## Supplementary Information

## Albumin enhances dextran NP's delivery and therapeutic efficacy of

## PTX for colorectal cancer

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**Fig. S1.** Photos of the stability about Dex<sub>6k</sub>-BSA/PTX NPs dispersed in PBS, fetal bovine serum (FBS) and RPMI-1640 culture media containing 10% FBS for 7 days.



Fig. S2. The zeta potential Dex<sub>6k</sub>-BSA/PTX NPs



**Fig. S3.** Size distribution (A) and TEM (B) of Dex<sub>6k</sub>-BSA/PTX NPs when treated under different pH values after 4h incubation.



**Fig. S4.** Relative fluorescence signal per tissue as quantified. The data are presented as means  $\pm$  SD (n = 3) \*\*\*, *p* < 0.001.



**Fig. S5.** Biodistribution of PTX in tumor and different organs in mouse after administration of Taxol (5 mg/kg), Abraxane (5 mg/kg) and Dex<sub>6k</sub>-BSA-PTX NPs (equivalent 5 mg/kg PTX). The data are presented as means  $\pm$  SD (n = 3) \*\*\*, *p* < 0.001.



Fig. S6. CLSM images of the tumors of CT26 tumor-bearing mice 24 h after i.v. administration of DiR labeled nanoparticles (red). Blood vessels were stained with anti-CD31 (green) and nuclei were visualized with DAPI (blue). Scale bar =  $100 \mu m$ .



**Fig. S7.** The relevant blood biochemistry analysis of the mice The examined parameters of blood biochemistry including the alanine aminotransferase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST), albumin (ALB) and alkaline phosphatase (ALP).

Parameter	Taxol Abraxane		Dex <sub>6k</sub> -BSA/PTX NPs	
T <sub>1/2</sub> (h)	$5.09 \pm 1.53$	$12.93\pm3.65$	$18.29\pm5.47$	
C <sub>max</sub> (mg/L)	$13.11\pm3.73$	$15.28 \pm 1.17$	$15.21\pm3.77$	
MRT $(0-\infty)$ (h)	$6.50\pm1.87$	$17.39\pm2.07$	$24.71\pm 6.13$	
AUC (0-∞) (h·mg/L)	$38.065\pm4.98$	$98.57 \pm 8.51$	$121.83\pm38.45$	
CL (L/(h/kg))	$0.26\pm0.044$	$0.10\pm0.084$	$0.08\pm0.026$	

**Tab. S1** Pharmacokinetics of SD rats post intravenous injection of Taxol, Abraxane and  $Dex_{6k}$ -BSA/PTX NPs

	WBC (10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	<b>RBC (10<sup>12</sup>/L)</b>	HGB (g/L)	PLT (10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	MCV (fL)
Saline	$4.48\pm0.36$	$8.53\pm0.32$	$132.7\pm8.3$	$840.9\pm12.7$	$50.4\pm0.72$
Dex <sub>6k</sub>	$4.15\pm0.24$	$7.87\pm0.78$	$141.2\pm6.1$	$742.3\pm21.8$	$49.2\pm0.59$
Taxol	$3.13\pm0.39{\downarrow}$	$8.42 \pm 1.01$	$147.8\pm9.5$	$572.1 \pm 19.2 {\downarrow}$	$47.8\pm0.26$
Abraxane	$4.22\pm0.31$	$8.24\pm 0.47$	$140.9\pm8.5$	$812.8\pm22.9$	$55.2\pm0.57$
Dex <sub>6k</sub> -BSA/PTX NPs	$3.92\pm0.53$	$7.97\pm 0.28$	$136.9\pm7.2$	$782.6\pm17.1$	$52.1\pm0.97$

Tab. S2 Hematological parameters of the blood collected from mice treated with saline, Dex<sub>6k</sub>,<br/>Taxol, Abraxane and Dex<sub>6k</sub>-BSA/PTX NPs