## Supplementary Information

## Fabrication of an EGF modified nanodiamonds-based anti-cancer drug targeted delivery system and drug carrier uptake visualization by 3D Raman microscopy

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**Figure S1** Schematic showing ENC targeting the cell surface receptor EGFR, and then, they were devoured by the HepG2 cells

Table	<b>S1</b>	The	comparision	of	nanodiamoi	ıds,	NC,	EGF-NDs,	and	ENC	on	particle
size an	nd ze	eta po	otential.									

	nanodiamonds	NC	EGF-NDs	ENC
particle size	186.5	207.5	229.7	253.1
(nm)				
zeta potential	-22.7±4.0	-20.7±2.5	-17.4±4.0	-15.9±2.3
(mV)				



Figure S2 Raman spectra of nanodiamonds, NC, EGF-NDs, and ENC



**Figure S3** Quantification showing the migration rates in HepG2 cells following DMEM, nanodiamonds, EN (EGF-nanodiamonds) and ENC treatments, there is no significant difference among the DMEM, nanodiamonds and ENC groups for migration rates. EN (EGF-nanodiamonds) could significantly induce migration in

HepG2 cells.