## **Supporting Information**

## Two azobenzene derivatives CAB/ACB as reusable sunscreen: UV absorptive capacity and biosafety evaluation

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**Fig. S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of CAB(A)/ACB(B) before UV irradiation(a), after UV irradiation (b) and heating (c).



**Fig. S2.** The *trans-cis* spectral changes of ACB (A), CAB (C) and AVO (E) in DMSO under 365 nm irradiation, and the *cis-trans* spectral changes of ACB (B), CAB (D) and AVO (F) in DMSO under 420 nm irradiation.



**Fig. S3.** The *trans-cis* spectral changes of ACB (A), CAB (C) and AVO (E) in cream under 365 nm irradiation, and the *cis-trans* spectral changes of ACB (B), CAB (D) and AVO (F) in cream under 420 nm irradiation.



**Fig. S4.** The reversible *trans*-to-*cis* isomerization degree (A, C) and *cis*-to-*trans* isomerization degree (B, D) of ACB and CAB in DMSO (A, B) and in cream (C, D). (%  $trans_{sample} = [(Abs_{365nm})_{sample}/(Abs_{365nm})_{dark}] \times 100)$  (n=3).



**Fig. S5.** The *cis*-to-*trans* spectral changes of ACB (A) and CAB (B) in DMSO, and the *cis*-to-*trans* spectral changes of ACB (C) and CAB (D) in cream in the dark at 37 °C.



**Fig. S6.** The phase contrast microscopy images and viability histogram of cells interact with CAB and ACB for different times (n=6).