Supporting Information

for

Autophagy is an Important Action Mode for Functionalized Selenium Nanoparticles to Exhibit Anti-colorectal Cancer Activity

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Results:

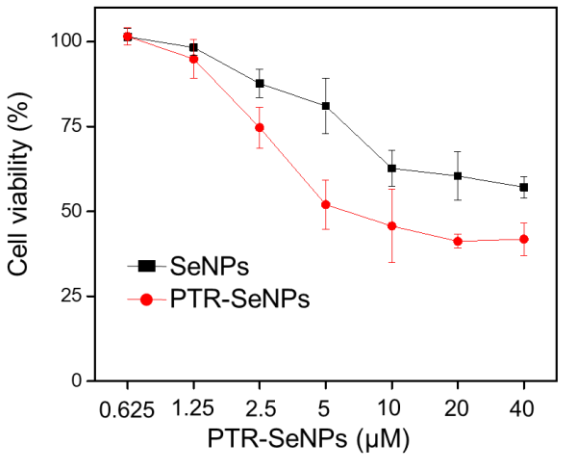

Figure S1. Cell viability of HCT 116 cells treated by SeNPs and PTR-SeNPs for 72 h. Each value represents means ± SD (n = 3).

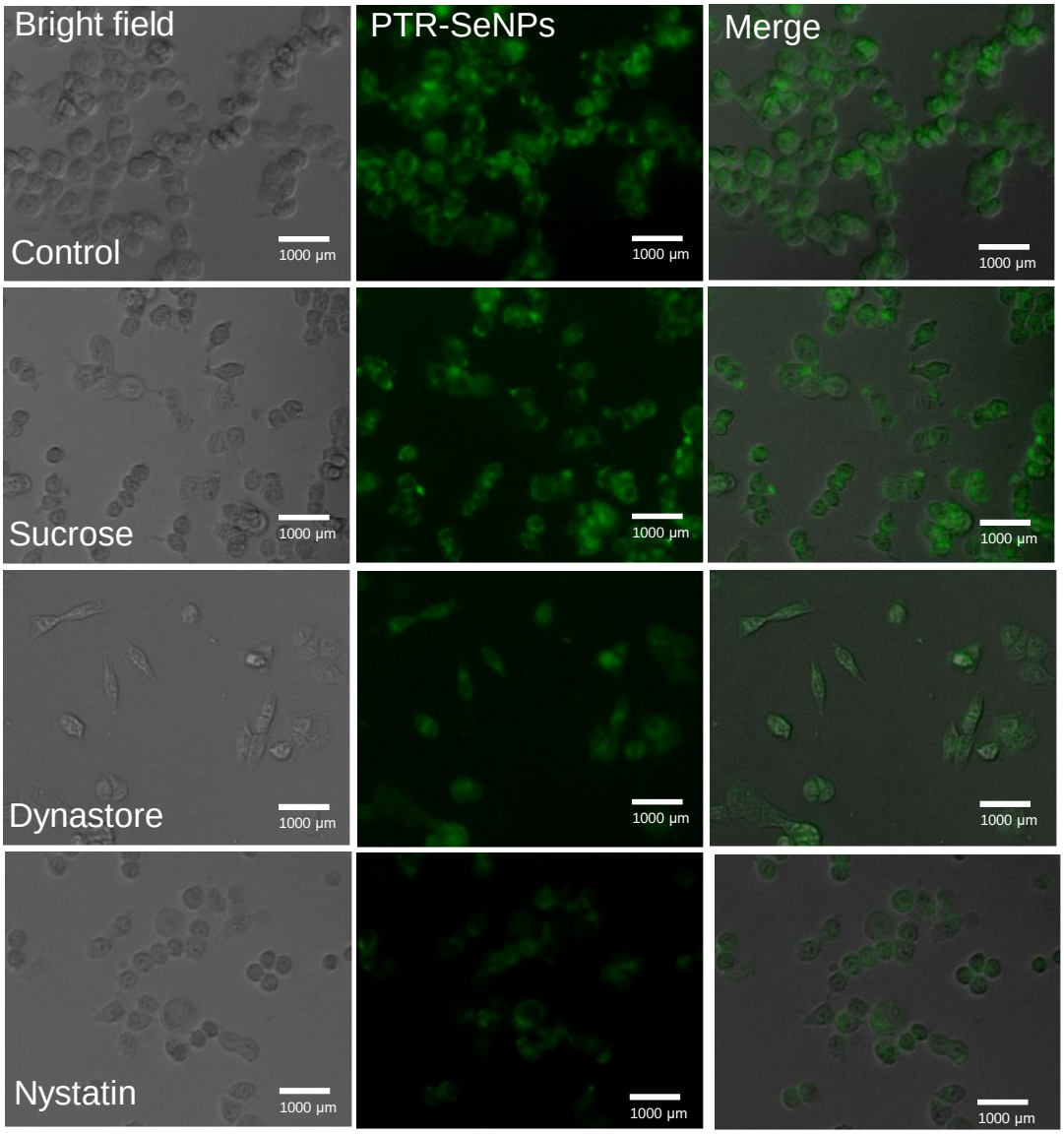

Figure S2. Effects of endocytosis inhibitors on the cellular uptake. Cellular uptake of C6-PTR-SeNPs (green) in HCT 116 cells were examined by fluorescence microscope after pre-treated with socrose, dynasore and nystatin for 1 h before adding 10 μM of C6-PTR-SeNPs and incubated at 37 ℃ for 2 h.

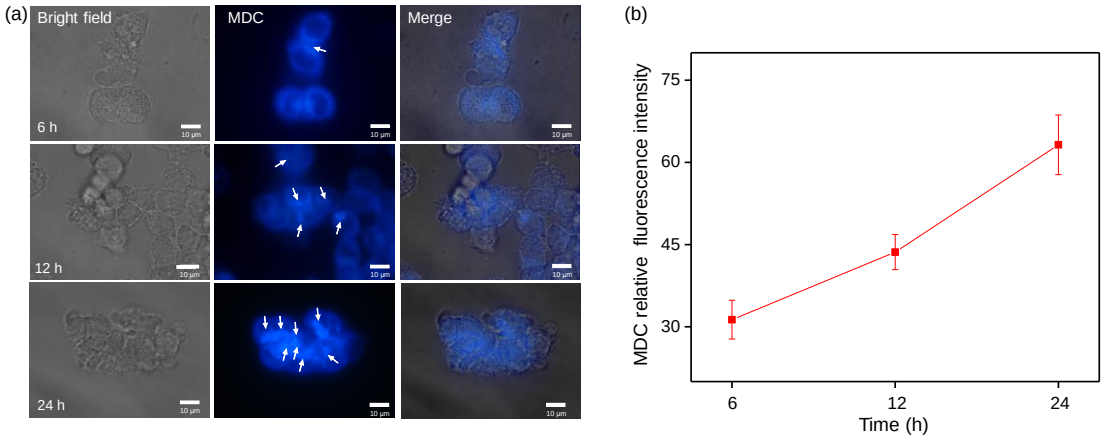

Figure S3. Autophagic flux measurements of PTR-SeNPs in HCT 116 cells. (a) PTR-SeNPs (10 μM) induced autophagy in HCT 116 cells at 6, 12 and 24 h by MDC staining. Autophagosome punta (arrows) were seen in the cytosol; (b) Blue (MDC) dots in cells were counted using the Image J (n ± 3, means ± S.D.).

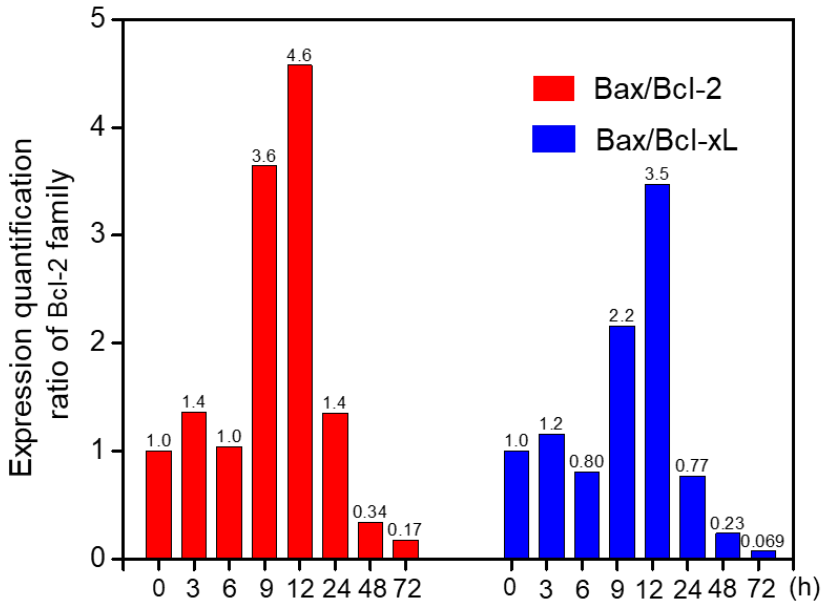

Figure S4. Western blot analysis of protein expression ratio of Bax/Bcl-2 and Bax/Bcl-xL after 72-h treatment.