Electronic Supplementary Information

Solar-Driven Broad Spectrum Fungicides Based on Monodispersed Cu₇S₄ Nanorods with Strong Near-Infrared Photothermal Efficiency

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	Precursor		Temperature		DDTa
	HS ₂ CNBut ₂	$Cu(NO_3)_2 \cdot 3H_2O$	$T_1(^{\circ}\mathrm{C})$	$T_{\rm R}(^{\circ}{\rm C})$	
Recipe for nanoplates (Previous work)	43.1 mg	0.1 mmol	205	190	0.08 mL
urrent work	2.1 mg	0.1 mmol	205	190	0 mL
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Table S1 Reaction conditions for Cu₇S₄ with different morphologies

^a DDT: dodecanethiol



Fig. S1. Cytotoxicity of Cu_7S_4 NCs in the absence and presence of the simulated sunlight irradiation at different concentrations (9.37, 18.75, 37.5, 75, 150, 300 µg/mL) in HeLa cell lines after incubation for 24 h. The power density of the simulated sunlight was 1.0 W/cm². The irradiation time was 5 min.



Fig. S2. TEM images of S. aureus (a) and E. coli (b).



Fig. S3. Photographs of *E. coli* bacteria for viable count. All the *E. coli* bacteria were cultured in agar plates and incubated for 24 h before counting. The concentration of bacterium seeds (50 μ L) for each plate is as follows. (a) The original concentration of *E. coli*; (b-d) the solution of (a) was diluted by 10³ (b), 10⁴ (c), and 10⁵ (d) times.



Fig. S4. Photothermal anti-bacteria efficiency of Cu₇S₄ NCs on *E. coli* with the simulated sunlight irradiation for (a) 0, (b) 0.5, (c) 1, (d) 2, (e) 3, and (f) 4 min. The Cu₇S₄ NCs (500 μ L, 300 μ g/mL) and bacteria (200 μ L, 10⁷ CFU/mL) were mixed into PBS to afford a total volume of 2 mL solution and then irradiated with the simulated sunlight (1.0 W/cm²) for desired time. After irradiation, 50 μ L of the bacterium suspension was cultured in the agar plate and incubated at 37 °C for 24 h before photographing and counting.



Fig. S5. Photothermal anti-bacteria efficiency of Cu₇S₄ NCs on *S. aureus* with the simulated sunlight irradiation for 0, 0.5, 1, 2, 3, and 4 min, respectively. The Cu₇S₄ NCs (500 μ L, 300 μ g/mL) and bacteria (200 μ L, 10⁷ CFU/mL) were mixed into PBS to afford a total volume of 2 mL solution and then irradiated with the simulated sunlight (1.0 W/cm²) for desired time. After irradiation, 50 μ L of the bacterium suspension was cultured in the agar plate and incubated at 37 °C for 24 h before photographing and counting.



Fig. S6. Evaluation of photothermal anti-bacteria efficiency by heat-treatment for 4 min in the absence of Cu_7S_4 NCs. The control group (a, c): without heat treatment; the heat-treatment group (b, d): the bacteria samples were treated with heat under 70 °C for 4 min.

Detailed procedures: bacterium solution (200 μ L, 10⁷ CFU/mL) was mixed into PBS buffer to afford a total volume of 2 mL. For the heat-treatment group, the prepared suspensions were further treated with heat. Then, for both control and experimental groups, 50 μ L of the bacterium suspension was cultured in the agar plate and incubated at 37 °C for 24 h before photographing and counting.