**Supplementary material**

**Engineering a Single-Chain Antibody against *Trypanosoma cruzi* Metacyclic Trypomastigotes to Block Cell Invasion**

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**S1 Table: Effects of periplasmic fraction incubation on metacyclic trypomastigote viability.**

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| **TREATMENT** | **% OF PROPIDIUM IODIDE POSITIVE CELLS** | **MEAN INTENSITY** |
| PBS | 0.32 | 186 |
| urelated scFv (periplasmic fraction) | 4.37 | 199 |
| scFv-10D8 (periplasmic fraction) | 3.14 | 170 |
| Positive control  (Triton X-100 permeabilized cells) | 97.81 | 5225 |

5x106 MTs obtained by differentiation in TAU3AAG media as previously described (Contreras et al 1988) were washed and resuspended in 100 µL of cold PBS. MTs suspensions were incubated with 100 µL of periplasmic fractions (scFv-10D8 or unrelated scFv) or PBS (negative control) for 2hs and then washed and resuspended with PBS containing Propidium Iodide (15 µg/mL). After 10 minutes of taining, the cells where washed, fixed with paraformaldehyde 2% and submitted to flow cytometry analysis. Additionally, untreated MTs were fixed in paraformaldehyde 2%, permeabilized with Triton X-100 0.05%, treated with RNase (5 ug/mL) and labelled with PI. The percentage of PI positive cells and the mean intensity of fluorescence is show below.

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