## Appendix A. Electronic Supplementary Information

## Biodistribution and toxicological evaluation of micron- and nano-sized erythrocyte-derived optical particles in healthy Swiss Webster mice

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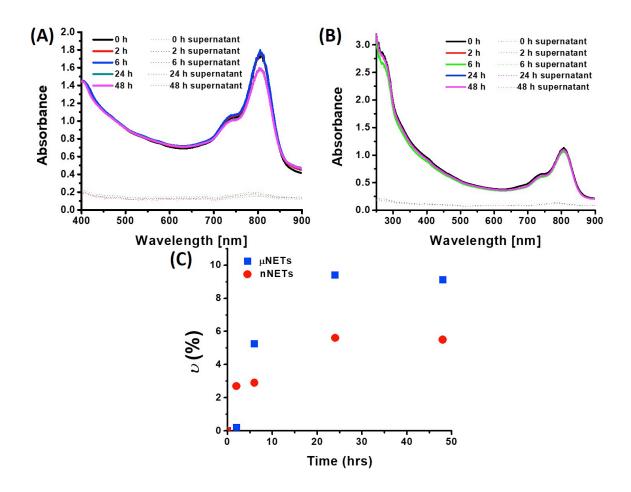
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Assessment of ICG leakage from µNETs and nNETs under physiological temperature

Absorption spectra of  $\mu NETs$  and nNETs and their supernatants after centrifugation at physiological temperature in dark over a period of 48 hours are shown in Figs. S1(A) and (B), respectively. Using equation 2 (see manuscript text), the percentage leakage of ICG from  $\mu NETs$  and nNETs were calculated as  $\approx 9.1\%$  and 5.6%, respectively, at 48 hours post fabrication (Fig. S1(C)).



**Fig. S1.** Time-dependent absorption spectra of (A)  $\mu$ NETs, and (B) nNETs and the corresponding supernatant solutions at 37 °C. (C) % ICG leakage ( $\nu$ ) from  $\mu$ NETs and nNETs as a function of time.