Supplementary Information

Polydopamine-Gated Biodegradable Cascade Nanoreactor for pH-Triggered and Photothermal-Enhanced Tumor-Specific Nanocatalytic Therapy

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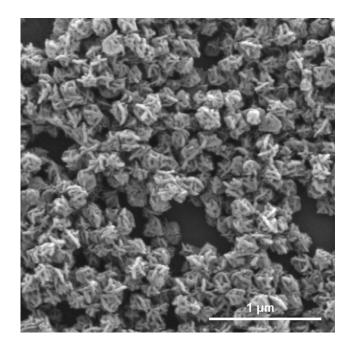


Fig. S1. SEM image of the as-prepared $hMnO_2$ nanostructures.

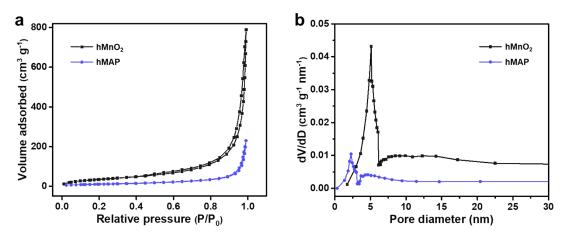


Fig. S2. (a) N_2 adsorption-desorption isotherm and (b) corresponding pore-size distribution of hMnO₂ and hMAP.

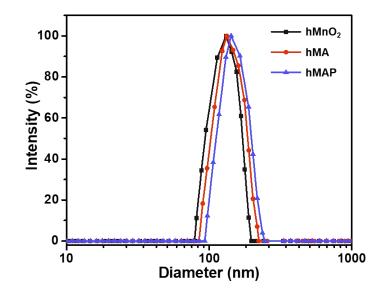


Fig. **S3.** Hydrodynamic diameter distribution of hMnO₂, hMA and hMAP measured by DLS.

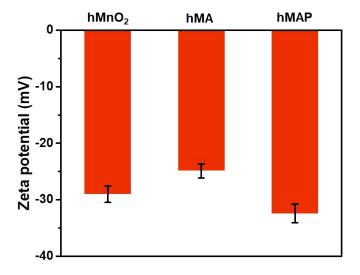


Fig. S4. The zeta potential of hMnO₂, hMA and hMAP.

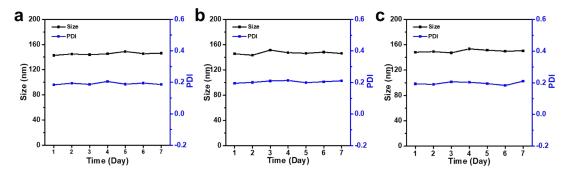


Fig. S5. The hydrodynamic size and PDI changes of hMAP dispersed in (a) water, (b) PBS, and (c) RPMI-1640 medium containing 10% FBS for 7 days.

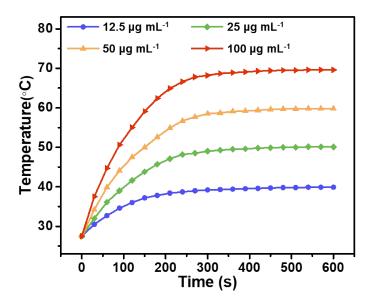


Fig. S6. Temperature variation curves of hMAP at different $hMnO_2$ concentrations (12.5, 25, 50 and 100 µg mL⁻¹) with 808 nm laser irradiation at 1.5 W cm⁻² for 600s.

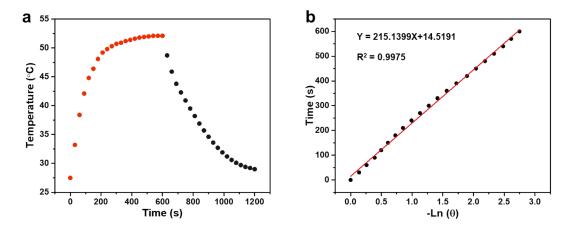


Fig. S7. (a) Heating and cooling curves of hMAP aqueous solution (1.0 mL, 100 µg/mL) under irradiation of 808 nm laser (1.0 W/cm²). (b) Plot of cooling time versus negative natural logarithm of the temperature driving force.

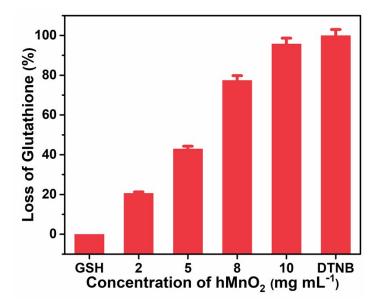


Fig. **S8.** The degradation percent of GSH by different concentrations of hMnO₂, [DTNB] = 0.3 mM, [GSH] = 0.5 mM.

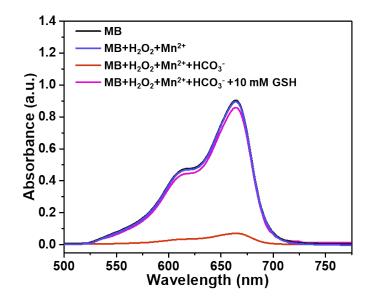


Fig. **S9.** UV-vis absorption spectra of MB degradation in different solutions ([Mn] = 0.5 mM, [H₂O₂] = 8 mM, [NaHCO₃/5% CO₂] = 25 mM, [MB] = 6 µg mL⁻¹).

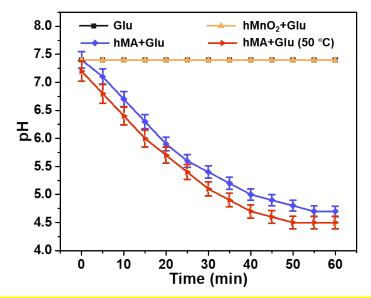


Fig. S10. Time-dependent variations of pH values after incubation with hMnO₂ or hMA (RT or 50 °C) in the presence of glucose (2 mM).

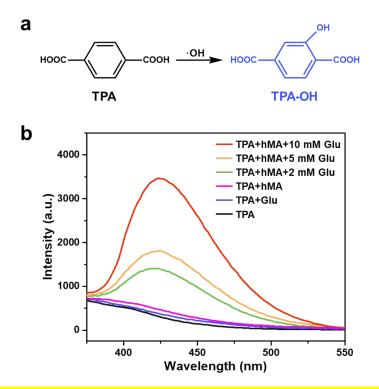


Fig. S11. (a) Nonfluorescent compound terephthalic acid (TPA) reacts with hydroxyl radical (·OH) to form stable fluorescent 2-hydroxy-terephalic acid (TPA-OH). (b) Fluorescence spectra of TPA-OH induced by hMA with different concentrations of glucose.

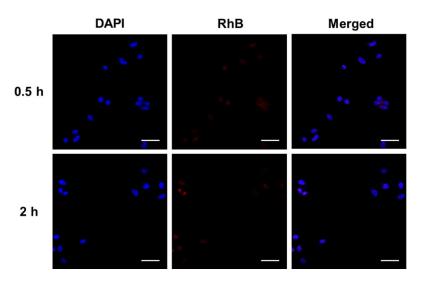


Fig. S12. CLSM images of LO2 cells incubated with RhB-labeled hMAP for 0.5 h and 2 h (scale bars: 50 μm).

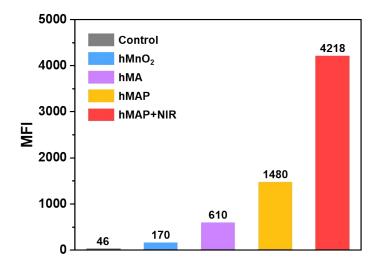


Fig. S13. The mean fluorescence intensity of ROS generation in MCF-7 cells after various treatments.

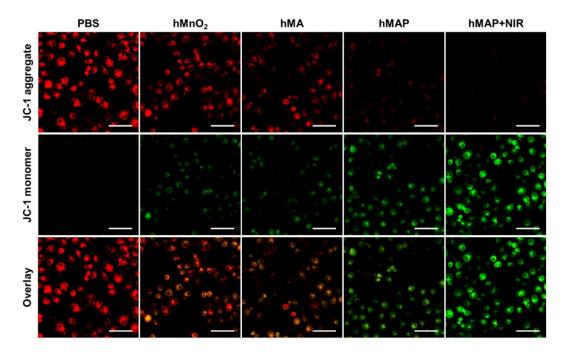


Fig. S14. JC-1 staining of MCF-7 cells after different treatments (scale bars: 100 µm).

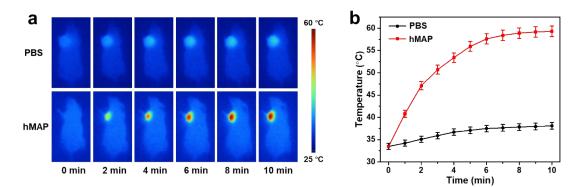


Fig. S15. (a) Thermal images and (b) the corresponding heating curves of MCF-7 tumorbearing mice during 808 nm laser irradiation (1 W cm⁻², 10 min) at 12 h post-injection of PBS or hMAP.

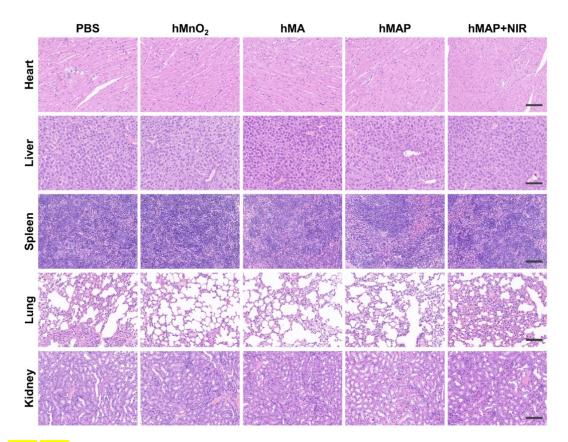


Fig. S16. H&E staining images of major organs on MCF-7 tumor-bearing mice after different treatments. Scale bar: 100 µm.