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## **Supplementary Information**

## Chitosan modified by γ-ray-induced grafting of poly(tributyl-(4-vinylbenzyl)

## phosphonium) as the biosafe and high-efficiency gene carrier

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## The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of 4-vinylbenzyl chloride and tributylphosphine

The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were performed on a Bruker AVANCE III 300 at a frequency of 100.6 MHz using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as the solvent.



Figure S1. The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of 4-vinylbenzyl chloride (A) and tributylphosphine (B). The chemical shifts for 4-vinylbenzyl chloride: Peak 1 (115.13 ppm,  $-CH_2=$ ), Peak 2 (137.14 ppm, Ar-CH=), Peak 3-6 (129.16, 126.88, 136.66, and 137.89 ppm,  $-CH_2$ - in benzene ring), Peak 7 (46.23 ppm, Ar- $CH_2$ -Cl). The chemical shifts for tributylphosphine: Peak 8 (27.89 and 28.06 ppm,  $-CH_2$ - in aliphatic chains), Peak 9 (26.99 and 26.81 ppm,  $-CH_2$ - in aliphatic chains), Peak 10 (24.43 and 24.29 ppm,  $-CH_2$ - in aliphatic chains), and Peak 11 (13.60 ppm,  $-CH_3$ ).