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Nonstoichiometric $Cu_{2-x}Se$ nanocrystals in situ produced on the surface of carbon nanotubes for ablation of tumor cells

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| Sample | Cu 2p _{3/2} (eV) | Cu 2p _{1/2} (eV) | |
|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Initial | 932.1 | 951.9 | |
| 15 min | 932.3 | 952.0 | |
| 1 h | 932.5 | 952.2 | |
| 4 h | 932.8 | 952.6 | |
| CuSe | 932.9 | 952.8 | |

Table. S1 The peaks of Cu $2p_{3/2}$ and Cu $2p_{1/2}$ XPS spectra compared with the typical values in CuSe NPs at different reaction stage.

| Nanocrystal | k | (E ^{1%} _{1cm}) | $\lambda_{LSPR(nm)}$ |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| CNTs | k= 0.1584 | 1.289 | 980 nm |
| Cu _{2-x} Se NPs | k= 0.2121 | 1.765 | 980 nm |
| Cu _{2-x} Se/CNTs | k= 0.2776 | 1.921 | 980 nm |

Table. S2 The absorption coefficient of CNTs, $Cu_{2-x}Se$ NPs and $Cu_{2-x}Se/CNTs$ at 980 nm.



Fig. S1 The UV-vis-NIR spectra of CNTs, $Cu_{2-x}Se$ NPs and $Cu_{2-x}Se/CNTs$ nanohybrids.



Fig. S2 The elemental analysis of $Cu_{2-x}Se/CNTs$ nanohybrids in intracellular.



Fig. S3 The SEM images of $Cu_{2-x}Se/CNTs$ nanohybrids treated with or without ultrasound for 1h.