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pH-responsive size-shrinkable mesoporous silica-based nanocarrier for improved tumor penetration and therapeutic efficacy

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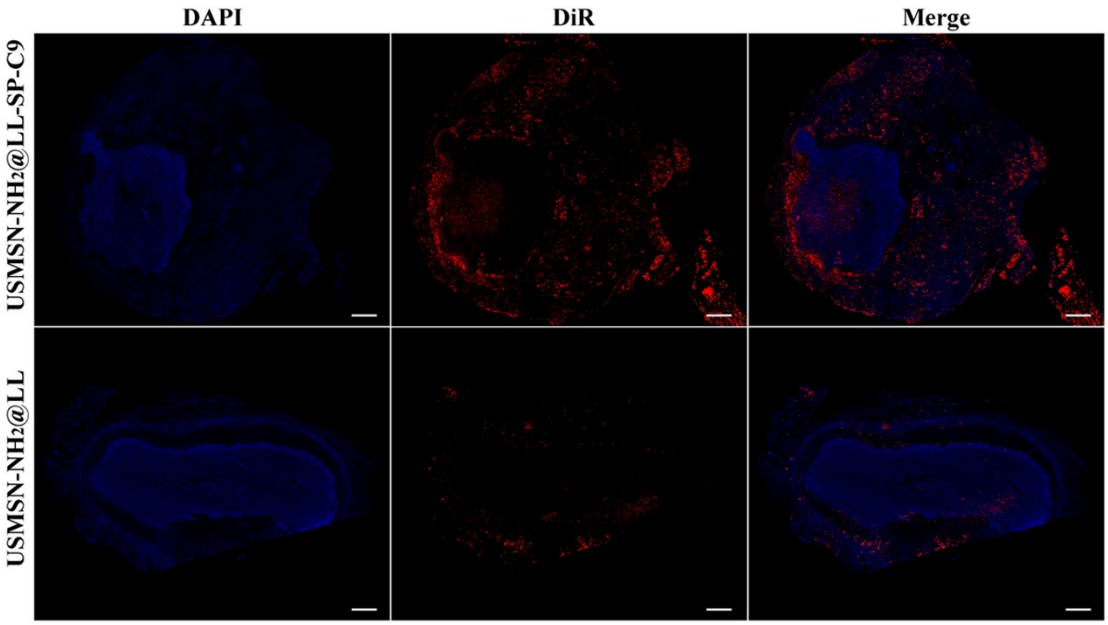

Figure S1. Whole slice scanning to examine the in vivo tumor penetration of USMSN-NH_2@LL-SP-C9 and USMSN-NH_2@LL. Bar scale 500 μm.

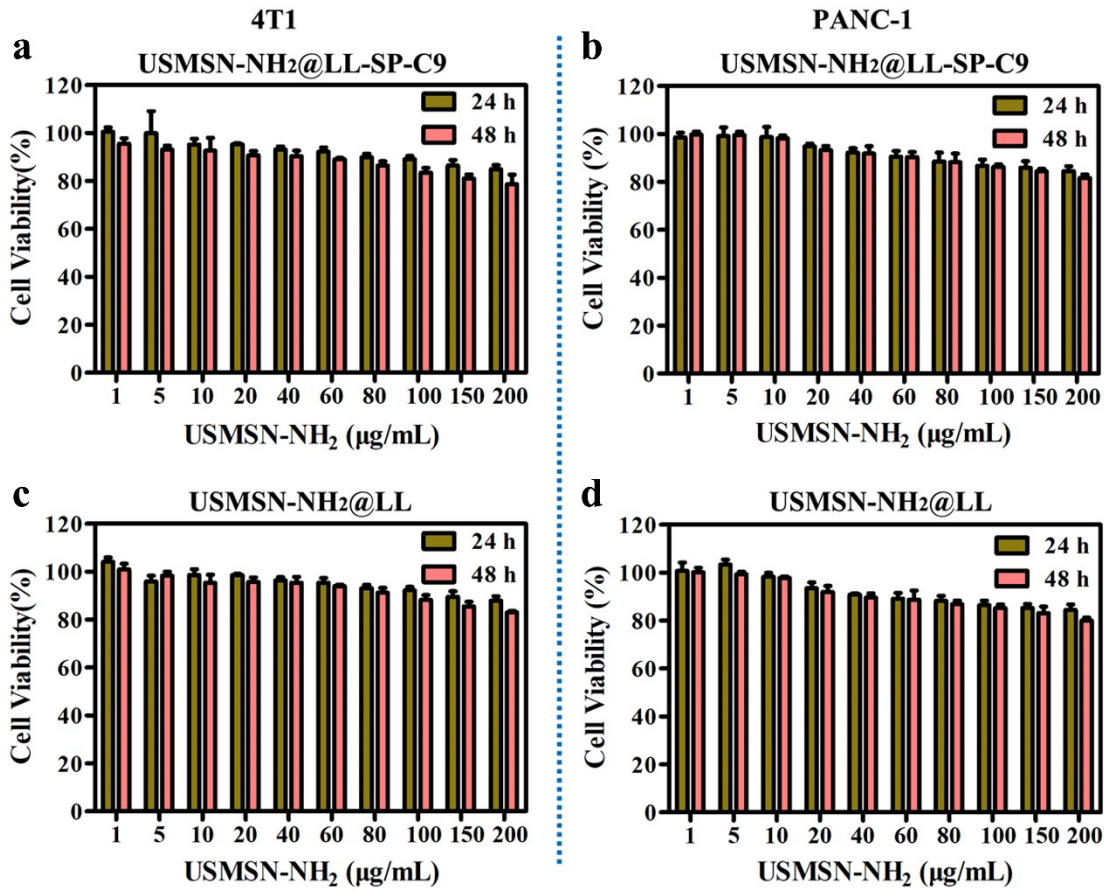

Figure S2. The cytotoxicity of blank USMSN-NH_2@LL-SP-C9 and blank USMSN-NH_2@LL against (a, c) 4T1 and (b, d) PANC-1 cells.

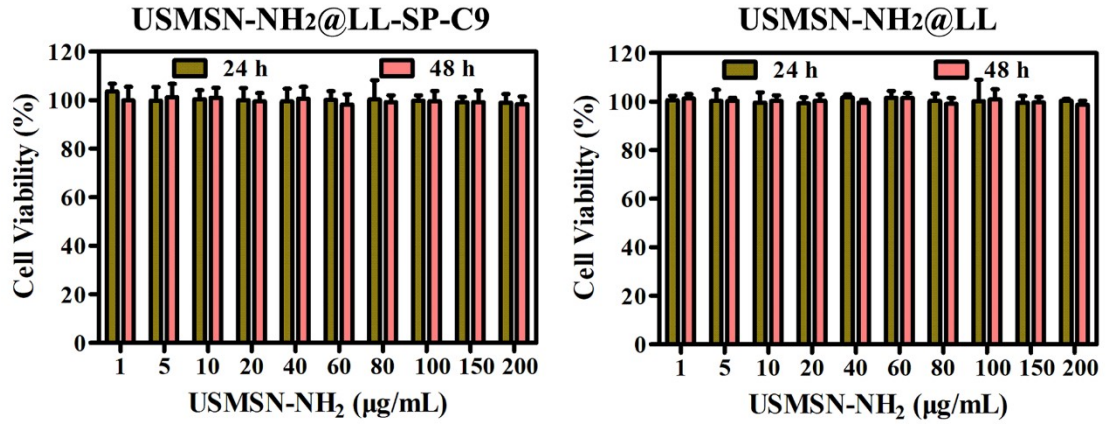

Figure S3. The cytotoxicity of blank USMSN-NH_2@LL-SP-C9 and blank USMSN-NH_2@LL against normal MOVAS cells.

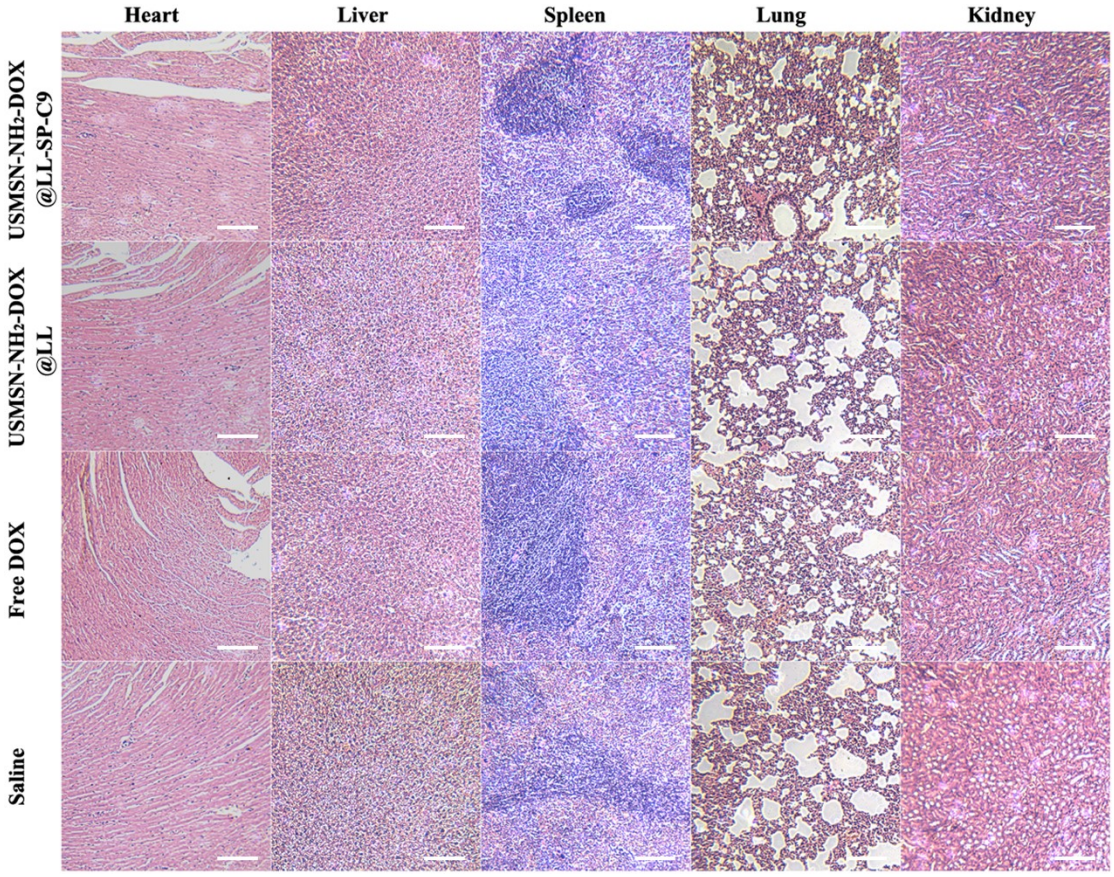

Figure S4. H&E images of the major organs taken from mice-bearing 4T1 tumor on the day 10 post treatment. Bar scale 100 μm.

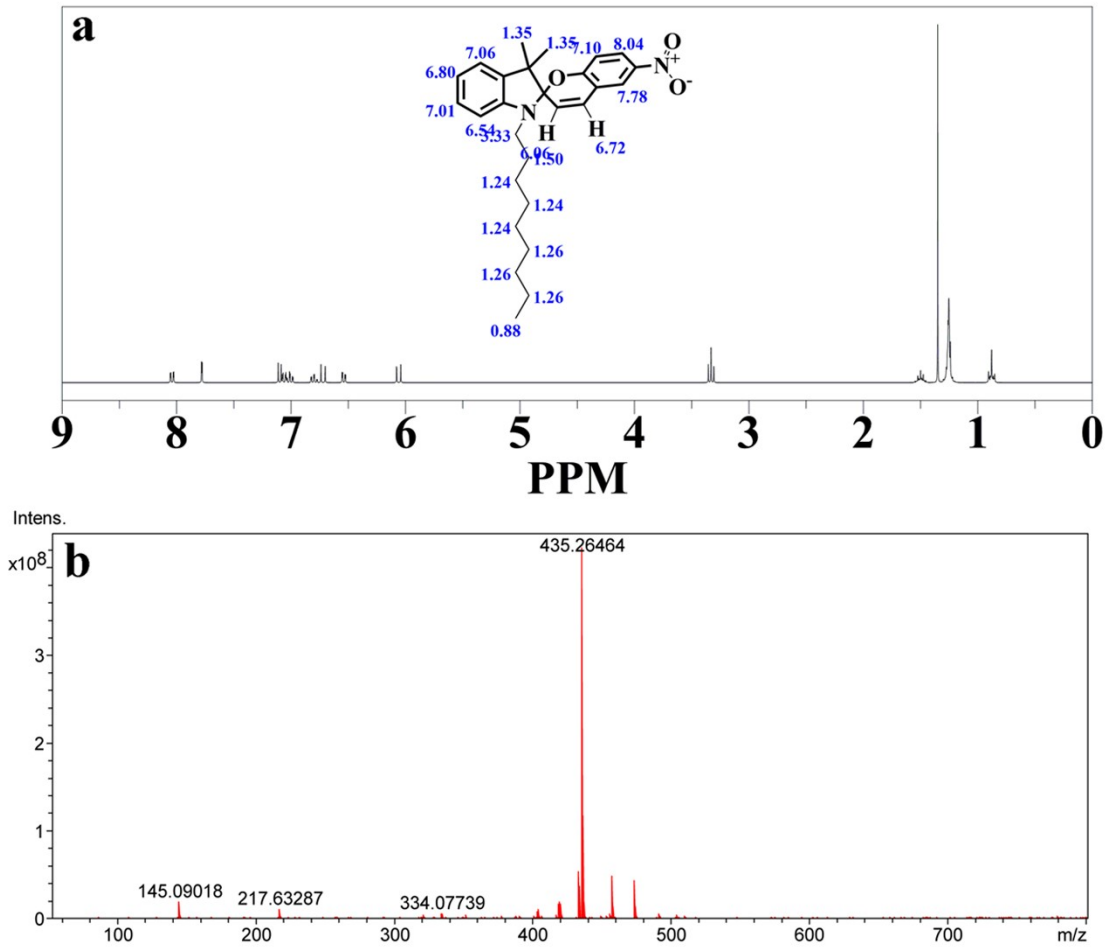

Figure S5. (a) ^{1}H NMR spectrum and estimation (inset) of SP-C9, and (b) high mass spectrum of SP-C9.

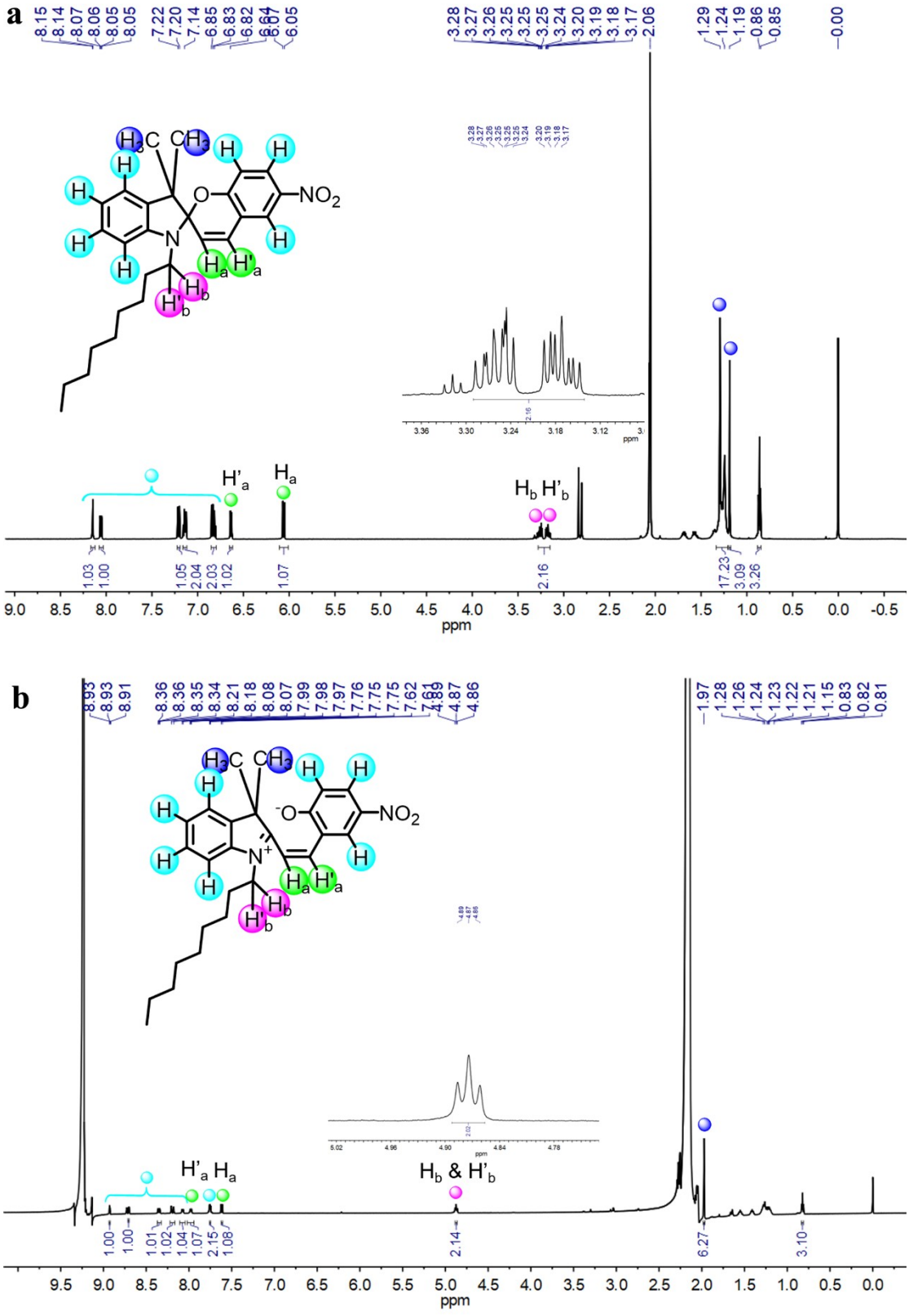

Figure S6. ^{1}H NMR spectrum of SP-C9 in acetone-d6 with neutral (a) and acidic pH (b).