## Supplementary Information

## Facile synthesis of aquo-cisplatin arsenite multidrug nanocomposites for overcoming drug resistance and efficient combination therapy

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Figure S1. Possible chemical equation of the formation of PtAs product.



**Figure S2.** (A) A typical TEM image of carrier-free PtAs nanoparticles. (B) STEM and EDS mapping images of PtAs nanocomposites.



**Figure S3.** Particle size distributions of PtAs@PAH-DXS nanodrugs (A) after stored in DI water at 4 °C for 2 weeks and (B) incubated with 20% (v/v) fetal bovine serum (FBS) in PBS for 48 h.



**Figure S4.** Releasing profiles of PtAs nanocomposites at pH 5.4, 6.5 and 7.4 at 37 °C (n = 3 per group).



**Figure S5.** Comparison of combination index of CDDP and ATO for (A) HepG2, (B) H22, and (C) COC-1 WT cells after treatment with combination of free CDDP and ATO or PtAs@PAH-DXS for 48 h.



**Figure S6.** Hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) stained sections of mouse tissues after intravenous injection of PBS, free ATO, free CDDP, or PtAs@PAH-DXS for 24 h.

**Table S1.** The average diameters and PDIs of PtAs nanocomposites, PtAs@PAH-DXS nanodrugs,PtAs@PAH-DXS stored in DI water for 2 weeks, PtAs@PAH-DXS incubated with 20% FBS for 4 h,and PtAs@PAH-DXS incubated with 20% FBS for 48 h measured by DLS (n = 3 per group).

	Average diameter (nm)	PDI
PtAs nanocomposites	$22.8 \pm 2.1$	0.283
PtAs@PAH-DXS nanodrugs	38.8 ± 1.6	0.369
PtAs@PAH-DXS stored in	38.5 ± 1.7	0.28
DI water for 2 weeks		
PtAs@PAH-DXS incubated	$44.4 \pm 2.5$	0.339
with 20% FBS for 4h		
PtAs@PAH-DXS incubated	$46.5 \pm 2.1$	0.292
with 20% FBS for 48h		