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### Supporting information

for

#### **Selenium-Driven Enhancement of Synergistic Cancer Chemo-/radiotherapy by Targeting Nanotherapeutics**

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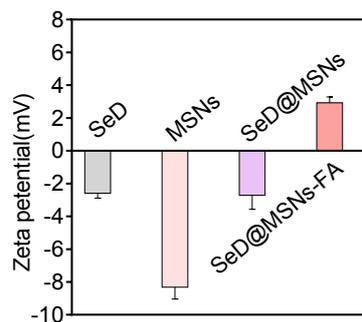
**Methods**

**Stability Analysis:** Specific amounts of SeD@MSNs-FA were dissolved in specific volume water, fetal bovine serum (FBS), and DMEM containing 10% FBS. The size of SeD@MSNs-FA were measured and recorded at seven consecutive days by Nano particle size analyzer.

**Intracellular localization of SeD@MSNs-FA:** The fluorescence microscope (EVOS FL) was employed to observe localization of SeD@MSNs-FA in HeLa cells at different time point. Briefly, the HeLa cells ( $8 \times 10^4$  cells/ mL, 2 mL) were seeded into 2 cm culture dishes and allowed to adhere for 24 h, subsequently, incubated with SeD@MSNs-FA. The nucleus and lysosomes were labeled by DAPI (blue) and Lyso tracker (red) respectively.

**Hemolysis analysis:** Human red blood cells (RBCs) were incubated with different concentrations SeD@MSNs-FA for different time (4h,8h) periods at 37°C. PBS solution and Triton X-100 (10 mg/L) were used as negative and positive controls, respectively. The RBCs were centrifuged to collect supernatant for calculating the hemolysis rate. In the end, we used a microscope to observe the morphology of RBCs.

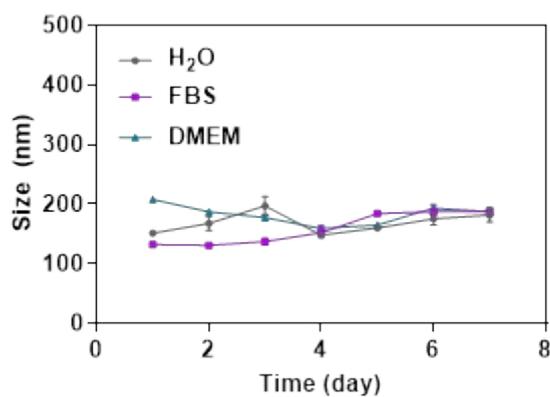
## Results



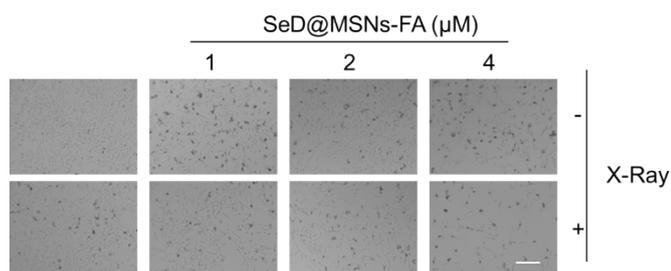
**Figure S1.** Zeta potential of SeD, MSNs, SeD@MSNs, SeD@MSNs and SeC@MSNs-FA nanoparticles

**Table S1.** Corresponding data table for MSNs and SeD@MSNs-FA.

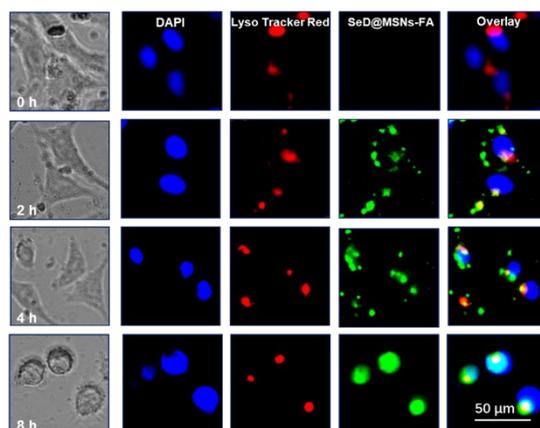
Samples	Surface Area (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	Pore Volume (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	Pore Size (nm)
MSNs	395.52	0.84	8.49
SeD@MSNs-FA	115.96	0.18	6.25



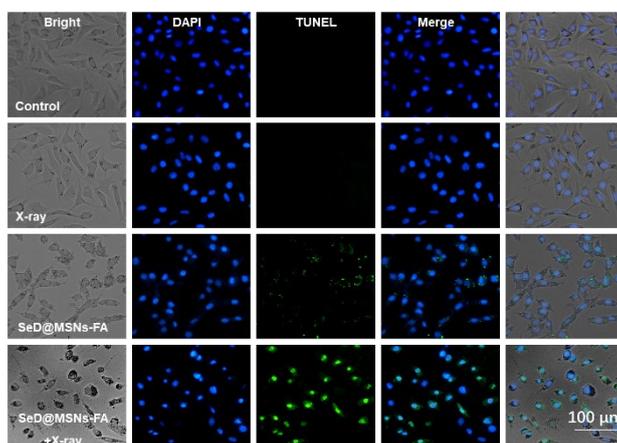
**Figure S2.** Stability of SeD@MSNs-FA in H<sub>2</sub>O, FBS, DMEM.



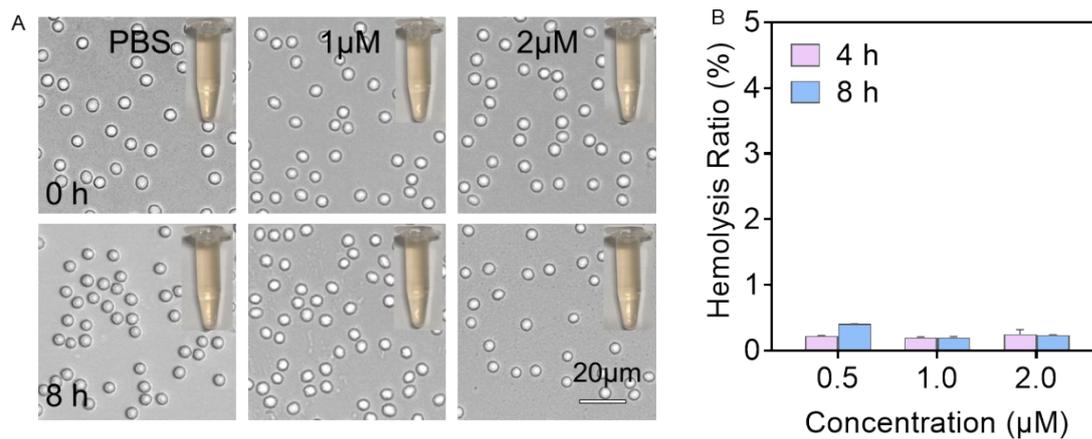
**Figure S3.** Morphology of HeLa cells after treatment with different concentrations (1, 2, and 4  $\mu\text{M}$ ) of SeD@MSNs-FA (24 h) and 4 Gy radiation. Scale bar is 200  $\mu\text{m}$ .



**Figure S4.** Fluorescence localization of SeD@MSNs-FA in HeLa cells. SeD@MSNs-FA produces a green fluorescence, LysoTracker red stained the lysosome, and PI stained the nucleus. The absorption of SeD@MSNs-FA into cells was observed under a fluorescent microscope at specific time points.



**Figure S5.** TUNEL and DAPI co-staining assay indicated that HeLa cells apoptosis occurred after treatment with SeD@MSNs-FA (1  $\mu\text{M}$ ) and radiation (2 Gy).



**Figure S6.** Compatibility of SeD@MSNs-FA with red blood cells. (A) Different concentration SeD@MSNs-FA (1  $\mu\text{M}$ , 2  $\mu\text{M}$ ) on the lysis of red blood cells at different time points, and (B) hemolysis rate.