Supporting Information

Near-infrared light-regulated cancer theranostic nanoplatform based

on aggregation-induced emission luminogen encapsulated upconversion nanoparticles

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Figure S1. The close match between the emission of NaYF₄:Yb,Er UCNPs and absorption of the AIEgen PS TTD.



Figure S2. The morphology of UCNP@TTD-cRGD NPs under transmission electron microscopy. The thickness of shealth was measured to be around 12 nm, which is within the active range (<20 nm) of ROS.



Figure S3. Releative ${}^{1}O_{2}$ generation of UCNP@TTD-cRGD NPs. The UCNP@TTD-cRGD NPs was illuminated by a 980 nm laser (A) or a white light (B) at different time intervals, respectively. The ${}^{1}O_{2}$ generation of UCNP@TTD-cRGD NPs was revealed by the decreased absorbance of ABDA at 378 nm.



Figure S4. The schemetic illustration of ROS generation study of UCNP@TTD-cRGD NPs covered with a 3-mm and 6-mm thick chicken tissue, resepctively.



Figure S5. The bright field images and confocal images of of 3D cell spheroids stained with F-actin staining after NIR light-regulated PDT teamment or with only NIR light illumination respectively.



Figure S6. Apoptosis and necrosis staining of MDA-MB-231 cells after PDT treatment based on UCNP@TTD-cRGD NPs. (A) Confocal images of MDA-MB-231 cells treated with UCNP@TTD-cRGD NPs (5 μ g mL⁻¹ of TTD) only. (B) Flow cytometry results of MDA-MB-231 cells after co-culture with UCNP@TTD-cRGD NPs (5 μ g mL⁻¹ of TTD) for 4 h at 37 °C and then exposed to 0, 2, 5, and 10 min of 980 nm laser illumination (100 mW cm⁻²), following by further incubation for 24 hours, respectively. Then, the apoptosis/necrosis was accessed with APC Annexin V/Dead Cell Apoptosis Kit staining by flow cytometry.



Figure S7. H&E staining results of tumor slices collected from mice that were devided by their initial tumor volume of 60, 120 and 240 mm³, respectively.



Figure S8. (**A**) The weight ratio of mice from each group for 10 days. (**B**) Tumor weight from each group after 10 days' PDT treatment.



Figure S9. Quantitative analysis of biodistribution of UCNP@TTD-cRGD NPs in tumor-bearing mice showed in **Figure 9B**.



Figure S10. The in vivo toxicity of UCNP@TTD-cRGD NPs. (A) Photographs of hemolysis assay after incubation with distilled water, saline, UCNP@TTD-cRGD NPs (20, 40 and 80 µg/mL) for 1, 2, and 3 h, respectively and only UCNP@TTD-cRGD NPs with the same concentration were used as control. (B) Optical microscopic observation of the dispersion states of the distilled erythrocytes after incubation with water, saline, and UCNP@TTD-cRGD NPs for 1, 2, and 3 h. Scale bars: 20 µm. (C) Hemolysis rate of each group. Data represent mean \pm SD (n = 3). (D) Images of various H&E stained organ slices from mice with or without nanoparticle injection after 5 days. Scale bars: 100 µm.