## **Supporting Information**

## Stepwise growth of gold coated cancer targeting carbon nanotubes for the precise delivery of doxorubicin combined with photothermal therapy

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Fig S1. The size distribution of (a)Au NPs before adsorbed and (b) after grown. (obtained from 100 Au NPs, respectively).



Fig S2. IR spectra of cut MWNTs (black) and the MWNT@PPy material (red).



Fig S3. (a) UV-vis spectra of A: cut and oxidized MWNTs; B: MWNT@PPy; C: MWNT@PPy@Au ; D:MWNT@PPy@ Au-S-PEG-FA@DOX; E: DOX and D: FA-PEG-SH.



Fig S4. Raman Shift of (A) cut and oxidized MWNTs, (B) MWNT@PPy, (C) MWNT@PPy@Au, (D) MWNT@PPy@Au-S-PEG-FA.



Fig S5. Combination chemotherapy and photothermal therapy on H9C2 and HeLa cells after incubating with A: MWNT@PPy@Au-S-PEG@DOX and B: MWNT@PPy@Au-S-PEG (the functionalized mPEG-SH without FA was used instead of FA-PEG-SH) at 50 μg·mL<sup>-1</sup> for 24 h and then irradiated using an 808 nm laser at 1.5W·cm<sup>-2</sup> for 8 min.