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## **Supporting Information**

## Difunctional Fluorescent HSA Modified CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Magnetic

## Nanoparticles for Cell Imaging

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Fig. S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of water soluable PDI fluorescent molecule.



Fig.S2 Mass spectrum of PDI-4NH<sub>2</sub> fluorescent molecule.



Fig. S3 Hysteresis loop of the  $CoFe_2O_4$  nanoparticles, the insert picture is the  $CoFe_2O_4$  nanoparticles in n-hexane and ethanol, respectively.

The magnetic property of the  $CoFe_2O_4$  MNPs was characterized by vibrating sample magnetometer (VSM), with saturated magnetic intensity as 54.546 emu/g, coercivity as 20.633 Oe and magnetic retentivity as 1.364 emu/g(Fig. S3). In the inserted picture of Fig. S3, the obtained MNPs formed stable magnetofluid when dispersed in nonpolar solvent (i.e. n-hexane), confirming the ultrafine sizes (< 10 nm) of the  $CoFe_2O_4$  MNPs. While dispersed in polar solvent (i.e. ethanol), the nanoparticles could be totally collected by magnet.



Fig. S4 DLS of the CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@dopamine@HSA (a);

CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@dopamine@HSA@PDI-4NH<sub>2</sub> (b) and PDI-4NH<sub>2</sub> (c)



Fig. S5 Zeta potential of  $CoFe_2O_4$ @dopamine@HSA (a) and

CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@dopamine@HSA@PDI-4NH<sub>2</sub> (b).



	C(%)	Co(%)	Fe(%)	N(%)	O(%)
$CoFe_2O_4@dopamine@HSA@PDI-4NH_2$	74.33	0.36	0.49	10.19	14.62

Fig. S6 XPS of CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@dopamine@HSA@PDI-4NH<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S7 Photo of  $CoFe_2O_4@dopamine@HSA@PDI-4NH_2$  under UV light.



Fig. S8 UV-vis of dopamine, HSA and  $CoFe_2O_4@dopamine@HSA@PDI-4NH_2$ .



Fig. S9 Hysteresis loop of CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@dopamine@HSA@PDI-4NH<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S10 FTIR of CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@dopamine,CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@dopamine@HSA and CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@dopamine@HSA@PDI-4NH<sub>2</sub>.