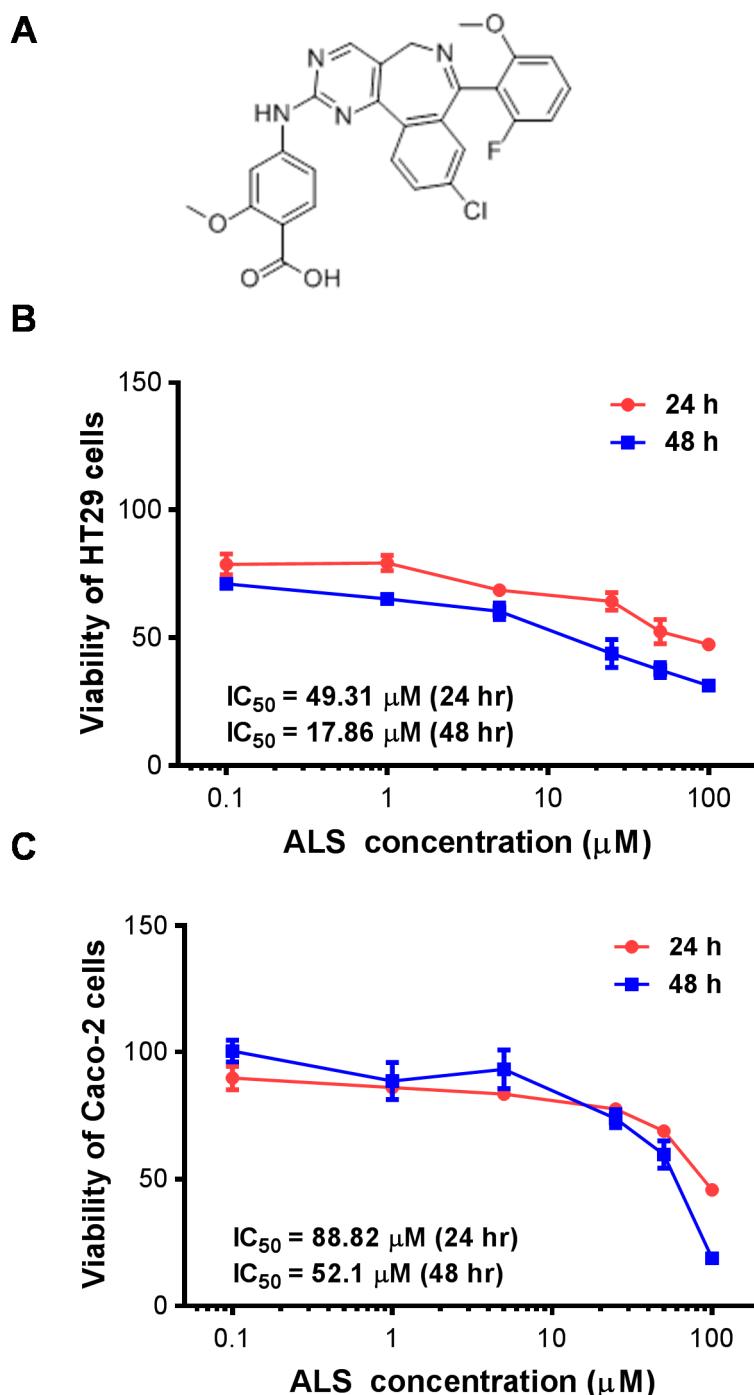


Figure S1. The chemical structure of alisertib (ALS) and the viability of HT29 and Caco-2 cells after treatment of ALS. HT29 and Caco-2 cells were treated with ALS at concentrations ranging from 0.1 to 100 μM for 24 and 48 h. (A) The chemical structure of ALS and cell viability of HT29 (B) and Caco-2 (C) cells examined by 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) assay.

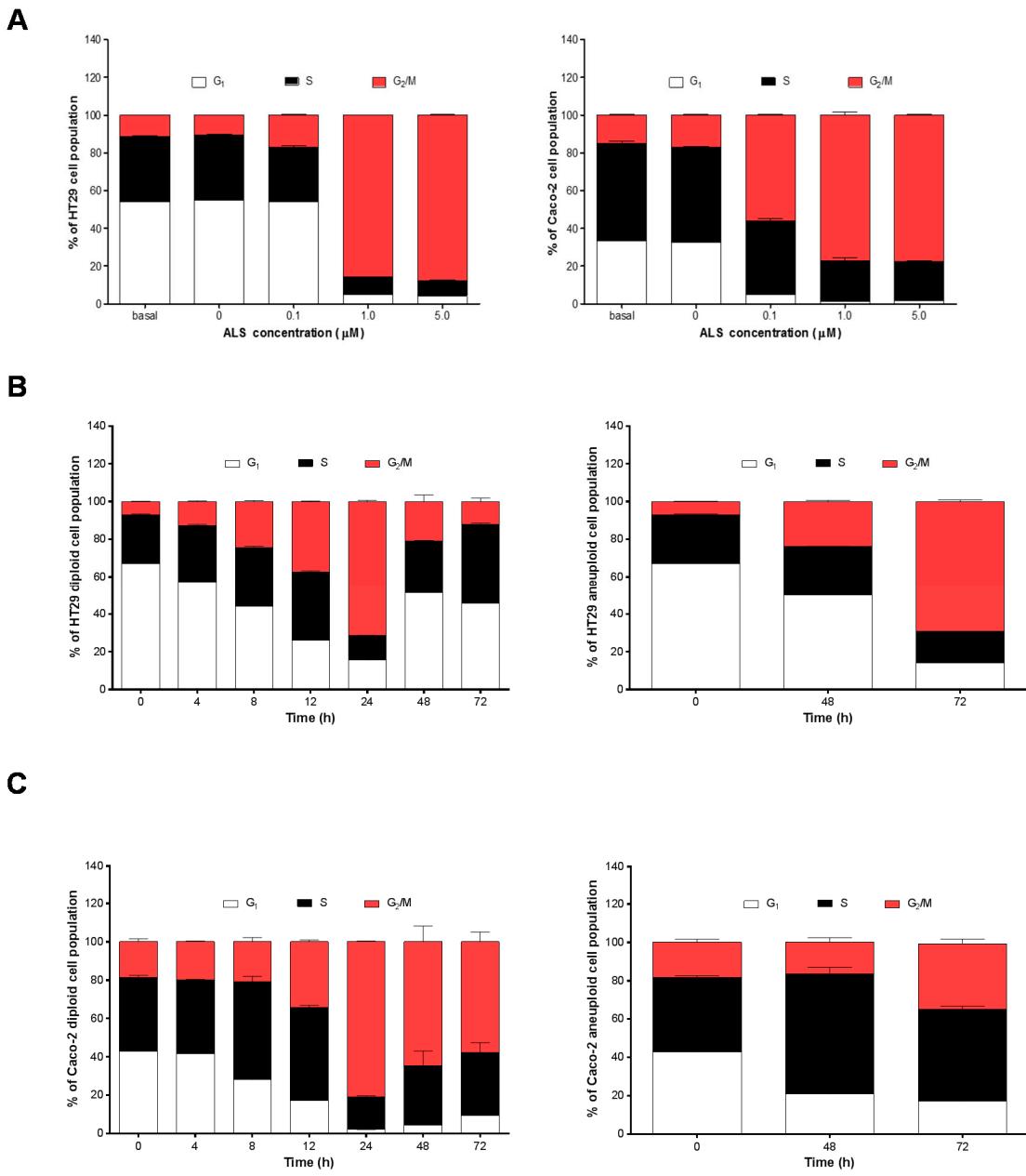


Figure S2. ALS induces cell cycle arrest in G₂/M phase in HT29 and Caco-2 cells. **(A)** HT29 and Caco-2 cells were treated with ALS at 0.1, 1, and 5 μM for 24 h and then subjected to flow cytometric analysis. The bar graphs showing the percentage of HT29 and Caco-2 cells in G₁, S, and G₂/M phases; **(B)** Time course of ALS-induced cell cycle change over 72 h in HT29 cells. Bar graphs showing the cell cycle distribution when the cells were treated with ALS at 1 μM for 4, 8, 12, 24, 48, and 72 h; **(C)** Time course of ALS-induced cell cycle change over 72 h in Caco-2 cells. Bar graphs showing the cell cycle distribution when the cells were treated with ALS at 1 μM for 4, 8, 12, 24, 48, and 72 h. Cells were stained with PI and subjected to flow cytometric analysis that collected 15,000 events. Data represent the mean + SD of three independent experiments.

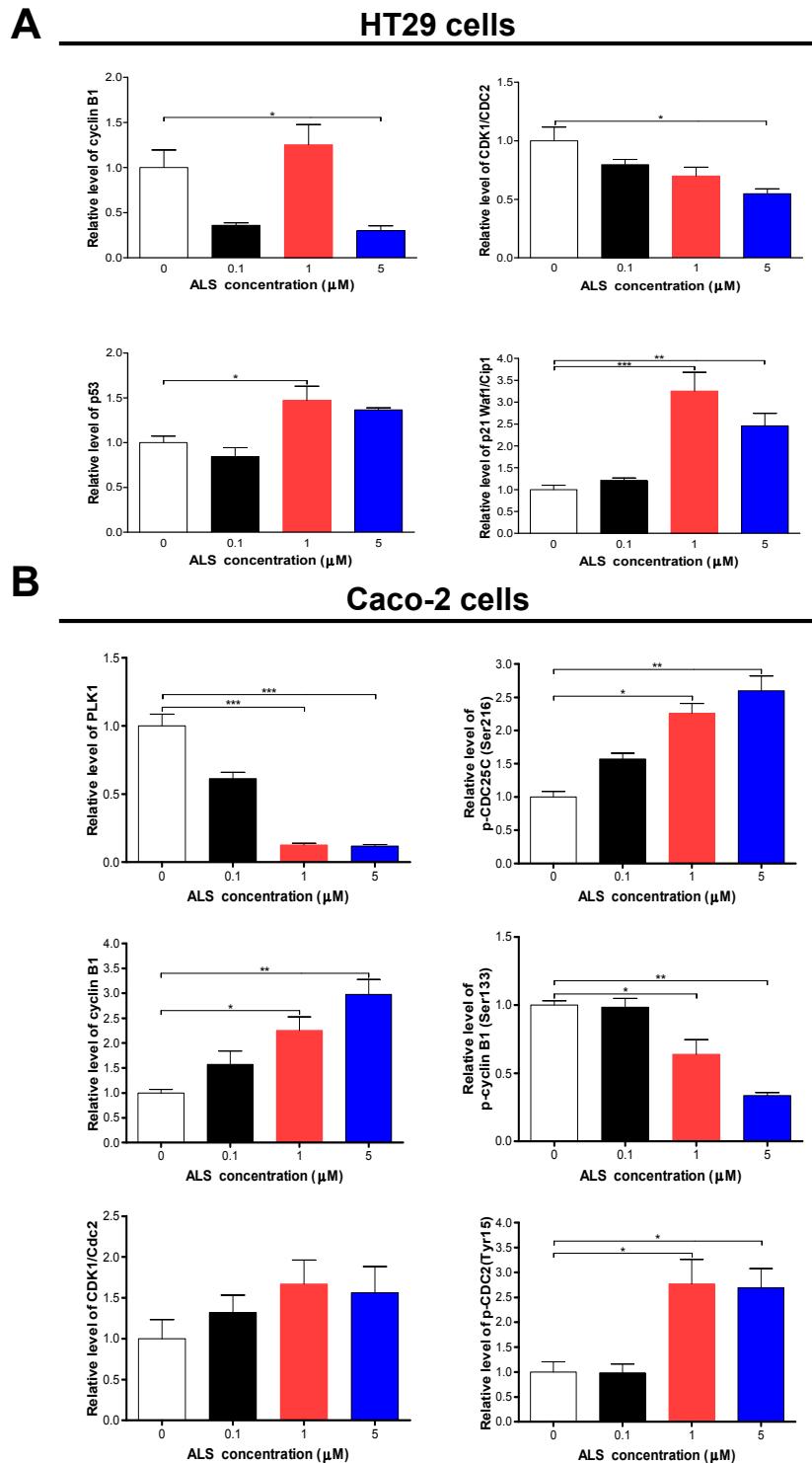


Figure S3. Effect of ALS on expression level of key regulators of cell cycle in HT29 and Caco-2 cells. (A) Bar graphs show the relative expression levels of CDK1/CDC2, cyclin B1, p21 Waf1/Cip1, and p53 in HT29 cells; (B) Bar graphs showing the relative expression level of PLKI, p.CDC25C (ser216), cyclin B1, p-cyclin B1 (ser133), CDK1/CDC2, and p-CDC2 (Tyr15) in Caco-2 cells. Data are shown as the mean \pm SD of three independent experiments. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, and *** $p < 0.001$ by one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA).

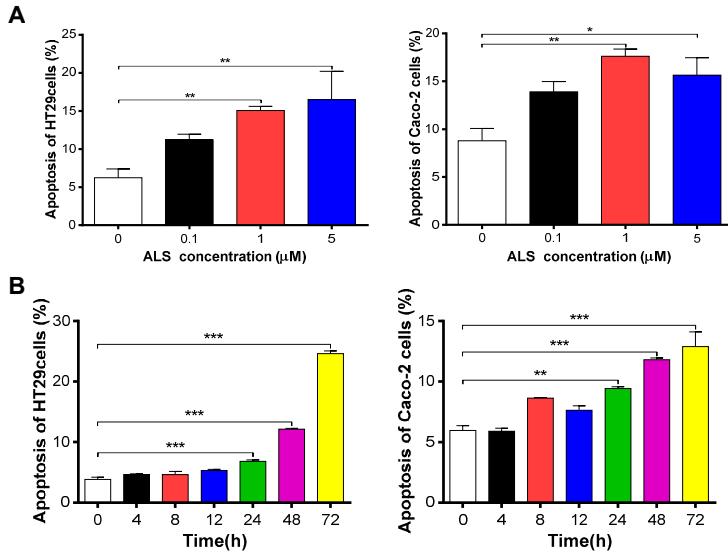


Figure S4. ALS induces apoptotic death in HT29 and Caco-2 cells. (A) H T 29 and Caco-2 cells were exposed to ALS at 0.1, 1, and 5 μM for 24 h and then subjected to flow cytometric analysis. Bar graphs showing the percentage of apoptotic cells in HT29 and Caco-2 cells; (B) H T 29 and Caco-2 cells were treated with ALS at 1 μM for 4, 8, 12, 24, 48, and 72 h and then subjected to flow cytometric analysis. Bar graphs showing the percentage of cells in the live, early apoptosis and late apoptosis stages in HT29 and Caco-2 cells. Data represent the mean + SD of three independent experiments. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, and *** $p < 0.001$ by one-way ANOVA.

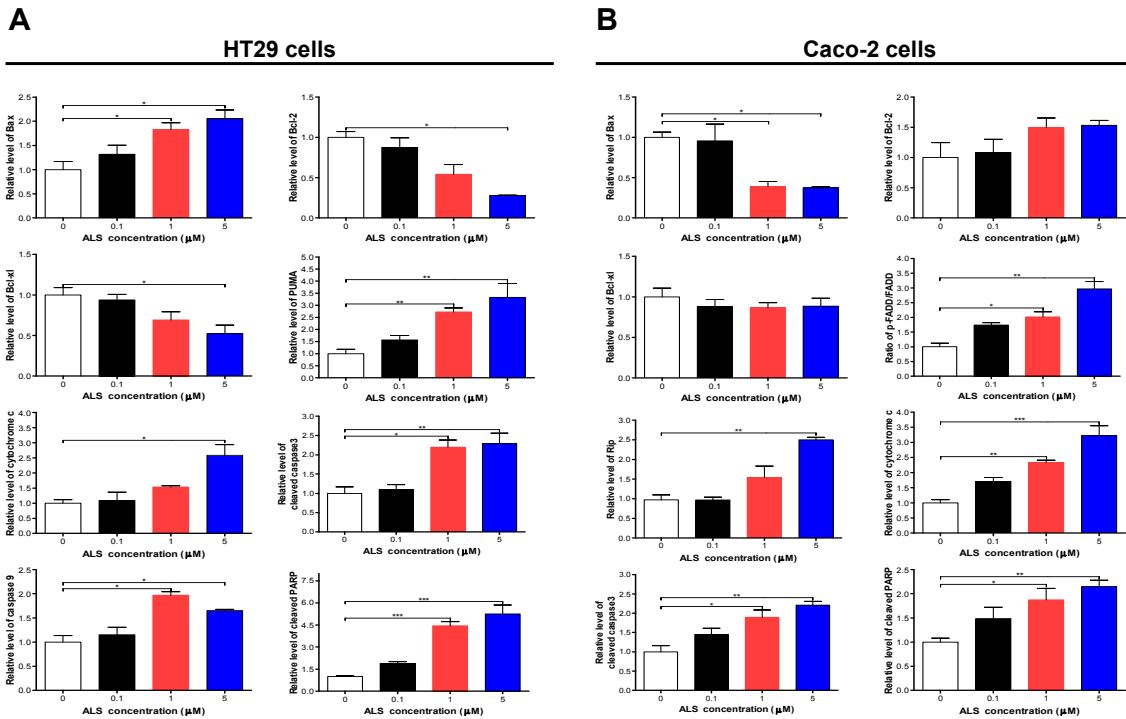


Figure S5. Effect of ALS on the expression level of key proapoptotic and antiapoptotic molecules in HT29 and Caco-2 cells. (A) Bar graphs showing the relative level of Bcl-xL, Bax, Bcl-2, PUMA, cytochrome c, cleaved caspase 3, cleaved caspase 9, and cleaved PARP in HT29 cells; (B) Bar graphs showing the relative level of Bcl-xL, Bax, Bcl-2, p-FADD (Ser194), FADD, RIP, cytochrome c, cleaved caspase 3, and cleaved PARP in Caco-2 cells. β -Actin was used as the internal control. Data are expressed as the mean SD of three independent experiments. * $p < 0.05$ and ** $p < 0.01$ by one-way ANOVA.

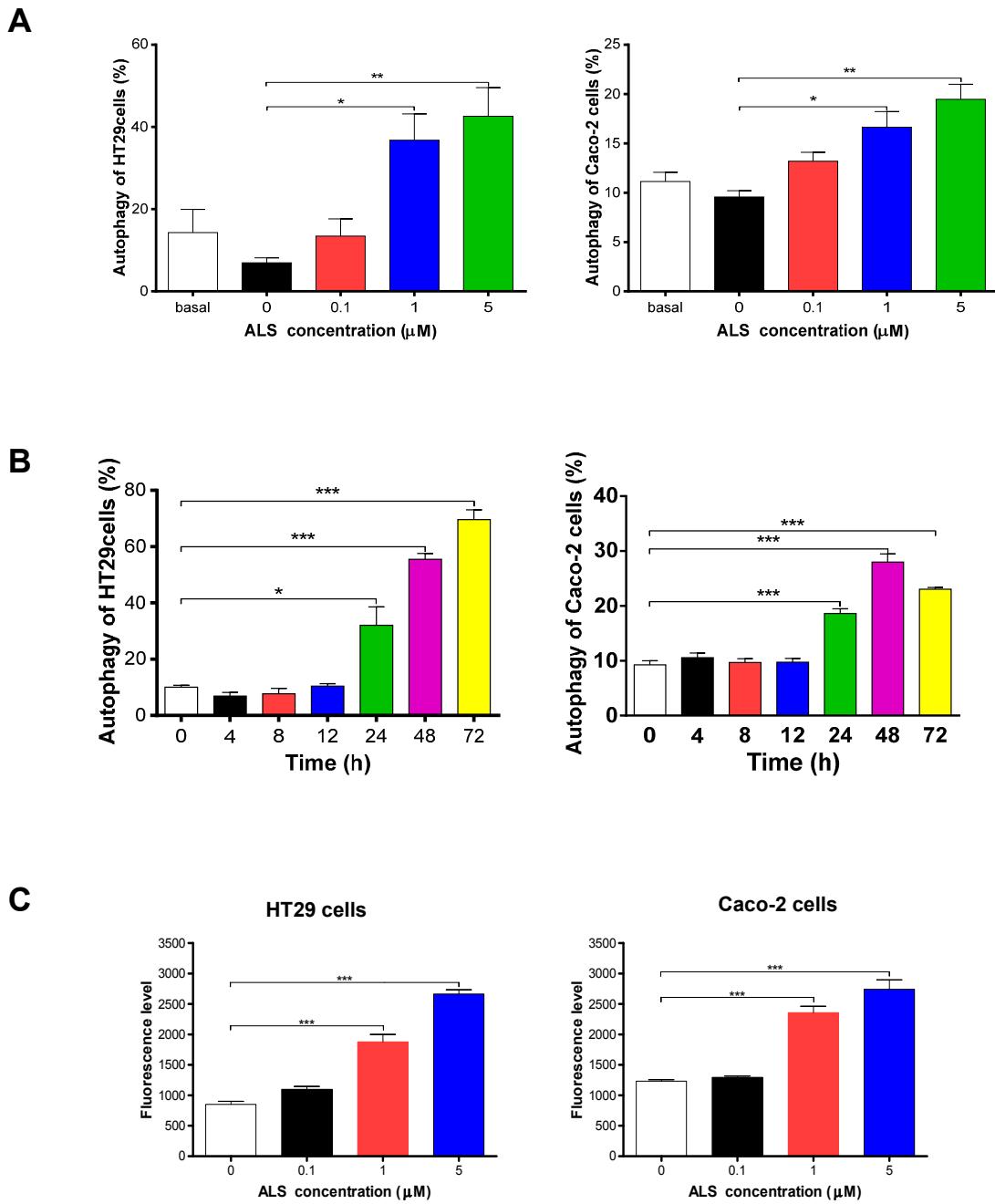


Figure S6. ALS induces autophagic cell death in HT29 and Caco-2 cells. (A) Bar graphs showing the percentage of autophagic HT29 and Caco-2 cells quantified by flow cytometry; (B) Bar graphs showing the percentage of autophagic HT29 and Caco-2 cells quantified by flow cytometry; (C) Bar graphs showing the intracellular autophagic level in HT29 and Caco-2 cells. Data represent the mean + SD of three independent experiments. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, and *** $p < 0.001$ by one-way ANOVA.

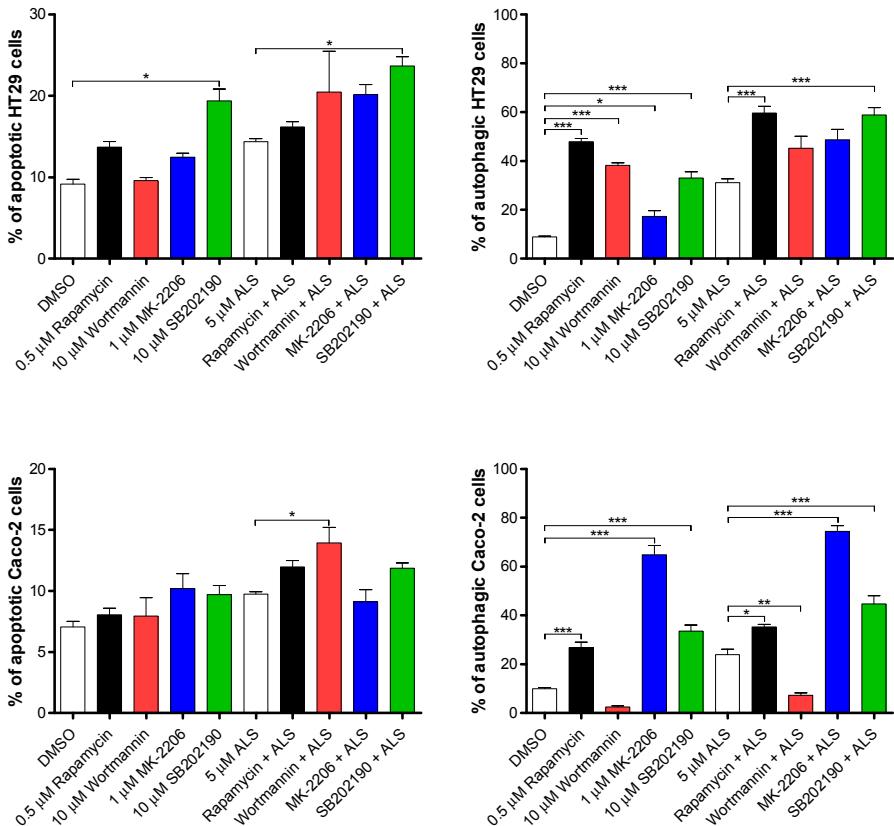


Figure S7. Effect of various inducers and inhibitors on the apoptosis and autophagy induced by ALS in HT29 and Caco-2 cells. Bar graphs showing the effect of various compounds on the apoptosis and autophagy in HT29 and Caco-2 cells. Data are shown as the mean \pm SD of three independent experiments. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, and *** $p < 0.001$ by one-way ANOVA.