

Supporting Information

**Polyethyleneimine coated Fe₃O₄ magnetic nanoparticles induce autophagy,
NF-κB and TGF-β signaling pathways activation in HeLa cervical carcinoma cells
via reactive oxygen species generation**

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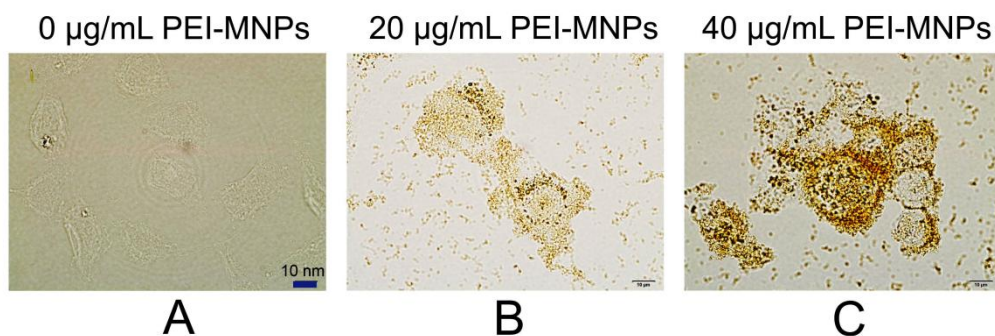


Figure S-1. The uptake of PEI-MNPs of HeLa cells after 24 h treatment.

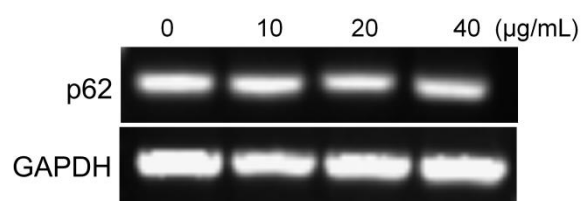


Figure S-2: RT-PCR (reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction) experiment to investigate p62 mRNA level in HeLa cells. The cells were treated with PEI-MNPs for 24 h.

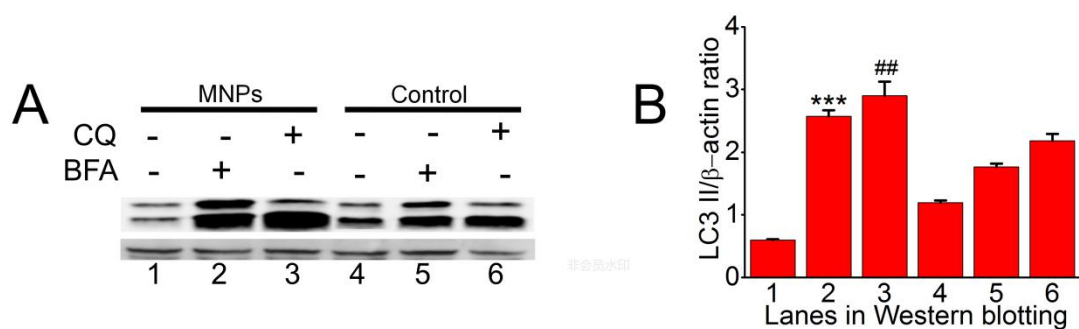


Figure S-3. Results of Western blotting experiments for treatment with different combinations in HeLa cells. A and B: Western blotting results of bafilomycin clamp experiment and quantitative presentation respectively. PEI-MNPs and CQ were used as 15 $\mu\text{g/mL}$, 20 μM for 24 h. BAF was used at 200 nM for 12 h. Lane 2 vs. 5, *** $P < 0.005$; lane 3 vs. 6, ## $P < 0.01$.

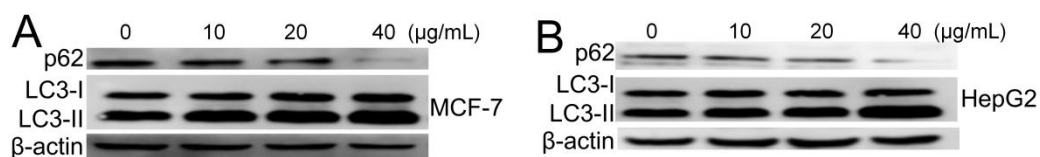


Figure S-4. Western blotting experiments to reveal p62 and LC3 abundance in cancer cells after PEI-MNPs treatment for 24 h. A: Western blotting results for MCF-7 cells. B: Western blotting results for HepG2 cells.

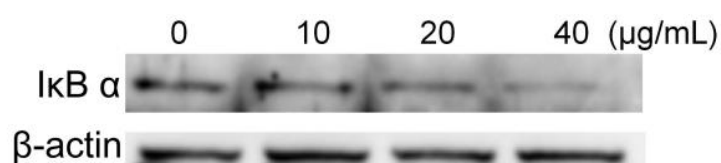


Figure S-5. Western blotting experiments to reveal I κ B α abundance in HeLa cells after PEI-MNPs treatment for 24 h.

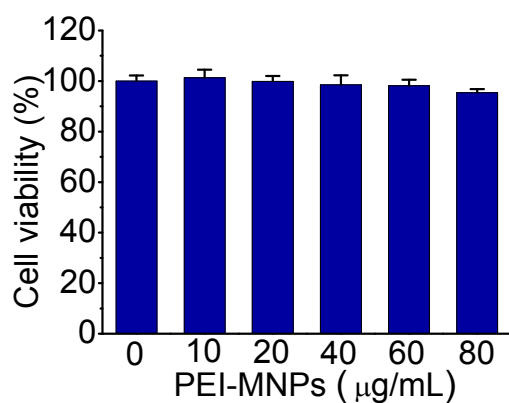


Figure S-6. MTT assay to evaluate the cell viability of HeLa cells treated with different concentrations of PEI-MNPs for 24 h.