Supporting Information

Self-Assembly of Precisely Fluorinated Albumin for Dual Imaging-Guided Synergistic Chemo – Photothermal–Photodynamic Cancer Therapy

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1 Materials

Human breast adenocarcinoma cell line MCF-7, normal human breast epithelial cell line MCF-10A, triple-negative breast cancer MDA-MB-231 cells, human colorectal cancer HCT-116 cells, cervical cancer HeLa cells, and lung cancer A549 cells were purchased from the Cell Bank of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (Shanghai, China). MCF-7 cells, MCF-10A cells, MDA-MB-231 cells, and A549 cells were cultured in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium (DMEM) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS) and 1% penicillin-streptomycin. HCT-116 cells and HeLa cells were cultured in Roswell Park Memorial Institute (RPMI) 1640 supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS) and 1% penicillin-streptomycin. Cells were incubated at 37 °C in a humidified 5% CO₂ atmosphere.

Female BALB/c nude mice (5 weeks old) were obtained from Animal Research Center of Wuhan University (Wuhan, China). All study protocols were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of the Animal Research Center of Wuhan University (Wuhan, China). All mouse experimental procedures were carried out in agreement with the Regulations for the Administration of Affairs Concerning Experimental Animals approved by the State Council of the People's Republic of China.

2 General Information

¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁹F NMR spectra of compounds were recorded on Bruker AVANCE III 400 MHz, 500 MHz or 600 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts are provided in ppm and coupling constants (*J*) are provided in Hertz (Hz). ¹H NMR spectra were referenced to tetramethylsilane (d, 0.00 ppm) using CDCl₃ (s, 7.26 ppm) as solvent. ¹³C NMR spectra were referenced to solvent carbons (77.2 ppm for CDCl₃). ¹⁹F NMR spectra were referenced to 2% perfluorobenzene (s, -164.90 ppm) in CDCl₃ or 2% sodium triflate (s, -79.61 ppm) in D₂O. Multiplicities are reported as follows: s

(singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), dd (doublet of doublets), or m (multiplet). Highresolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Thermo Fisher Scientific Q Exactive Focus. MALDI-TOF mass spectra were recorded on an autoflex[™] speed MALDI-TOF spectrometer.

The UV-vis and PL spectra were carried out by a Shimadzu UV-2600 spectrophotometer (UVvis spectrometer) and Horiba Fluoromax-4 spectrofluorometer (PL), respectively. The size distribution, polymer dispersion index (PDI) and zeta potential of nanoparticles were determined by a dynamic light scattering (DLS) instrument (Malvern, Nano ZS 90, UK). The morphology of the nanoparticles was studied using transmission electron microscopy (TEM, Tecnai G20, FEI, USA). Small animal fluorescence imaging was carried out by IVIS imaging system (PerkinElmer). The temperature change of photothermal conversion behavior and thermal images were recorded using Hikvision H13 Thermal Imager (Hikvision, Beijing).

Compound **2** is commercially available. Compound 7^{1-3} was synthesized in this lab. Compounds 3^4 , $8a^5$, $8b^6$, $8c^6$, $9a^7$, $9b^7$, $9c^7$ are known compounds and the corresponding references were cited.

3 Synthesis and Characterization of Fluorinated Tags

Synthesis of compound 3^4 : Sulfuric acid (5 mL, 93.7 mmol) was added to the suspension of 4methoxy-3,5-dimethylbenzoic acid (8.01 g, 44.4 mmol) in methanol (120 mL) and the mixture was stirred under reflux for 24 h. Then methanol was evaporated under vacuum. The residue was diluted with water (200 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (100 mL, 3 times). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, concentrated under vacuum and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 10/1) to give compound **3** as a yellowish oily liquid (8.54 g, 99% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 6H).

Synthesis of compound 4: To a solution of compound **3** (9.29 g, 47.8 mmol) in 70 mL of carbon tetrachloride was added *N*-Bromosuccinimide (21.30 g, 119.6 mmol) and benzoyl peroxide (2.93 g, 12.0 mmol) successively. The resulting mixture was refluxed at 90 °C for 12 h. TLC showed that the starting material was consumed completely. Then the mixture was filtered, then the filtrate was evaporated under vacuum. The residue was diluted with water (200 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (100 mL, 3 times). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium

sulfate, concentrated under vacuum, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using PE/EA (20/1) as the eluent to afford compound **4** as a white solid (7.26 g, 43% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (s, 2H), 4.56 (s, 4H), 4.08 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 3H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8, 168.8, 133.6, 132.4, 126.9, 62.5, 52.4, 26.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₃Br₂O₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺), 350.9225, found, 350.9222.

Synthesis of compound 5: Under an argon atmosphere, a solution of compound 4 (4.84 g, 13.7 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (50 mL) was added to a reaction flask containing sodium perfluoro*tert*-butoxide (7.81 g, 30.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. TLC showed that the starting material was consumed completely. Then DMF was evaporated under vacuum. The residue was diluted with water (200 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (100 mL, 3 times). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, concentrated under vacuum and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 20/1) to give compound **5** as a white solid (7.00 g, 77% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (s, 2H), 5.13 (s, 4H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.04 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 161.5, 133.5, 128.9, 127.0, 120.4 (q, *J* = 292.8 Hz), 80.8 – 79.0 (m), 66.2, 63.6, 52.4, 29.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₂F₁₈NaO₅⁺ ([M+Na]⁺), 685.0290, found, 685.0291.

Synthesis of compound 6: Under an argon atmosphere, anhydrous THF (30 mL) was added to the reaction flask containing lithium aluminum hydride (1.38 g, 4.2 mmol), and it was cooled to 0 °C. Then the THF (10 mL) solution of compound **5** (12.0 g, 2.1 mmol) was slowly added to it. After stirring for 0.5 h, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. TLC showed that the starting material was consumed completely. Water (1.38 mL) and 15% NaOH solution (1.38 mL) were added successively to the mixture in an ice-water bath, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 15 min. The mixture was filtered and washed with methanol, then the filtrate was evaporated under vacuum and extracted with ethyl acetate (100 mL, 3 times). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, concentrated under vacuum, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using PE/EA (20/1) as the eluent to afford compound **6** as a white solid (7.10 g, 62% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (s, 2H), 5.11 (s, 4H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.07 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.05 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.9, 137.6, 130.4, 128.6, 120.4 (q, *J* = 292.8 Hz), 80.9 – 79.2 (m), 66.3, 64.3, 63.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₂F₁₈NaO4⁺ ([M+Na]⁺), 657.0338, found, 657.0339.

Synthesis of compound 8a⁵: To a solution of compound 7 (20 g, 78.0 mmol) in 60 mL of DMF was added NaN₃ (6.6 g, 101.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h. TLC showed that the starting material was consumed completely. The excessive NaN₃ was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was evaporated under vacuum. Then, THF (50 mL) and H₂O (2.8 mL) were added, the pH was adjusted to 3.0 with concentrated sulfuric acid and the mixture was stirred under reflux for 12 h. After the reaction was complete, saturated NaHCO₃ solution was added to neutralize the reaction mixture. Then THF was evaporated under vacuum and extracted with ethyl acetate (100 mL, 3 times). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, concentrated under vacuum and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 1/1) to give compound **8a** as a yellow oily liquid (12.56 g, 74% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.77 – 3.61 (m, 14H), 3.42 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 1H).

Synthesis of compound 8b⁶: Under an argon atmosphere, anhydrous THF (40 mL) was added to a reaction flask containing NaH (3.50 g, 85.9 mmol). After cooling the suspension to 0 °C, anhydrous THF (10 mL) solution of compound **8a** (12.56 g, 57.3 mmol) was added slowly. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. Then, anhydrous THF (10 mL) solution of compound **7** (17.63 g, 57.3 mmol) was added to the reaction solution, and the reaction solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. TLC showed that the starting material was consumed completely. The mixture was quenched with ice water. Then, the pH was adjusted to 3.0 with concentrated sulfuric acid and the mixture was stirred under reflux for 12 h. After the reaction was complete, saturated NaHCO₃ solution was added to neutralize the reaction mixture. Then THF was evaporated under vacuum and the residue was extracted with ethyl acetate (100 mL, 3 times). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, concentrated under vacuum and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (DCM/MeOH = 20/1) to give compound **8b** as a yellow oily liquid (20.80 g, 92% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.71 – 3.68 (m, 2H), 3.67 – 3.62 (m, 26H), 3.60 – 3.57 (m, 2H), 3.40 – 3.35 (m, 2H), 2.97 (s, 1H).

Synthesis of compound 8c⁶: Compound 8c was prepared as a yellow oily liquid (22.26 g, 88% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound 8b. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.63 – 3.45 (m, 46H), 3.31 – 3.26 (m, 2H), 3.06 (s, 1H).

Synthesis of compound 8d: Compound **8d** was prepared as a yellow oily liquid (12.14 g, 93% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound **8b**. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 3.76 – 3.35 (m, 62H), 3.32 – 3.27 (m, 2H), 2.87 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 72.4, 70.2, 69.9, 69.7, 61.2, 50.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₂H₆₅N₃NaO₁₆⁺ ([M+Na]⁺), 770.4257, found, 770.4252.

Synthesis of compound 8e: Compound 8e was prepared as a yellow oily liquid (8.55 g, 86% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound 8b. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.73 – 3.71 (m, 2H), 3.67 – 3.64 (m, 74H), 3.61 – 3.59 (m, 2H), 3.39 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 72.7, 70.3, 70.2, 67.0, 61.6, 50.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₀H₈₁N₃NaO₂₀⁺ ([M+Na]⁺), 946.5305, found, 946.5295.

Synthesis of compound $9a^7$: To a solution of compound 8a (1 g, 4.6 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added aqueous NaOH (0.73 g, 18.2 mmol, 2 mL), and TosCl (1.74 g, 6.8 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was slowly added at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. TLC showed that the starting material was consumed completely. Then THF was evaporated under vacuum and extracted with ethyl acetate (100 mL, 3 times). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, concentrated under vacuum and purified by column chromatography on a silica gel (PE/EA = 1/1) to give compound 9a as a yellow oily liquid (1.50 g, 85% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 3.70 – 3.63 (m, 8H), 3.59 (s, 4H), 3.40 – 3.36 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

Synthesis of compound 9b⁷: Compound 9b was prepared as a yellow oily liquid (1.35 g, 97% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound 9a. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.17 – 4.14 (m, 2H), 3.69 – 3.61 (m, 26H), 3.58 (s, 4H), 3.38 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

Synthesis of compound 9c⁷: Compound 9c was prepared as a yellow oily liquid (3.20 g, 93% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound 9a. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.09 – 4.05 (m, 2H), 3.61 – 3.53 (m, 40H), 3.49 (s, 4H), 3.33 – 3.29 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H).

Synthesis of compound 9d: Compound 9d was prepared as a yellow oily liquid (2.21 g, 92% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound 9a. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.17 – 4.15 (m, 2H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 56H), 3.58 (s, 4H), 3.39 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.8, 133.0, 129.8, 127.9, 77.5, 77.2, 77.0, 70.5, 70.0, 69.2, 68.6, 50.6, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for

C₃₉H₇₁N₃NaO₁₈S⁺ ([M+Na]⁺), 924.4345, found, 924.4340.

Synthesis of compound 9e: Compound 9e was prepared as a yellow oily liquid (1.27 g, 84% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound 9a. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 3.64 – 3.57 (m, 72H), 3.53 (s, 4H), 3.35 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.8, 132.8, 129.8, 127.9, 70.7, 70.5, 69.3, 68.6, 50.6, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₇H₈₇N₃NaO₂₂S⁺ ([M+Na]⁺), 1100.5394, found, 1100.5391.

Synthesis of compound 10a: Under an argon atmosphere, anhydrous THF (25 mL) was added to a reaction flask containing NaH (0.15 g, 4.8 mmol). After cooling the suspension to 0 °C, anhydrous THF (10 mL) solution of compound **6** (1 g, 1.6 mmol) was added slowly. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h. Then, anhydrous THF (10 mL) solution of compound **9a** (0.613 g, 1.6 mmol) was added to the reaction solution, and the mixture was stirred under reflux for 12 h. TLC showed that the starting material was consumed completely. The mixture was quenched with ice water. Then THF was evaporated under vacuum and extracted with ethyl acetate (100 mL, 3 times). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, concentrated under vacuum and purified by column chromatography on a silica gel (DCM/MeOH = 20/1) to give compound **10a** as a yellow oily liquid (1.31 g, 98%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (s, 2H), 5.10 (s, 4H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.72 – 3.66 (m, 14H), 3.39 (s, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.03 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.0, 135.1, 131.2, 128.4, 120.4 (q, *J* = 292.8 Hz), 81.0 – 78.7 (m), 72.3, 70.9, 70.7, 70.0, 69.8, 66.4, 63.5, 50.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₂₇F₁₈N₃NaO₇⁺ ([M+Na]⁺), 858.1453, found, 858.1450.

Synthesis of compound 10b: Compound 10b was prepared as yellow oily liquid (1.82 g, 86% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound 10a. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (s, 2H), 5.07 (s, 4H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.64 (dd, J = 6.3, 2.0 Hz, 30H), 3.39 – 3.36 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.01 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.0, 135.1, 131.2, 128.4, 120.4 (q, J = 293.5 Hz), 81.1 – 78.6 (m), 72.3, 70.9, 70.6, 70.5, 70.0, 69.7, 66.4, 63.4, 50.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₄H₄₃F₁₈N₃NaO₁₁⁺ ([M+Na]⁺), 1034.2500, found, 1034.2502.

Synthesis of compound 10c: Compound 10c was prepared as a yellow oily liquid (1.67 g, 89% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound 10a. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (s, 2H), 5.05 (s, 4H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.62 (dt, *J* = 4.2, 2.6 Hz, 46H), 3.36 – 3.33

(m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -72.99 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.9, 135.1, 131.1, 128.3, 120.4 (q, *J* = 292.5 Hz), 80.8 – 78.8 (m), 72.2, 70.8, 70.6, 70.5, 70.0, 69.7, 66.4, 63.4, 50.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₂H₅₉F₁₈N₃NaO₁₅⁺ ([M+Na]⁺), 1210.3549, found, 1210.3551.

Synthesis of compound 10d: Compound 10d was prepared as a yellow oily liquid (1.38 g, 96% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound 10a. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 5.05 (s, 4H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.67 – 3.58 (m, 62H), 3.36 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.10 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.0, 135.1, 131.2, 128.4, 120.4 (q, *J* = 292.9 Hz), 81.8 – 78.0 (m), 72.3, 70.5, 70.0, 69.7, 66.4, 63.5, 50.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₅₀H₇₅F₁₈N₃NaO₁₉⁺ ([M+Na]⁺), 1386.4600, found, 1386.4607.

Synthesis of compound 10e: Compound 10e was prepared as a yellow oily liquid (1.15 g, 81% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound 10a. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (s, 2H), 5.04 (s, 4H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.64 – 3.58 (m, 78H), 3.38 – 3.32 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.10 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.0, 135.1, 131.2, 128.4, 120.4 (q, *J* = 292.7 Hz), 80.9 – 78.6 (m), 72.3, 70.5, 70.0, 69.7, 66.4, 63.5, 50.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₅₈H₉₁F₁₈N₃NaO₂₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺), 1562.5648, found, 1562.5643.

Synthesis of compound 11a: To the compound 10a (1.21 g, 1.4 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added Ph₃P (0.58 g, 2.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was monitored by TLC. After the starting material had been completely consumed, water (0.5 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h at room temperature. After removal of the solvent in vacuum through rotary evaporation, the residue was purified by column chromatography on a silica gel (DCM/MeOH = 20/1) to give compound 11 as a yellow oily liquid (1.00 g, 97% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (s, 2H), 5.08 (s, 4H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.70 – 3.62 (m, 12H), 3.50 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (s, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.02 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.0, 135.0, 131.2, 128.4, 120.4 (q, *J* = 292.8 Hz), 80.9 – 78.6 (m), 73.2, 72.3, 70.6, 70.54, 70.52, 70.2, 69.8, 66.4, 63.4, 41.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₃₀F₁₈NO₇⁺ ([M+H]⁺), 810.1729, found, 810.1726.

Synthesis of compound 11b: Compound **11b** was prepared as a yellow oily liquid (1.02 g, 90% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound **11a**. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (s, 2H), 5.08 (s, 4H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.66 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 2.4 Hz, 28H), 3.52 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.02 (s, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.10 (s). ¹³C

NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.0, 135.1, 131.2, 128.4, 120.4 (q, J = 292.8 Hz), 81.1 – 78.5 (m), 73.2, 72.3, 70.6, 70.5, 70.2, 69.8, 66.4, 63.5, 41.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₄H₄₆F₁₈NO₁₁⁺ ([M+H]⁺), 986.2778, found, 986.2774.

Synthesis of compound 11c: Compound **11c** was prepared as a yellow oily liquid (1.25 g, 85% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound **11a**. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (s, 2H), 5.06 (s, 4H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.66 – 3.60 (m, 46H), 3.53 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.06 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.9, 135.1, 131.2, 128.4, 120.4 (q, *J* = 292.2 Hz), 80.6 – 78.7 (m), 72.5, 72.3, 70.6, 70.5, 70.2, 69.7, 66.4, 63.4, 41.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₂H₆₂F₁₈NO₁₅⁺ ([M+H]⁺), 1162.3827, found, 1162.3826.

Synthesis of compound 11d: Compound 11d was prepared as a yellow oily liquid (0.89 g, 91% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound 11a. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (s, 2H), 5.06 (s, 4H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.67 – 3.61 (m, 60H), 3.53 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.14 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.0, 135.1, 131.2, 128.4, 120.4 (q, *J* = 290.7 Hz), 80.4 – 77.6 (m), 72.3, 70.5, 70.2, 69.8, 66.4, 63.5, 41.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₅₀H₇₈F₁₈NO₁₉⁺ ([M+H]⁺), 1338.4875, found, 1338.4872.

Synthesis of compound 11e: Compound **11e** was prepared as a yellow oily liquid (0.91 g, 93% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound **11a**. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (s, 2H), 5.04 (s, 4H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 3.98 (s, 4H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 76H), 2.99 (s, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.09 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.9, 135.0, 131.2, 128.4, 120.4 (q, *J* = 293.5 Hz), 80.8 – 78.7 (m), 72.3, 70.9, 69.9, 69.7, 66.4, 63.5, 40.8, 29.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₅₈H₉₄F₁₈NO₂₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺), 1514.5924, found, 1514.5920.

Synthesis of compound 1a: To a solution of maleic anhydride (0.16 g, 1.5 mmol) in diethyl ether (20 mL) was added compound **11a** (1.0 g, 1.2 mmol). The reaction solution was stirred at 35 °C for 12 h. TLC showed that the starting material was consumed completely. After diethyl ether was evaporated under vacuum, acetic anhydride (20 mL) and NaOAc (0.041 g, 0.5 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred and refluxed for 2 h. The mixture was quenched with ice water and extracted with ethyl acetate (100 mL, 3 times). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, concentrated under vacuum and purified by column chromatography

on silica gel (DCM/MeOH = 20/1) to give compound **1a** as a yellow oily liquid (0.76 g, 78% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (s, 2H), 6.70 (s, 2H), 5.10 (s, 4H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.72 – 3.61 (m, 16H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.08 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7, 157.0, 135.1, 134.1, 131.2, 128.4, 120.4 (q, *J* = 293.2 Hz), 81.0 – 78.7 (m), 72.3, 70.6, 70.6, 70.5, 70.0, 69.8, 67.8, 66.4, 63.5, 37.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₂₉F₁₈NNaO₉⁺ ([M+Na]⁺), 912.1445, found, 912.1442.

Synthesis of compound 1b: Compound 1b was prepared as a yellow oily liquid (0.31 g, 78% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound 1a. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (s, 2H), 6.67 (s, 2H), 5.05 (s, 4H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.67 – 3.57 (m, 32H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.07 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 156.9, 135.1, 134.1, 131.1, 128.4, 120.4 (q, *J* = 292.8 Hz), 81.0 – 78.5 (m), 72.2, 70.5, 70.0, 69.7, 67.7, 66.4, 63.4, 37.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₈H₄₅F₁₈NNaO₁₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺), 1088.2493, found, 1088.2495.

Synthesis of compound 1c: Compound 1c was prepared as a yellow oily liquid (0.88 g, 65% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound 1a. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (s, 2H), 6.70 (s, 2H), 5.07 (s, 4H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.66 – 3.60 (m, 48H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.08 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7, 157.0, 135.1, 134.2, 131.2, 128.4, 120.4 (q, *J* = 292.6 Hz), 80.8 – 78.7 (m), 72.3, 70.5, 70.0, 69.7, 67.8, 66.4, 63.5, 37.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₆H₆₁F₁₈NNaO₁₇⁺ ([M+Na]⁺), 1264.3542, found, 1264.3546.

Synthesis of compound 1d: Compound **1d** was prepared as a yellow oily liquid (0.61 g, 67% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound **1a**. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (s, 2H), 6.69 (s, 2H), 5.06 (s, 4H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 64H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.08 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7, 156.9, 135.1, 134.2, 131.2, 128.4, 120.4 (q, *J* = 292.7 Hz), 81.0 – 78.5 (m), 72.4, 70.5, 70.1, 69.7, 67.8, 66.4, 63.5, 37.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₅₄H₇₇F₁₈NNaO₂₁⁺ ([M+Na]⁺), 1440.4593, found, 1440.4596.

Synthesis of compound 1e: Compound **1e** was prepared as a yellow oily liquid (0.52 g, 61% yield) using a procedure identical to the preparation of compound **1a**. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (s, 2H), 6.70 (s, 2H), 5.07 (s, 4H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 80H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -73.10 (s). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7, 156.9, 135.1, 134.2, 131.2, 128.4, 120.4 (q, *J* = 293.7 Hz), 81.2 – 78.3 (m), 72.3, 70.5, 67.8, 66.4, 63.5, 37.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₆₂H₉₃F₁₈NNaO₂₅⁺ ([M+Na]⁺), 1616.5641, found, 1616.5641.

4 Synthesis and characterization of fluorinated BSAs



Scheme S1. Synthesis of fluorinated BSAs.

Synthesis of compound **EG4-BSA**: Under an argon atmosphere, BSA (280 mg, 4.2 µmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in PBS buffer (7 mL, pH 7.4) and the ethanol solution (0.7 mL) of compound **1a** (15 mg, 12.6 µmol, 3 equiv.) was added in batches. The reaction mixture was shaken on an orbital shaker at 100 rpm for 36 h at 37 °C. Ellman's experiments showed that very few free sulfhydryl groups were left. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was dialyzed against PBS buffer (pH 7.4) using a dialysis membrane of 25,000 Da MWCO (molecular weight cut-off) to remove low molecular weight impurities, including excess compound **1a**. The solution was then lyophilized to yield fluorinated **EG4-BSA** as a white solid (265 mg, 3.8 µmol, 90% yield). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, D₂O) δ -72.24 (s). MS (MALDI-TOF) m/z Calcd. for **EG4-BSA**, 67335, found 66880, 0.6% of error between calcd.

Synthesis of compound EG₈-BSA: Compound EG₈-BSA was prepared as a white solid (260 mg, 88% yield) using a procedure identical to compound EG₄-BSA. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, D₂O) δ -72.31 (s). MS (MALDI-TOF) m/z Calcd. for EG₈-BSA, 67551, found 67117, 0.6% of error between calcd.

Synthesis of compound EG₁₂-BSA: Compound EG₁₂-BSA was prepared as a white solid (278 mg, 94% yield) using a procedure identical to compound EG₄-BSA. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, D₂O) δ -72.04 (s). MS (MALDI-TOF) m/z Calcd. for EG₁₂-BSA, 67688, found 67571, 0.2% of error between calcd.

Synthesis of compound EG₁₆-BSA: Compound EG₁₆-BSA was prepared as a white solid (280 mg, 95% yield) using a procedure identical to compound EG₄-BSA. ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, D₂O) δ -72.13 (s). MS (MALDI-TOF) m/z Calcd. for EG₁₆-BSA, 67864, found 66549, 0.6% of error between calcd.

Synthesis of compound EG₂₀-BSA: Compound EG₂₀-BSA was prepared as a white solid (277 mg, 94% yield) using a procedure identical to compound EG₄-BSA. ¹⁹F NMR (564 MHz, D₂O) δ -72.12 (s). MS (MALDI-TOF) m/z Calcd. for EG₂₀-BSA, 68040, found 66528, 0.7% of error between calcd.

5 Ellman's Assay of Fluorinated BSAs

5,5-dithio-bis-(2-nitrobenzoic acid) (Ellman's reagent, 20 mg, 0.05 mmol) was dissolved in 10% sodium phosphate (5 mL, pH 8.0, containing 1 mM EDTA) to prepare the Ellman's reagent solution (10 mM). 0.12 mL of free BSA (2 mM) or fluorinated BSA conjugation solution (2 mM), 50 mL of Ellman's reagent and 2.5 mL of sodium phosphate buffer were incubated for 15 min at room temperature. UV absorption spectra were acquired using a 1 cm cuvette without dilution. The content of free sulfhydryl groups in BSA or fluorinated BSA was obtained according to the standard curve measured with cysteine.

6 UV-vis Absorption Standard Curve of BSA

BSA was accurately weighed and dissolved into a series of concentration gradient samples with PBS. UV absorption spectra of the solutions were obtained. The process was repeated 3 times and the average UV absorption intensities were used. The standard curve was obtained by plotting the UV absorption intensities at 278 nm versus the corresponding BSA concentrations (Figure S1a).

7 Calibration of Fluorine Content in Fluorinated BSAs

Fluorinated BSA, **EG12-BSA**, was accurately weighed and dissolved in a mixture 10% D₂O and water. The weight of **EG12-BSA** was calibrated using the above UV absorption standard curve. Sodium trifluorometalesulfate solution with a ¹⁹F concentration of 0.5 mM in a mixture 10% D₂O and water was used as the internal standard for ¹⁹F NMR. The ¹⁹F NMR signal intensity of **EG12-BSA** was calibrated using the internal standard. A fluorine content standard curve of fluorinated BSA was obtained by plotting the ¹⁹F NMR signal intensities with the corresponding calibrated

weight of fluorinated BSA weight using the above standard curve (Figure S1b).



Figure S1. UV-vis absorption (a) and ¹⁹F content (b) standard curves of BSA and fluorinated BSA.

8 Preparation of Nanoparticles

To prepare **PTX@BSA** nanoparticles, 15 mg of PTX and 50 mg of soybean oil were dissolved in 1 mL of dichloromethane. Then, 5 mL of 20 mg/mL BSA or fluorinated BSA solution was added. The dispersion was ultrasonicated at 250 W for 15 min, and the organic solvents were removed by rotary evaporation.

9 In Vitro Photothermal Capability of PTX/IR@BSA



Figure S2. *In vitro* photothermal images of PTX/IR@BSA under 808 nm laser irradiation at 1 Wcm⁻² for 5 min with IR-780, BSA-NP, and water as controls.

10 Detection of ROS Generated by PTX/IR@BSA Using ESR

TEMP was selected as a singlet oxygen capture agent. A 0.1 mM solution of **PTX/IR@BSA** in PBS was irradiated with a laser (808 nm, 1 Wcm⁻²) for 3 minutes. TEMP was immediately added to the solution with a final concentration of 100 mM TEMP and mixture well for ESR measurements.



Figure S3. ESR spectra of TEMP, TEMP + Laser, TEMP + PTX/IR@BSA, and TEMP + PTX/IR@BSA + Laser.

11 Determination of Photothermal Conversion Efficiency of PTX/IR@BSA

PTX/IR@BSA (C_{IR-780} = 90 μ M, 1 mL) was added into a cuvette. The laser irradiated (808 nm, 1 W/cm²) it for 600 s until the temperature remained constant. Then turned off the laser and the temperature of NPs solution was continuously recorded for another 940 s until the temperature returned to the original temperature. In the experiment, the temperature was recorded using a digital thermometer (Hikvision H13 Thermal Imager). The temperature of deionized water was investigated with the same treatment as a control. According to a reported method, the photothermal conversion efficiency (η)⁸ was calculated below:

$$\eta = \frac{hS(T_{max, sample} - T_{surr}) - Q_{dis}}{I(1 - 10^{-A_{\lambda}})}$$
(1)

$$Q_{dis} = hS(T_{max, H_2O} - T_{surr})$$
(2)

$$hS = \frac{\Sigma m_i c_i}{\tau}$$
(3)

$$\tau = -\frac{t}{\ln(\theta)}$$
(4)

$$\theta = \frac{T - T_{surr}}{T_{max} - T_{surr}}$$
(5)

in equation, h is heat transfer coefficient, S means the surface area of quartz cuvette, T_{surr} represents the temperature of surrounding environment. Besides, T_{max} , sample reflects the final temperature of the sample solution. I is the incident laser power in W and A^{λ} represents the sample absorbance at 808 nm. Q_{dis} is the energy imputed by the deionized water system. And m and C represent the mass (1 g) and heat capacity (4.2 J/g) of water, respectively. θ is the dimensionless

driving force and t represents time. T represents the temperature of sample solution at a predetermined time point after removing the 808 nm laser irradiation.

According to the equations above, τ is equal to 631.58, m is 1 g, and C is 4.2 J/g, hS was calculated to be 0.00696 [Eq. (3)]. Through substituting T_{max}, _{H2O} = 25.6 °C and T_{surr} = 25.1 °C into Eq. (2), Q_{dis} = 0.00348 J. By substituting I = 1 W, A⁸⁰⁸ = 0.607, T_{max} = 48.7 °C, and T_{surr} = 25.1 °C into Eq. (1), the photothermal conversion efficiency was calculated to be 21.35%. The η of free IR-780 was also evaluated by using the similar method and calculated to be 12.68%.

12 In Vitro ¹⁹F MRI Study of PTX/IR@BSA

The ¹⁹F MRI phantom experiments were performed on a 400 MHz Bruker BioSpec MRI system at 25 °C. **PTX/IR@BSA** was serially diluted with PBS to give a series of ¹⁹F concentrations: 20, 15, 10, 5, 2.5, and 1.25 mM, respectively. For nanoparticles, the ¹⁹F density-weighted ¹⁹F MRI phantom images were acquired by using a gradient-echo (GRE) pulse sequence, method = RARE, matrix size = 32×32 , SI = 20 mm, FOV = 3.0×3.0 cm, TR = 4000 ms, TE = 3 ms, NS = 16, scan time = 2200 s.



Figure S4. ¹⁹F MRI phantom images (a) at the indicated ¹⁹F concentrations and the logarithm plot of signal intensity (SI) versus ¹⁹F concentration (b) of **PTX/IR@BSA**.

13 In Vivo ¹⁹F MRI

The mice had free access to water and food until tumor size reached about 200 mm³. The MCF-7 tumor-bearing mice were anesthetized by isoflurane, 0.1 mL of **EG_n-BSA NPs** were injected into the tumor of tumor-bearing mice ($C_F = 0.3 \text{ mmol/kg}$). ¹⁹F MRI was performed on 400 MHz Bruker BioSpec MRI system. ¹H MRI scan using a RARE sequence (TR = 2500 ms, TE = 33 ms, FOV = 30 mm × 30 mm, 2 mm slice thickness, RARE factor = 8, matrix size = 256 × 256), ¹⁹F MRI was performed through a RARE sequence (TR = 1600 ms, TE = 3 ms, FOV = 37 mm × 37

	T_1 (ms)	T_2 (ms)
EG4-BSA	435.6	3.1
EG4-BSA NPs	469.8	9.5
EG8-BSA	432.7	3.6
EG8-BSA NPs	461.6	9.0
EG ₁₂ -BSA	441.9	6.2
EG12-BSA NPs	463.2	11.8
EG16-BSA	430.9	12.8
EG ₁₆ -BSA NPs	463.8	16.3
EG20-BSA	444.5	17.2
EG20-BSA NPs	469.9	18.1

mm, 30 mm slice thickness, matrix size = 32×32 , 64 averages).



 Table S1. The relaxation times of EGn-BSA and EGn-BSA NPs.

Figure S5. ¹⁹F MRI of mice after intratumor injection of EG_n-BSA NPs.

14 H&E and Antigen Ki-67 Staining Results of Major Organs and Tumors



Figure S6. H&E staining assay results of major organs, scale bar: 100 µm.



Figure S7. H&E and Antigen Ki-67 staining assay results of tumors, scale bar: 100 µm.

15 The Proposed Mechanism of the Tumor-Target Ability of PTX/IR@BSA

BSA can bind to the 60 kDa glycoprotein (gp60) receptor expressed on the surface of endothelial cells, allowing rapid and efficient transcytosis. Moreover, it can interact with the secreted protein acidic and rich in cysteine (SPARC), a member of matricellular proteins highly expressed in various tumor cells, thus facilitating the BSA accumulation within tumor tissues. As a result, the BSA-based nanoparticles are expected to cross the vascular endothelial barrier faster and accumulate in the tumor through the BSA-gp60-SPARC pathway.⁹

16 ¹H/¹³C/¹⁹F NMR and MS Spectra of Compounds and Fluorinated BSAs



¹H NMR of compound **3**

¹H NMR of compound 4



¹³C NMR of compound **4**



HRMS of compound 4



¹H NMR of compound **5**



¹⁹F NMR of compound **5**



¹³C NMR of compound **5**



HRMS of compound 5



¹H NMR of compound **6**



¹⁹F NMR of compound **6**



¹³C NMR of compound **6**



HRMS of compound 6



¹H NMR of compound **8a**



$^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR of compound $\mathbf{8b}$



¹H NMR of compound **8c**



¹H NMR of compound **8d**



¹³C NMR of compound **8d**



HRMS of compound 8d



¹H NMR of compound **8e**



¹³C NMR of compound **8e**



HRMS of compound 8e



¹H NMR of compound **9a**



$^1\mathrm{H}\,\mathrm{NMR}$ of compound $\mathbf{9b}$



¹H NMR of compound **9**c



¹H NMR of compound **9d**



$^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR of compound $\mathbf{9d}$



HRMS of compound 9d



¹H NMR of compound **9e**



¹³C NMR of compound **9e**



HRMS of compound 9e



¹H NMR of compound **10a**



¹⁹F NMR of compound **10a**



¹³C NMR of compound **10a**



HRMS of compound 10a



¹H NMR of compound **10b**



¹⁹F NMR of compound **10b**



¹³C NMR of compound **10b**



HRMS of compound 10b



¹H NMR of compound **10c**



¹⁹F NMR of compound **10c**



¹³C NMR of compound **10c**



HRMS of compound 10c



¹H NMR of compound **10d**



¹⁹F NMR of compound **10d**



¹³C NMR of compound **10d**



HRMS of compound 10d



¹H NMR of compound **10e**



¹⁹F NMR of compound **10e**



¹³C NMR of compound **10e**



HRMS of compound 10e



¹H NMR of compound **11a**



¹⁹F NMR of compound **11a**



¹³C NMR of compound **11a**



HRMS of compound 11a



¹H NMR of compound **11b**



¹⁹F NMR of compound **11b**



¹³C NMR of compound **11b**



HRMS of compound 11b



¹H NMR of compound **11c**



¹⁹F NMR of compound **11c**



¹³C NMR of compound **11c**



HRMS of compound 11c



¹H NMR of compound **11d**



¹⁹F NMR of compound **11d**



¹³C NMR of compound **11d**



HRMS of compound 11d



¹H NMR of compound **11e**



¹⁹F NMR of compound **11e**



¹³C NMR of compound **11e**



HRMS of compound 11e



¹H NMR of compound **1a**



¹⁹F NMR of compound **1a**



¹³C NMR of compound **1a**



HRMS of compound 1a



¹H NMR of compound **1b**



¹⁹F NMR of compound **1b**



¹³C NMR of compound **1b**



HRMS of compound 1b



¹H NMR of compound **1**c



¹⁹F NMR of compound **1c**



¹³C NMR of compound **1**c



HRMS of compound 1c



¹H NMR of compound **1d**



¹⁹F NMR of compound 1d



¹³C NMR of compound **1d**



HRMS of compound 1d



¹H NMR of compound **1e**



¹⁹F NMR of compound **1e**



¹³C NMR of compound 1e



HRMS of compound 1e



Maldi-Tof mass of BSA



¹⁹F NMR of compound EG4-BSA



Maldi-Tof of mass compound EG4-BSA



¹⁹F NMR of compound EG8-BSA



Maldi-Tof of mass compound EG8-BSA



¹⁹F NMR of compound EG12-BSA



Maldi-Tof of mass compound EG12-BSA



¹⁹F NMR of compound EG₁₆-BSA



Maldi-Tof of mass compound $\mathbf{EG_{16}}$ -BSA

¹⁹F NMR of compound EG20-BSA

Maldi-Tof of mass compound EG20-BSA

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