## Supplementary Materials: Synthesis, Biological Profiling and Determination of the Tubulin-bound Conformation of 12-Aza-Epothilones (Azathilones)

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Figure S1. Atom numbering for azathilone 2.

Dihedral Angle	Conformer A	Conformer B
C1C2C3C4	170.2	171.2
C2C3C4C5	-63.3	-61.1
C3C4C5C6	-87.6	-90.8
C4C5C6C7	135.3	134.6
C5C6C7C8	-57.9	-57.0
C6C7C8C9	-66.4	-64.3
C7C8C9C10	174.7	173.2
C8C9C10C11	-153.3	-149.5
C9C10C11C12/C9C10C11N	-171.8	-167.3
C10C11C12C13/C10C11NC13	-76.1	-80.1
C11C12C13C14/C11NC13C14	-73.8	-73.7
C12C13C14C15/NC13C14C15	135.9	129.1
C13C14C15O1	-79.0	-76.3
C14C15O1C1	106.7	116.2
C14C15C16C17	-168.3	9.3

 Table S1. Dihedral angles (°) for 2 free in aqueous solution.

Proton	NOE-Based Experimental	Atomic Distance (Å)	
Pair	Distance (Å)	Conformer A	Conformer B
2–3	2.8	2.9	2.9
2–7	4.2	4.3	4.3
2–22	4.4	4.3	4.3
2–23	3.1	3.0	3.0
3–6	2.9	2.9	3.0
3–22	2.7	2.8	2.8
3–23	3.6	3.5	3.5
6–7	3.1	3.0	3.0
6–23	4.1	4.1	4.1
6–24	3.0	2.7	2.7
7–24	3.1	3.2	3.2
8–24	4.0	4.2	4.2
13a–15	3.6	3.7	3.7
13b–15	4.0	3.9	3.9
14–15	3.1	2.5	2.5
14–17	3.9	4.3	2.8/4.0
27–14	3.8	3.3	>4.0
15–17	3.0	3.7	2.4
15–27	3.3	2.5	3.7
21–31	3.0	3.0	3.0
22–23	3.5	2.5	2.5
22–24	3.6	3.6	3.6
27–28	2.5	2.5	2.5
28-31	3.2	3.1	3.1

Table S2. NOE-derived interproton distances for azathilone 2 in the tubulin-bound state <sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Experimental distances (r, Å; ±10%) were estimated according to a full matrix relaxation approach from a build up curve analysis of the ROESY data. Distances were calculated from NOEs with a reference distance of 1.75 Å for the geminal protons.

Table S3. Dihedral angles (°) for 2 bound to  $\alpha/\beta$  tubulin heterodimers <sup>1</sup>.

Dihedral Angle	Epothilone A (syn	Azathilone 2
	Conformer)	(Conformer B)
C1C2C3C4	-171.7	170.2
C2C3C4C5	-58.6	-63.3
C3C4C5C6	-74.6	-87.6
C4C5C6C7	147.1	135.3
C5C6C7C8	-61.4	-57.9
C6C7C8C9	-68.2	-66.4
C7C8C9C10	168.1	174.7
C8C9C10C11	177.1	-153.35
C9C10C11C12/C9C10C11N	170.9	-171.8
C10C11C12C13/C10C11NC13	-105.7	-76.13
C11C12C13C14/C11NC13C14	-2.8	-73.83
C12C13C14C15/NC13C14C15	98.0	135.97
C13C14C15O1	-75.4	-79.03
C14C15O1C1	149.7	106.74
C14C15C16C17	-27.0	9.3

<sup>1</sup> Values reported are for the lowest energy conformer found during the refinement of the docking solutions with Macromodel. Dihedral angles for epothilone A are from ref. [1].



**Figure S1**. (**A**) Azathilone **2** in the luminal epothilone binding site of  $\beta$ -tubulin; (**B**) NOE R factor landscape obtained from an ensemble of 144 conformers built by torsional scanning of the C15-C16 bond and the *O*-C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> bond in the *t*butyoxycarbonyl substituent; (**C**) Experimental vs. calculated STD profiles for conformer A (black and red, respectively); (**D**) Experimental vs. calculated STD profiles for conformer B (black and red, respectively); (**E**) Refined model of conformer A in complex with  $\beta$ -tubulin; (**F**) Refined model of conformer B in complex with  $\beta$ -tubulin.

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