## **Supporting Information**

## Dual-functional protein for one-step production of a soluble and targeted fluorescent dye

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Formulation	Concentration (mg/mL)	Zeta Potential (mV)
RGD-HFBI/BODIPY	0.05	$-16.4\pm0.96$
	0.10	$-25.1 \pm 1.87$
	0.15	$-31.7 \pm 1.93$
	0.20	$-19.3 \pm 1.08$
HFBI/BODIPY	0.05	$-16.1 \pm 1.02$
	0.10	$-28.4\pm2.12$
	0.15	$-23.3 \pm 1.25$
	0.20	$\textbf{-9.82} \pm 0.51$

**Table S1.** Zeta potential of RGD-HFBI- and native HFBI-treated BODIPY dye in serum.



Figure S1. Tricine-SDS-PAGE results of selected positive clones of RGD-HFBI.



Figure S2. WCA measurements (after extensive washing by pure water) of polystyrene and mica

before and after modification with RGD-HFBI and native HFBI.



**Figure S3**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of the BODIPY derivative.







Figure S5. MS (ESI) of the BODIPY derivative.



Figure S6. Stability analysis of RGD-HFBI- and native HFBI-treated BODIPY dye within 20 days.



Figure S7. A) BODIPY dye was dispersed in H<sub>2</sub>O, DMSO, HFBI and RGD-HFBI respectively. B)

TEM images of BODIPY dispersed in different solvents (H<sub>2</sub>O, DMSO, HFBI and RGD-HFBI). **C**) Particles size of DMSO, native HFBI- and RGD-HFBI-treated BODIPY dye.



Figure S8. A) The stability assay of the RGD-HFBI/BODIPY and HFBI/BODIPY complex in vitro

and in vivo. B-C) Particles size of RGD-HFBI- and native HFBI-treated BODIPY dye in serum.