## **Supporting Information**

An Efficient Approach to Synthesize Glycerol Dendrimers *via* Thiol-Yne "Click" Chemistry, and Their Application in Stabilization of Gold Nanoparticles with X-Ray Attenuation Property

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**Fig. S1** Reaction time dependence of the formation of terminal -OH groups of G1, G2 and G3 dendrimers.

## **Characterizations of dendrimers**



Fig. S2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 400 MHz) spectrum of G1 dendrimer.



Fig. S3 <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 125 MHz) spectrum of G1 dendrimer.



**Fig. S4** ESI-MS spectrum of G1 dendrimer. Calcd. for  $[M+Na]^+$ : C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>84</sub>O<sub>20</sub>S<sub>8</sub>Na, 1175.32 m/z; found at 1175.32 m/z.



Fig. S5 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) spectrum of G1-A dendrimer.



Fig. S6 <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) spectrum of G1-A dendrimer.



Fig. S7 MS (MALDI-TOF) spectrum of G1-A dendrimer. Calcd. for  $[M+Cu]^+$ : C<sub>89</sub>H<sub>116</sub>O<sub>20</sub>S<sub>8</sub>Cu, 1825.9 m/z; found at 1825.8 m/z.



Fig. S8 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 400 MHz) spectrum of G2 dendrimer.



Fig. S9 <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 125 MHz) spectrum of G2 dendrimer.



Fig. S10 MS (MALDI-TOF) spectrum of G2 dendrimer. Calcd. for  $[M+Na]^+$ : C<sub>185</sub>H<sub>372</sub>O<sub>84</sub>S<sub>40</sub>Na, 5246.31m/z; found at 5247.07 m/z.



Fig. S11 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) spectrum of G2-A dendrimer.



Fig. S12 <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) spectrum of G2-A dendrimer.



Fig. S13 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 400 MHz) spectrum of G3 dendrimer.



Fig. S14  $^{13}$ C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 125 MHz) spectrum of G3 dendrimer.



Fig. S15  $^{1}$ H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 400 MHz) spectra of G1, G2 and G3 dendrimers: a comparison.



Fig. S16 FT-IR spectra of G1, G2 and G3 dendrimers.



Fig. S17 FT-IR spectra of G1-A and G2-A dendrimers.



Fig. S18 GPC traces of G1-A and G2-A dendrimers (eluent: THF).

## **Characterizations of AuNPs**



**Fig. S19** (A) TEM image and (B) core size distribution (average size d = 4.0 nm), (C) the UV-vis spectrum (SPB at 521 nm), as well as (D) the DLS size distribution (d = 134.8 nm) of AuNP G1-8.



**Fig. S20** (A) UV-vis spectra and (B) the DLS size distributions of AuNPs G2-8, G2-40 and G2-200, accordingly. Surface plasmon band was found at 540 nm for G2-200 and 523 nm for G2-40. DLS average size: G2-8, d = 8.2 nm; G2-40, d = 54 nm; G2-200, d = 148.8 nm.



**Fig. S21** (A) TEM image (average d = 1.3nm), (B) DLS size distribution (d = 7.2 nm), and (C) the UV-vis spectrum of AuNP G3-8.



**Fig. S22** UV-vis spectra of AuNP G2-40 in aqueous solution at different temperatures after (A) 1 h and (B) 24 h; and in PBS solution under various pH conditions after (C) 1 h and (D) 24 h.