Electronic Supplementary Information

An upconversion nanoparticle/Ru(II) polypyridyl complex assembly for NIR-activated release of a DNA covalent-binding agent

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Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1 in CD₃OD.



Figure S2. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1 in CD₃OD.







Figure S4. HR ESI-MS spectrum of 1 in H₂O (10 % C₂H₅OH) after photolysis.

Figure S5. UV-visible absorption spectra of 1 in water (10 % C_2H_5OH) before (black) and after photolysis (red).

Figure S6. TEM images of oleic acid-capped LiYF₄: Yb/Tm UCNPs.

Figure S7. Dynamic light scattering profile of oleic acid-capped LiYF₄: Yb/Tm UCNPs.

Figure S8. Experimental (blue line) and standard (black line) X-ray diffraction patterns for oleic acid-capped LiYF₄: Yb/Tm UCNPs.

Figure S9. Dynamic light scattering profile of UCNPs@PEG/Ru.

Figure S10. UV-visible absorption spectra of UCNP@PEG (black) and UCNPs@PEG/Ru (red).

Figure S11. EDS images of UCNPs@PEG/Ru (Si is the base in EDS).

Figure S12. Absorption spectra of UCNPs@PEG/Ru before and after visible or NIR light irradiation.

Figure S13. Agarose gel electrophoresis pattern of pUC19 DNA (25 µg/mL in base pairs) in Tris-EDTA (5 mM, pH = 7.5). Lane 1, DNA alone (dark); lane 2, **1** (dark); lane 3, **1** + light (λ > 400 nm); lane 4, **UCNPs@PEG** (dark); lane 5, **UCNPs@PEG** + light (λ > 400 nm); lane 6, DNA alone + light (λ > 400 nm, 0.07 W·cm⁻²).