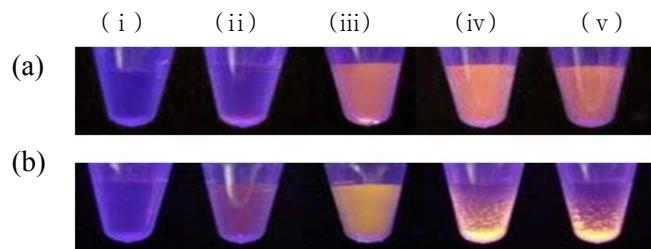


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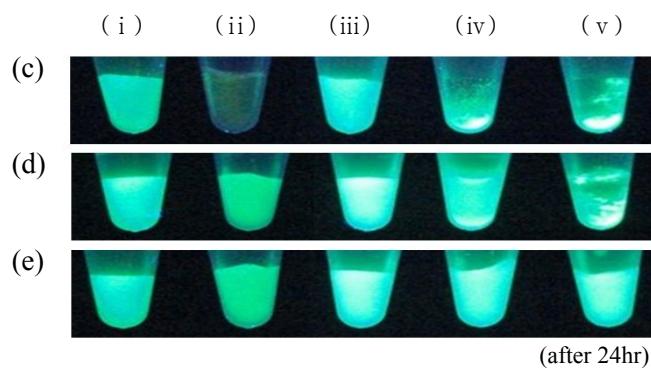
### Pegylated Cationic CdSe/ZnS QDs as an Efficient Intracellular Labeling Agent

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**Figure S1.** Stability test of QDs in various buffer conditions.

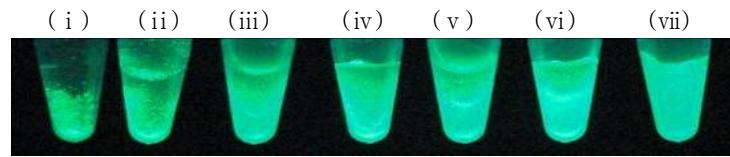


Fluorescence image of (a) DHLA@QDs and (b) AET@QDs. In 10 mM glycine buffer (pH 3.0) (□), 10 mM citrate-phosphate buffer (pH 5.0) (ii), distilled water (pH ~6.5) (iii), 10 mM PBS buffer (pH 7.4) (iv), 10 mM borate buffer (pH 8.0) (v).



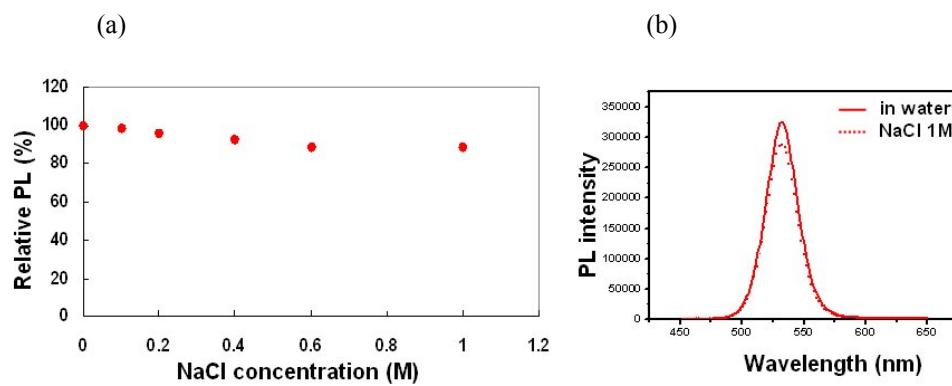
Fluorescence image of (c) AET@QDs, (d) DEDEA@QDs and (e) DEDEA-PEG5000 QDs (QD:PEG = 1:500). In water (pH ~6.5) (□), 10 mM HCl solution (pH 2.0) (ii), 10 mM glycine buffer (pH 4.0) (iii), 10 mM citrate-phosphate buffer (pH 5.0) (iv), 10 mM PBS buffer (pH 7.4) (v).

**Figure S2.** Fluorescence images of QDs in 50 mM borate buffer solution (pH 8.5) after 24 hrs.

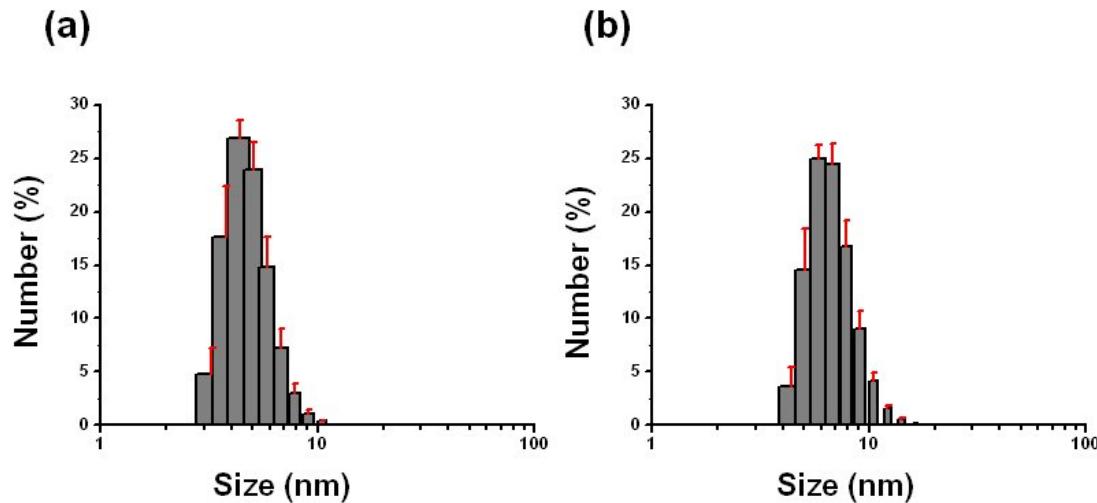


DEDEA@QDs ( i ), DEDEA-PEG2000 QDs (QD:PEG2000, 1:50 ( ii ), 1:250 ( iii ), 1:500 ( iv )), and DEDEA-PEG5000 QDs (QD:PEG5000, 1:50 ( v ), 1:250 ( vi ), 1:500 ( vii )).

**Figure S3.** (a) Stability of QDs 6 in different concentration of NaCl solution and (b) fluorescence spectra in water and 1 M NaCl.

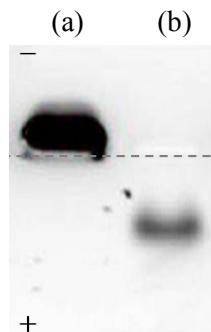


**Figure S4.** Hydrodynamic size measured by Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS)



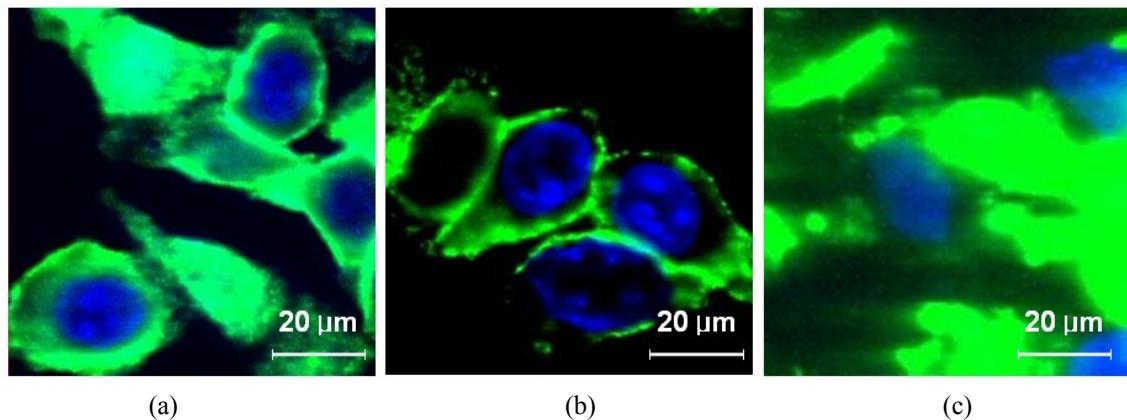
(a) DEDEA@QD (size =  $4.8 \pm 1.2$  nm) and (b) DEDEA-PEG5000 QDs (QD:PEG = 1:500, size =  $6.2 \pm 1.5$  nm)

**Figure S5.** Gel image of (a) DEDEA-PEG2000 QDs (QD:PEG2000 = 1:250) and (b) DEDEA-PEG2000 QDs conjugated with oligopeptide (*gly-gly-his-his-his-his-his-his*).



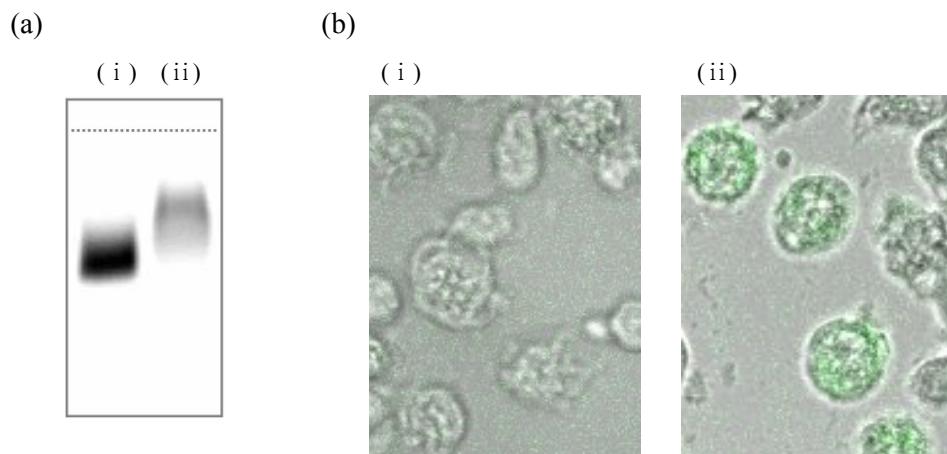
Gel condition: 1 % agarose gel (elution buffer: 10 mM acetic acid buffer, pH 6), 50V, 30 min

**Figure S6.** Fluorescence images of HeLa cells stained by QDs



(a) QDs 6, (b) DHLA-QDs, and (c) QDs 5.

**Figure S7.** (a) Gel image and (b) Fluorescence image of EBV infected B-cells stained by QDs



- (a) Gel images of DEDEA-PEG5000 QDs (QD:PEG = 1:500 ( i )) and DEDEA-PEG5000 QDs conjugated with anti-human W6/32 antibodies ( ii ). Gel condition: 0.5 % agarose gel (elution buffer: 5 mM TBE buffer and 1% SDS) 50V, 30 min.
- (b) Fluorescence images of EBV infected B-cells stained by DEDEA-PEG5000 QDs ( i ) and DEDEA-PEG5000 QDs conjugated with anti-human W6/32 antibodies ( ii ).