

**Folic acid-conjugated organically modified silica nanoparticles for enhanced targeted delivery in cancer cells and tumor in vivo**

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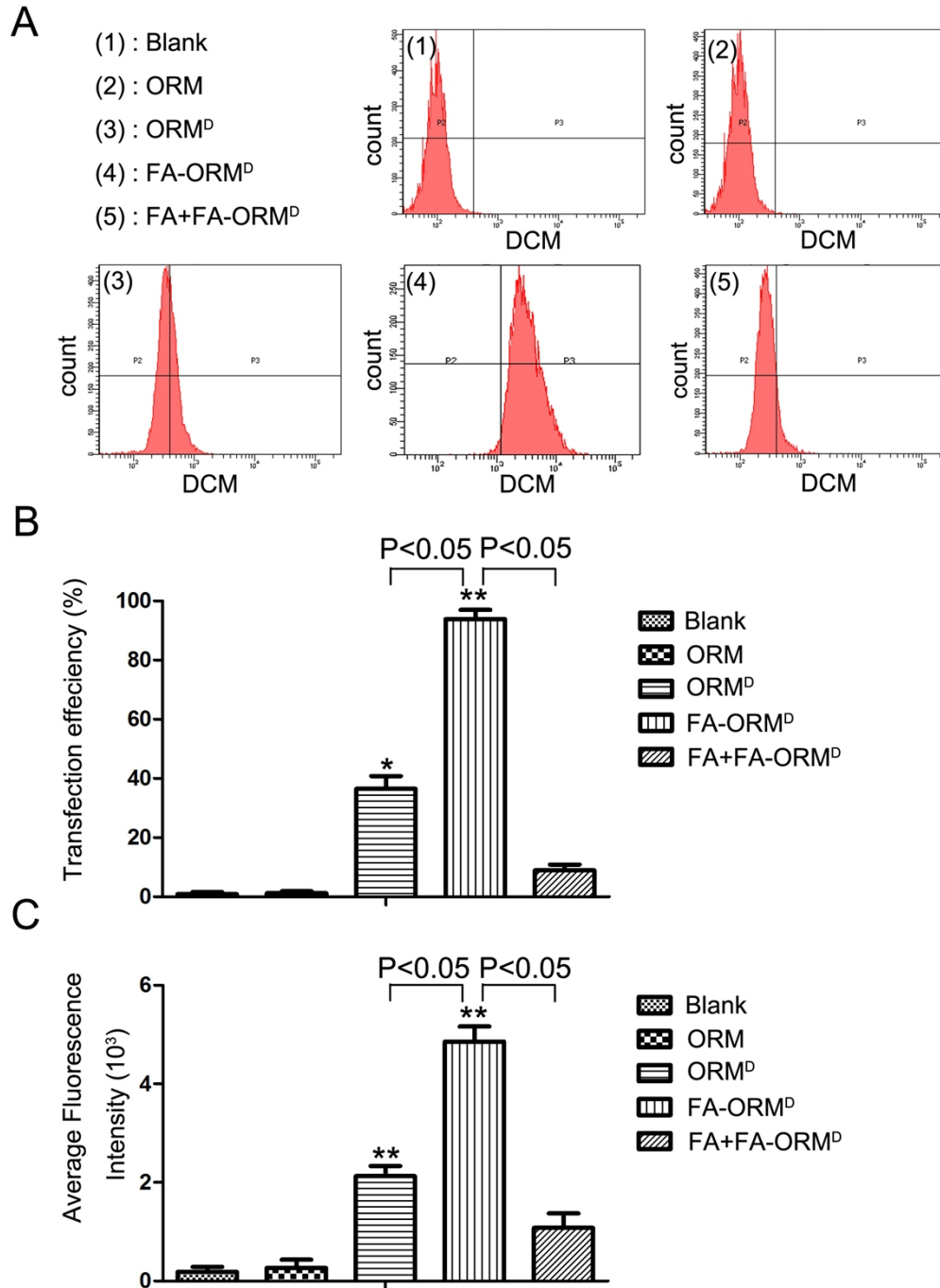
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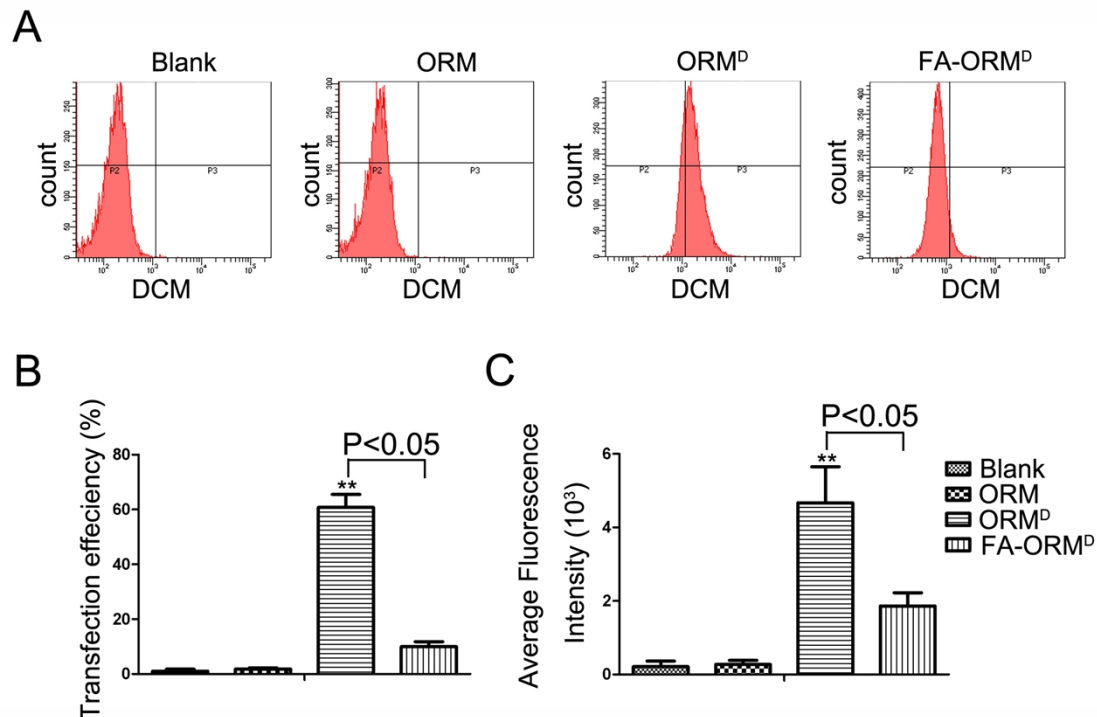
## Supplementary Information

### Figures and Figure legends



**Supplementary Figure S1: Transfection efficiency of the ORMOSIL nanoparticles in SMMC7721 cells.** (A) Representative dots plots of flow cytometry assays, in which cells were treated with (1) PBS, (2) ORM nanoparticles, (3) ORM<sup>D</sup>

nanoparticles, (4) FA-ORM<sup>D</sup> nanoparticles and (5) FA followed by FA-ORM<sup>D</sup> nanoparticles. **(B)** Transfection efficiency and **(C)** average fluorescence intensity calculated from the results showed in **(A)**. Values are means  $\pm$  SEM,  $n = 3$ ; \* $P < 0.05$ , \*\* $P < 0.01$  vs Blank (PBS) and ORM.



**Supplementary Figure S2: Transfection efficiency of the ORMOSIL nanoparticles in MCF7 cells.** **(A)** Representative dots plots of flow cytometry assays, in which cells were treated with (1) PBS, (2) ORM nanoparticles, (3) ORM<sup>D</sup> nanoparticles and (4) FA-ORM<sup>D</sup> nanoparticles. **(B)** Transfection efficiency and **(C)** average fluorescence intensity calculated from the results showed in **(A)**. Values are means  $\pm$  SEM,  $n = 3$ ; \*\* $P < 0.01$  vs Blank (PBS) and ORM.