## Photothermal-assisted surface-mediated gene delivery for enhancing transfection efficiency

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**Figure S1.** Water contact angles and digital photographs of water drops on TCPS, PDA, PDA-PEI, and pDNA-immobilized PDA-PEI surfaces. Experiments were repeated five times independently.



**Figure S2.** The elemental compositions of TCPS (A), PDA (B), PDA-PEI (C), and pDNA-immobilized PDA-PEI (D) surfaces examined by EDX.



**Figure S3.** Fluorescence images of ECs stained by F-actin (green) and nuclei (blue) on TCPS, PDA, PDA-PEI, and PDA-PEI-polyplexes. The scale bar is 200 μm.



**Figure S4.** Transfection of pEGFP (A-B) and a large size pDNA (PLV-CAG-EGFP, C-D) to 293T cells by traditional bolus transfection with N/P values of 10 (A, C) and 20 (B, D). Cell nuclei were counterstained by DAPI (blue). The scale bar is 100 μm.



**Figure S5.** Fluorescence images of 293T stained by F-actin (green) and nuclei (blue) on TCPS, PDA, PDA-PEI, and PDA-PEI-polyplexes. The scale bar is 200 μm.



**Figure S6.** Viability of ECs (A) and 293T cells (B) following various irradiation time (0 s, 70 s, and 140s). Experiments were repeated five times independently.