## **Electronic supplementary information (ESI)**

## Dual-functional Lipid-like Nanoparticles for Delivery of mRNA and MRI Contrast Agent

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TT3-Gd	Formulation components (molar ratio)				
LLNs	TT3	DOPE	Gd-DTPA-BSA	Cholesterol	DMG-PEG <sub>2000</sub>
TT3-Gd30	20	0	30	40	0.75
TT3-Gd24	20	6	24	40	0.75
TT3-Gd18	20	12	18	40	0.75
TT3-Gd12	20	18	12	40	0.75
TT3-Gd6	20	24	6	40	0.75
TT3	20	30	0	40	0.75

Table S1. Formulation molar ratio of TT3-Gd LLNs.



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**ure S1.** Correlation analysis between relative eGFP expression and properties of TT3-Gd LLNs including particle size, zeta potential, and mRNA encapsulation efficiency. (A) Relative eGFP expression was found to have a significant negative correlation with particle size. (B) No correlation was observed between relative eGFP expression and zeta potential. (C) Relative eGFP expression was found to have a significant positive correlation with mRNA encapsulation efficiency.



**Figure S2.** Gd entrapment efficiency of TT3-Gd18 LLNs. (A) Standard curves generated from Gd with pre-determined concentrations. (B) Gd entrapment efficiency was determined to be  $74.14 \pm 3.80\%$ .



Figure S3. Relative T<sub>1</sub> relaxation time of cell pellets normalized to TT3 LLNs treated group (no Gd treatment control group).