Supporting Information

Multifunctional UCNPs@PDA-ICG Nanocomposites for Upconversion Imaging and Combined Photothermal/Photodynamic Therapy with Enhanced Antitumor Efficacy

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Figure S1. The UV-vis-NIR absorption spectra of UPI nanocomposites with different ICG concentrations.



Figure S2. Photographs of UCNPs@PDA-ICG solutions before (a) and after (b) centrifugation with different amount of ICG loading (1: 5 μ g; 2: 50 μ g; 3: 100 μ g; 4: 200 μ g; and 5: 400 μ g) on the surface of UCNPs@PDA (800 μ g/mL).



Figure S3. Schematic illustration for the synthetic procedure of NaYF₄:Yb, Er@NaYF₄:Yb@NaNdF₄:Yb@NaYF₄@PDA-ICG (labeled as Er@Y@Nd@Y@PDA-ICG) nanocomposites. TEM images of NaYF₄:Yb, Er (b), Er@Y@Nd@Y (c) and Er@Y@Nd@Y@PDA (d).



Figure S4. Upconversion emission spectra of Er@Y@Nd@Y, Er@Y@Nd@Y@PDA and Er@Y@Nd@Y@PDA-ICG respectively under 808 nm laser excitation.



Figure S5. (a) Temperature variation curves of the aqueous dispersions containing different concentrations of UCNPs@PDA aqueous solutions under the irradiation of 808 nm with a power density of 0.66 W cm⁻². (b) Plot of temperature elevation over a period of 360 s versus the concentration of UCNPs@PDA nanocomposites.



Figure S6. Plot of temperature elevation over a period of 300 s versus the concentrations of ICG under the irradiation of 808 nm with a power density of 0.66 W cm⁻².



Figure S7. Temperature changes of UPI with different ICG concentrations over five ON/OFF cycles of 808 nm laser irradiation (2 min NIR irradiation followed by a 10 min cooling period).



Figure S8. The UV-Vis-NIR absorption spectra of UPI nanocomposites before and after seven days' mild shaking.



Figure S9. The absorption values of pure ICG and UPI at 808 nm after different irradiation times.



Figure S10. The temperature changes of UPI and Pure ICG aqueous solutions over six rounds of repeated irradiation using laser on/off cycling (5 min NIR irradiation followed by a 20 min cooling period). Insets are the photos of Pure ICG samples before and after six rounds of repeated NIR irradiation.



Figure S11. Photographs of UCNPs@PDA-ICG solutions after 24 hours stirring at 37°C and then centrifugation in different buffer conditions (a-d: PBS with different pH values. a: pH=4.0; b: pH=5.0; c: pH=6.0; d: pH=7.4; and e: serum).



Figure S12. In vitro cytotoxicity of UPI against L929 fibroblast cells after 24 h incubation.



Figure S13. Hematoxylin and Eosin (H&E) stained images of major organs for Control group and UPI+NIR group, respectively.



Figure S14. The body weight growth curves of the Kunming mice injected with different doses of UPI nanocomposites.