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**Fig. S1** TGA spectra of polymer and polymer-functionalized nanocomposites. HA (A), CMC (B), HA-ZnONcs (C) and CMC-ZnONcs (D).



**Fig. S2** In vitro antioxidant activity of HA (blue), CMC (red), and *D. morbifera* leaf extract (green). DPPH scavenging activity (A, C, E) and ABTS<sup>+</sup> radical scavenging capacity (B, D, F).



**Fig. S3** TGA spectra of Rh2-conjugated ZnONcs and ginsenoside Rh2. Rh2-HA-ZnONcs (A), Rh2-CMC-ZnONcs (B), ginsenoside Rh2 (C).

Wavelength	EE × I	HA-	CMC-	Rh2-HA-	Rh2-CMC- Commercial	
(nm)		ZnONcs	ZnONcs	ZnONcs	ZnONcs	sunscreen
290	0.02	$1.14 \pm 0.01$	$1.12 \pm 0.01$	$1.37 \pm 0.01$	$1.31 \pm 0.01$	$1.79 \pm 0.18$
295	0.08	$1.15 \pm 0.01$	$1.12 \pm 0.01$	$1.38\pm0.01$	$1.32 \pm 0.01$	$1.70\pm0.08$
300	0.29	$1.16 \pm 0.01$	$1.13 \pm 0.01$	$1.38 \pm 0.01$	$1.33 \pm 0.01$	$1.69 \pm 0.06$
305	0.33	$1.17 \pm 0.01$	$1.13 \pm 0.01$	$1.39\pm0.02$	1.330 ± 0.004	$1.65 \pm 0.05$
310	0.19	$1.17 \pm 0.01$	$1.14 \pm 0.01$	$1.40 \pm 0.01$	$1.34 \pm 0.01$	$1.66 \pm 0.05$
315	0.08	$1.18 \pm 0.01$	$1.15 \pm 0.01$	$1.40 \pm 0.02$	$1.35 \pm 0.01$	$1.66 \pm 0.04$
320	0.02	$1.18 \pm 0.01$	$1.15 \pm 0.02$	$1.40 \pm 0.02$	1.360 ± 0.004	$1.67 \pm 0.02$

Table S1 Absorbance of 200  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  of ZnONcs suspension and commercial sunscreen.