## **Supplementary Information**

Antibody Functionalized Theranostic Protein Nanoparticles for Synergistic Deep Red Fluorescence Imaging and Multimodal Therapy of Ovarian Cancer

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**Figure S1.** Chemical structure of Zn (II)-2,9,16,23-tetranitrophthalocyanine (phthaloNO<sub>2</sub>) fluorophore (empirical formula  $C_{32}H_{12}N_{12}O_8Zn$ ).



**Figure S2.** H&E staining of induced NIH:OVCAR3 tumor xenograft in athymic mice BALB/c (note the tumor cells with prominent nucleoli and mitotic figures).



**Figure S3.** (A) Absorbance and (B) fluorescence emission spectra of phthaloNO<sub>2</sub>@DMSO solution (pink) and HSA&phthaloNO<sub>2</sub> NPs@PBS (orange).



**Figure S4.** (A) Absorbance and (B) fluorescence emission spectra of phthaloNO<sub>2</sub>@DMSO (pink) and phthaloNO<sub>2</sub>@PBS (purple).



**Figure S5.** (A) Absorbance spectra and (B) calibration curve for various concentrations of phthaloNO<sub>2</sub> solution.



**Figure S6.** Thermal curves in time of HSA&phthaloNO $_2$  NPs during 3 heating/cooling cycles, under irradiation with a 660 nm LED lamp.



**Figure S7.** Absorbance spectra of ABDA molecule at different time points (0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15 min) while under a 660 nm LED lamp exposure in the presence of phthaloNO<sub>2</sub> solution.



**Figure S8.** Fluorescence emission spectra of (A) HSA&phthaloNO<sub>2</sub> NPs and (B) phthaloNO<sub>2</sub> solution, at the initial time (solid line) and after 15 min of irradiation (dashed line) with a 660 nm LED lamp.



**Figure S9.** (A) Absorbance and (B) fluorescence emission spectra of HSA&phthaloNO<sub>2</sub>-AB NPs (deep orange) and HSA&phthaloNO<sub>2</sub> NPs (orange).



Figure S10. (A) DLS and (B) zeta-potential measurements of HSA&phthaloNO<sub>2</sub>-AB NPs.



**Figure S11.** MTT assays performed on (A) A2780 and (B) control A2780 Cis cell lines for free phthalo $NO_2$  solutions.



**Figure S12.** MTT assays performed on A2780 (solid colour) and A2780 Cis (lined colour) cell lines for (A) HSA&phthaloNO<sub>2</sub> NPs and (B) HSA&phthaloNO<sub>2</sub>-AB NPs; control group represented by the blue horizontal line (100% viability).



**Figure S13.** Fluorescence images of A2780 cells treated for 24h with phthaloNO<sub>2</sub> solution (top) and a control group without any treatment (bottom). The cells were stained with DAPI.



**Figure S14.** Multimodal therapy studied on A2780 cells treated with HSA&phthaloNO<sub>2</sub>-AB NPs and an irradiated control group (20x objective magnification). The cells were stained with Annexin V (green) and propidium iodide (orange).