

**SYNTHESIS AND APPLICATIONS OF [60]FULLERENE NANOCONJUGATE  
WITH 5-AMINOLEVULINIC ACID AND ITS GLYCOCONJUGATE AS DRUG  
DELIVERY VEHICLES**

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<b>Element</b>	<b>Concentration</b>
C	54.83
O	36.1
N	5.45
H	3.62

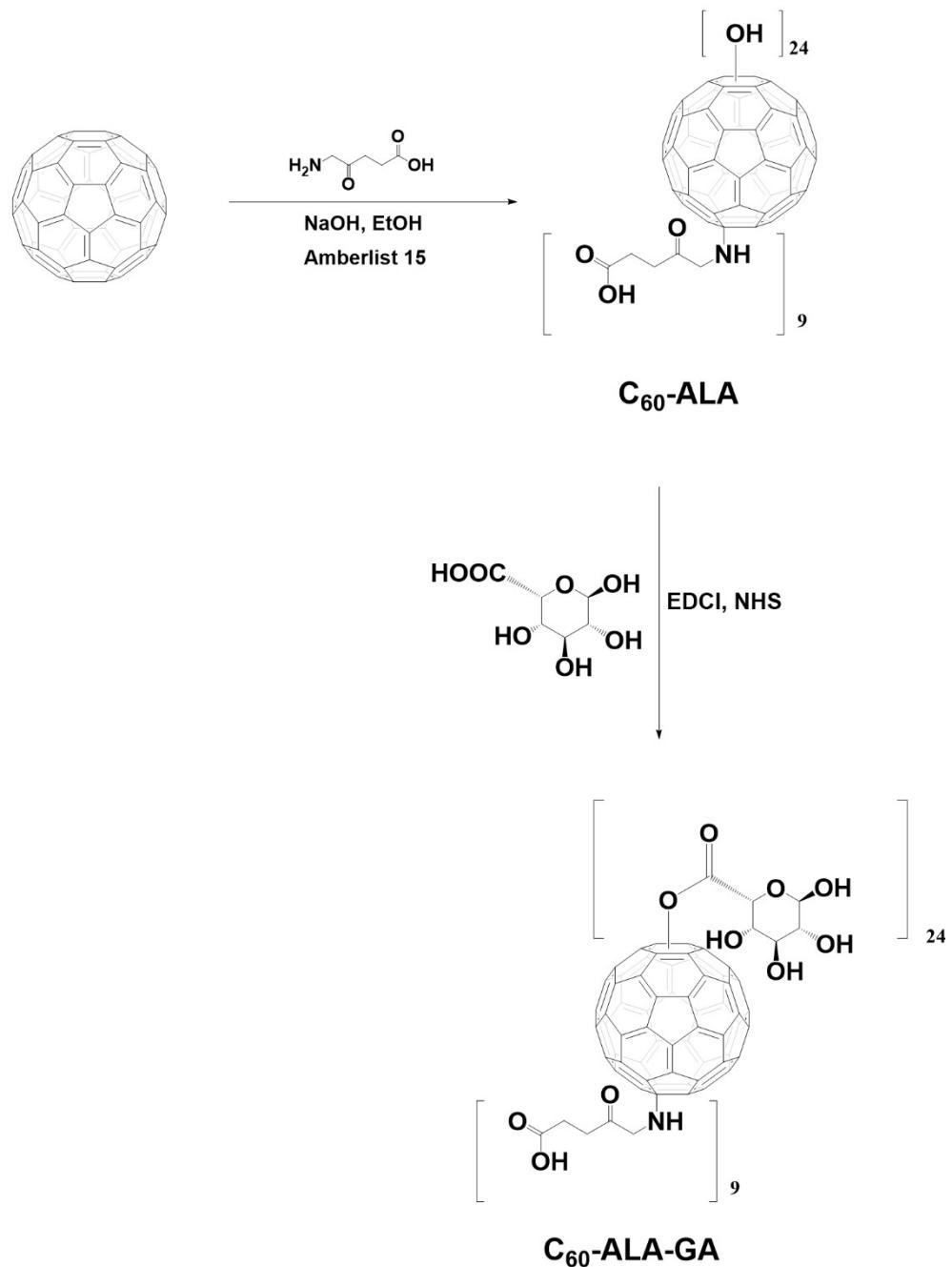
**Table S1**

Elemental analysis of fullerene C<sub>60</sub>-ALA.

**C<sub>60</sub>(NHCH<sub>2</sub>COCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOH)<sub>x</sub>(OH)<sub>y</sub> EMPIRICAL FORMULA**

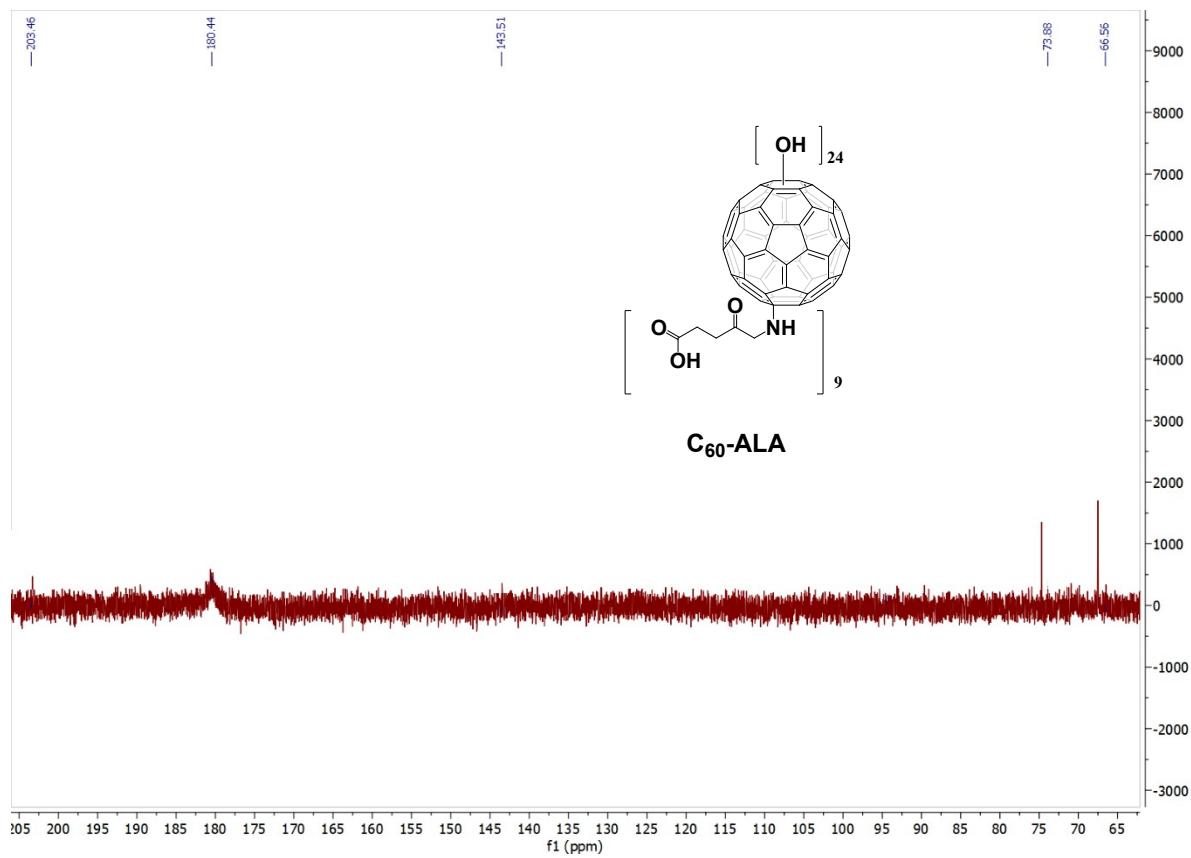
$$N/C \text{ RATIO: } \frac{14X}{720 + 60X} = \frac{5.45}{54.83} \quad X=8.90 \approx 9 \text{ UNITS OF 5-ALA ATTACHED to C}_{60}$$

**EMPIRICAL FORMULA: C<sub>105</sub>H<sub>96</sub>N<sub>9</sub>O<sub>51</sub> (M<sub>w</sub>= 2298 Da)**



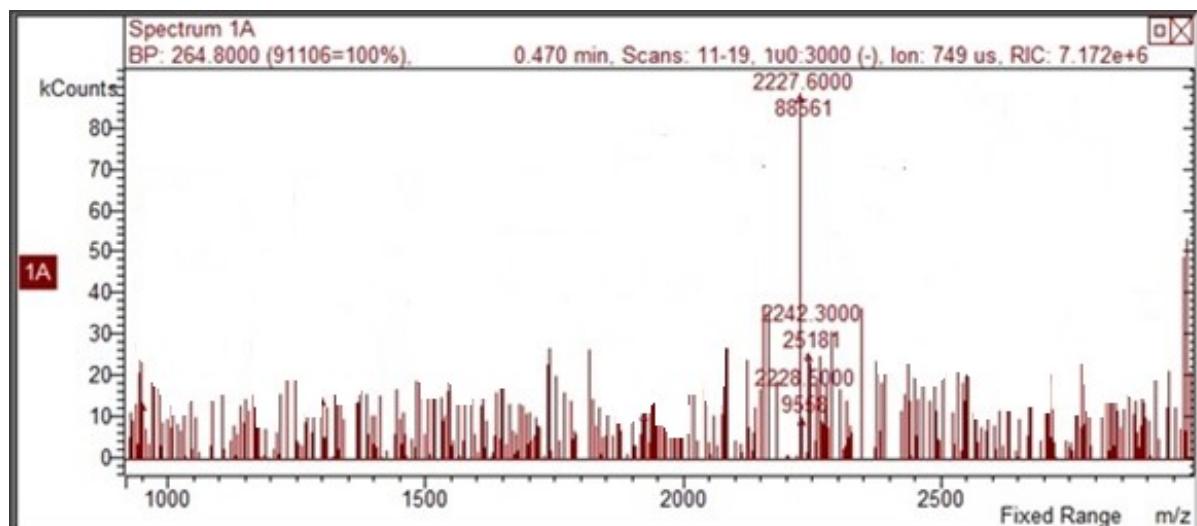
**Figure S1**

Synthetic plan for obtaining [60]fullerene nanomaterials C<sub>60</sub>-ALA and C<sub>60</sub>-ALA-GA



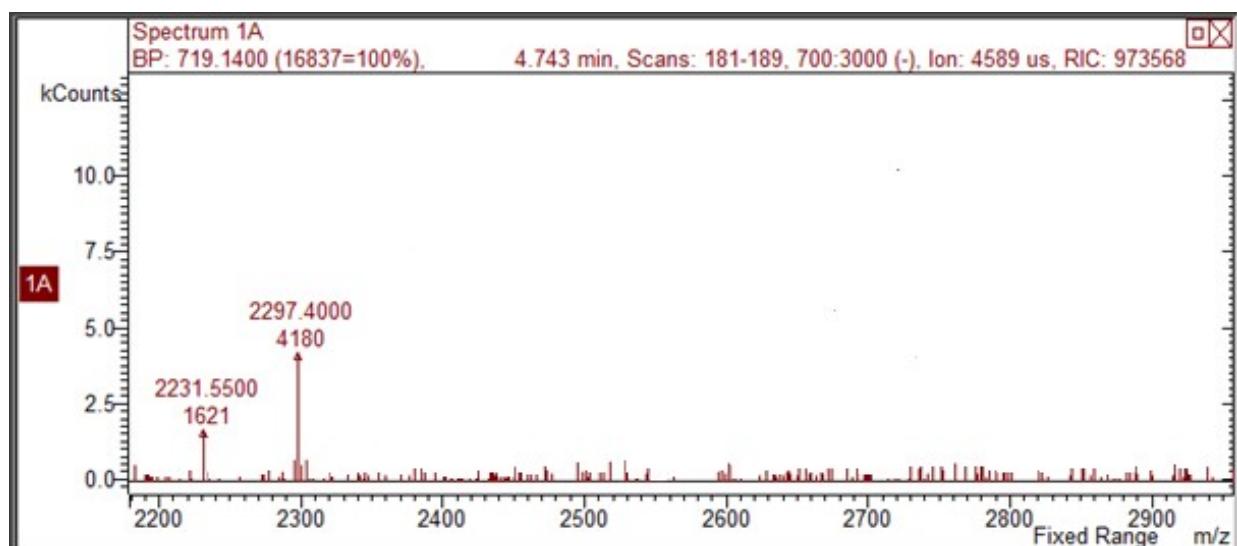
**Figure S2**

Fragment of  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of fullerene nanomaterial  $\text{C}_{60}\text{-ALA}$



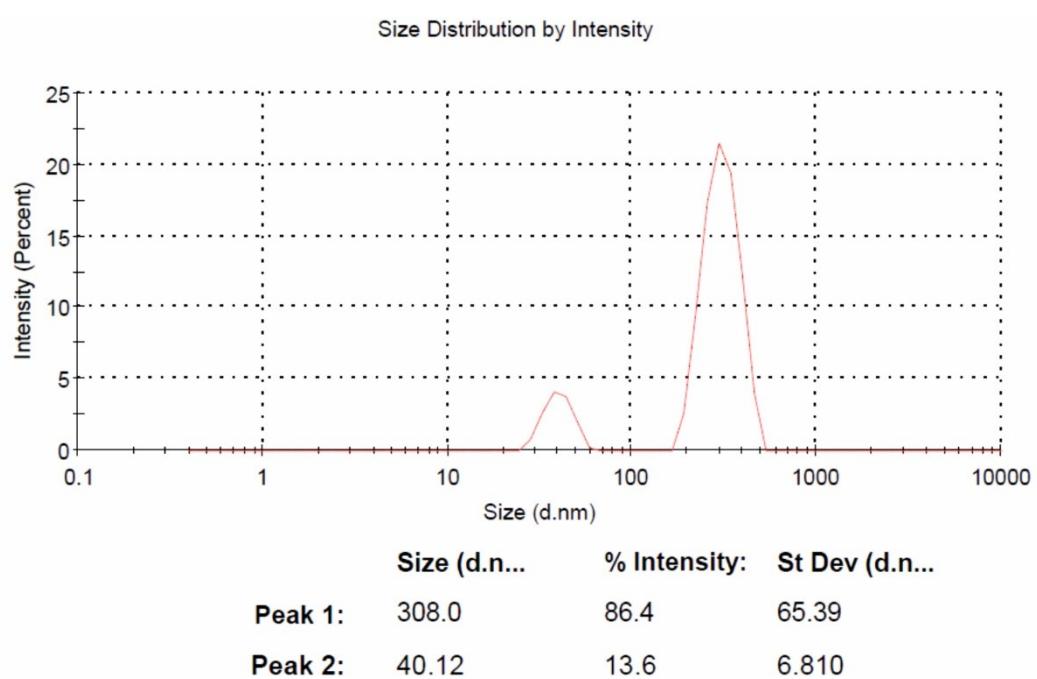
**Figure S3**

ESI-MS spectrum of fullerene nanomaterial C<sub>60</sub>-ALA in a positive mode (100 mV).



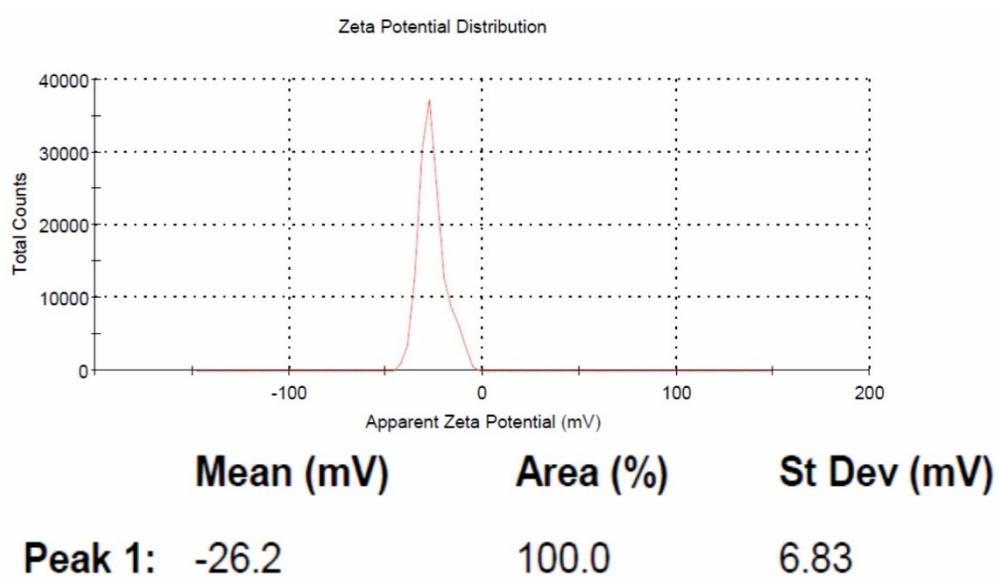
**Figure S4**

ESI-MS spectrum of fullerene nanomaterial C<sub>60</sub>-ALA in a negative mode (25 mV).



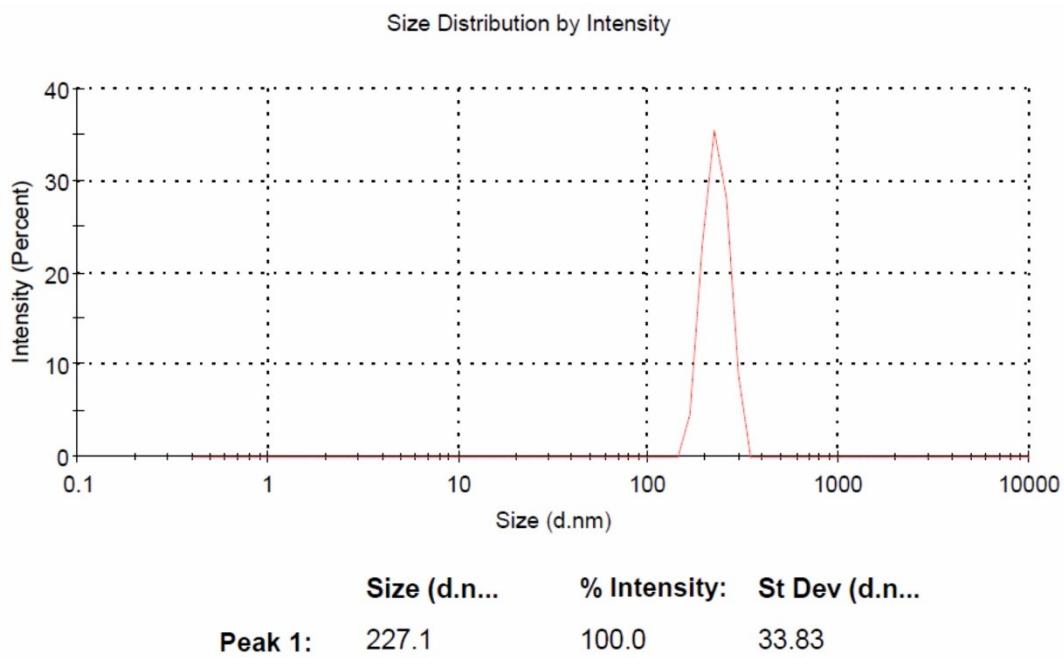
**Figure S5**

Size measurement of fullerene nanomaterial C<sub>60</sub>-ALA using dynamic light scattering technique.



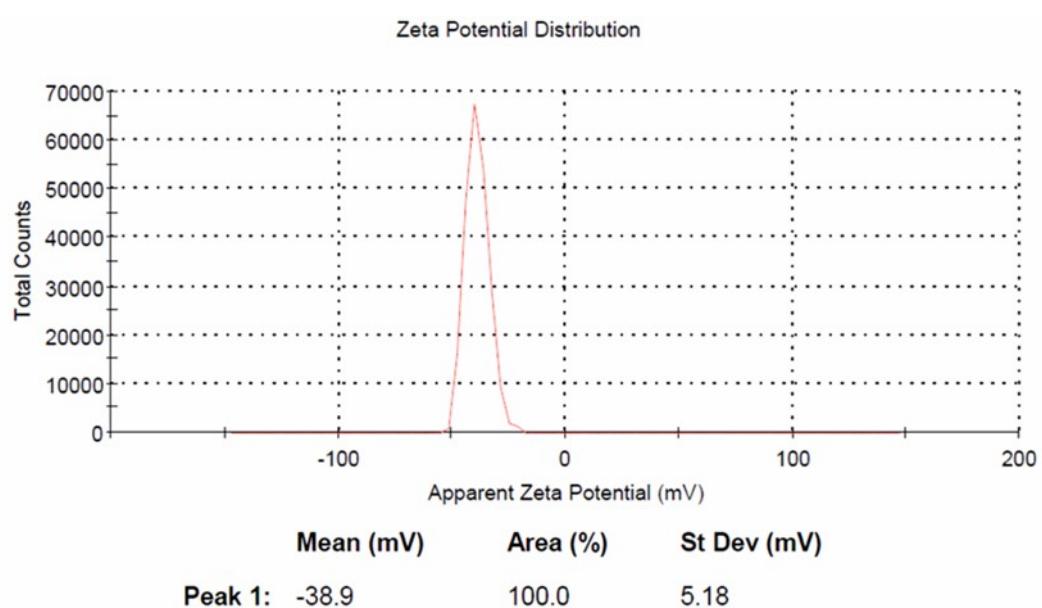
**Figure S6**

Zeta potential of fullerene nanomaterial C<sub>60</sub>-ALA.



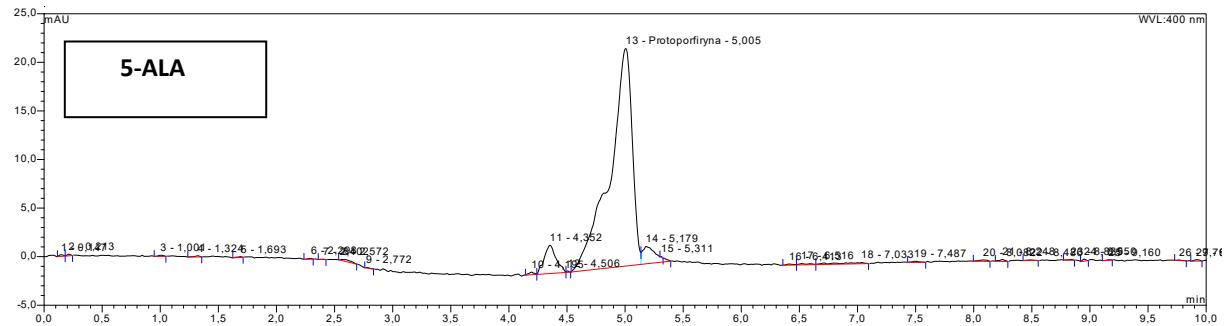
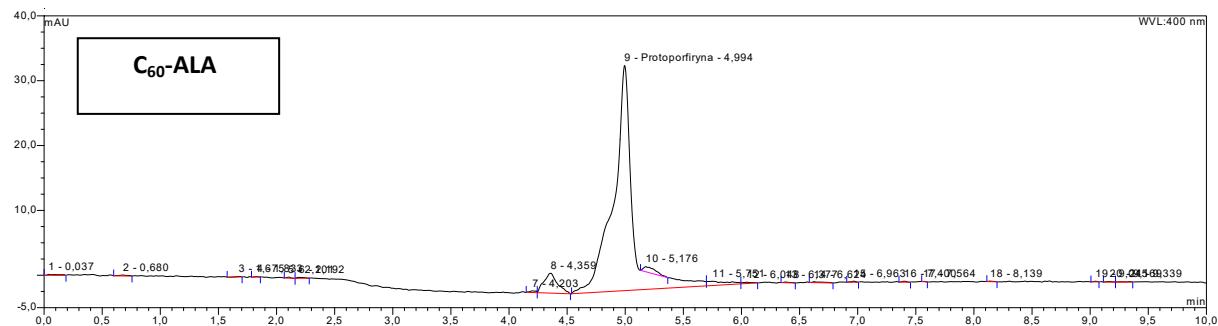
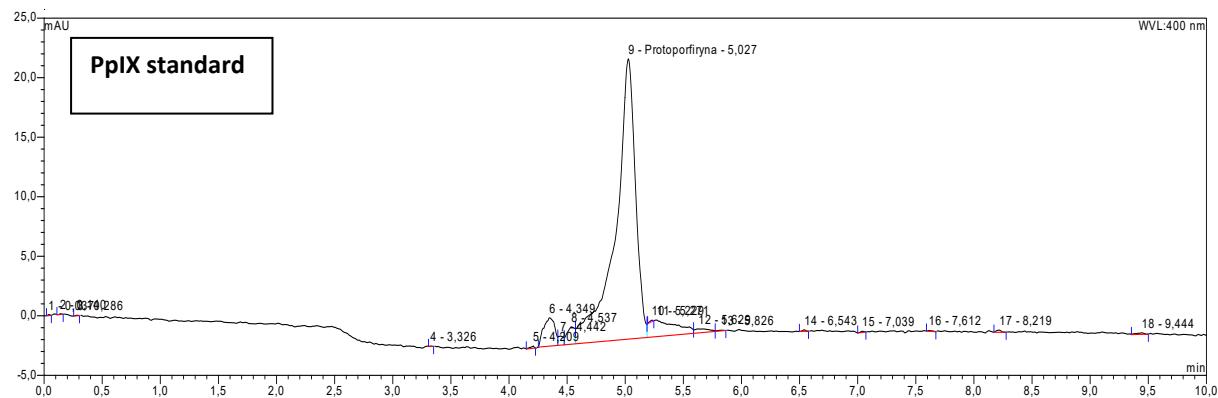
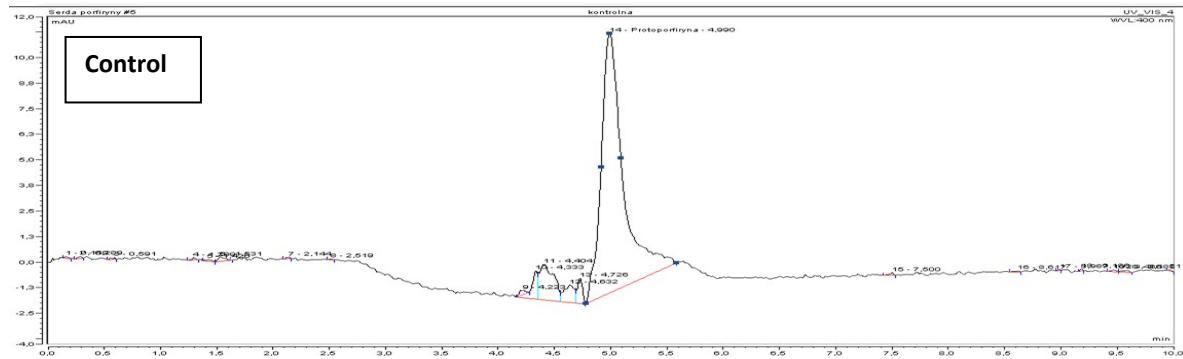
**Figure S7**

Size measurement of fullerene nanomaterial C<sub>60</sub>-ALA-GA using the dynamic light scattering technique.



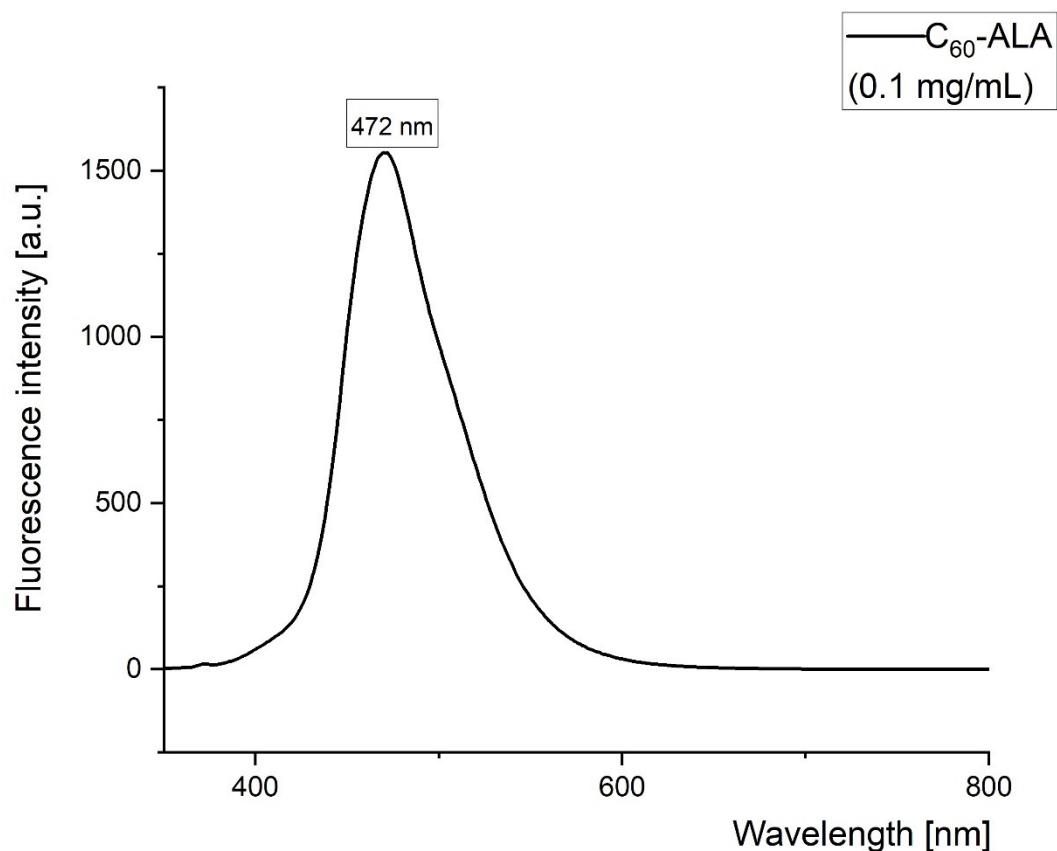
**Figure S8**

Zeta potential of fullerene nanomaterial C<sub>60</sub>-ALA-GA.



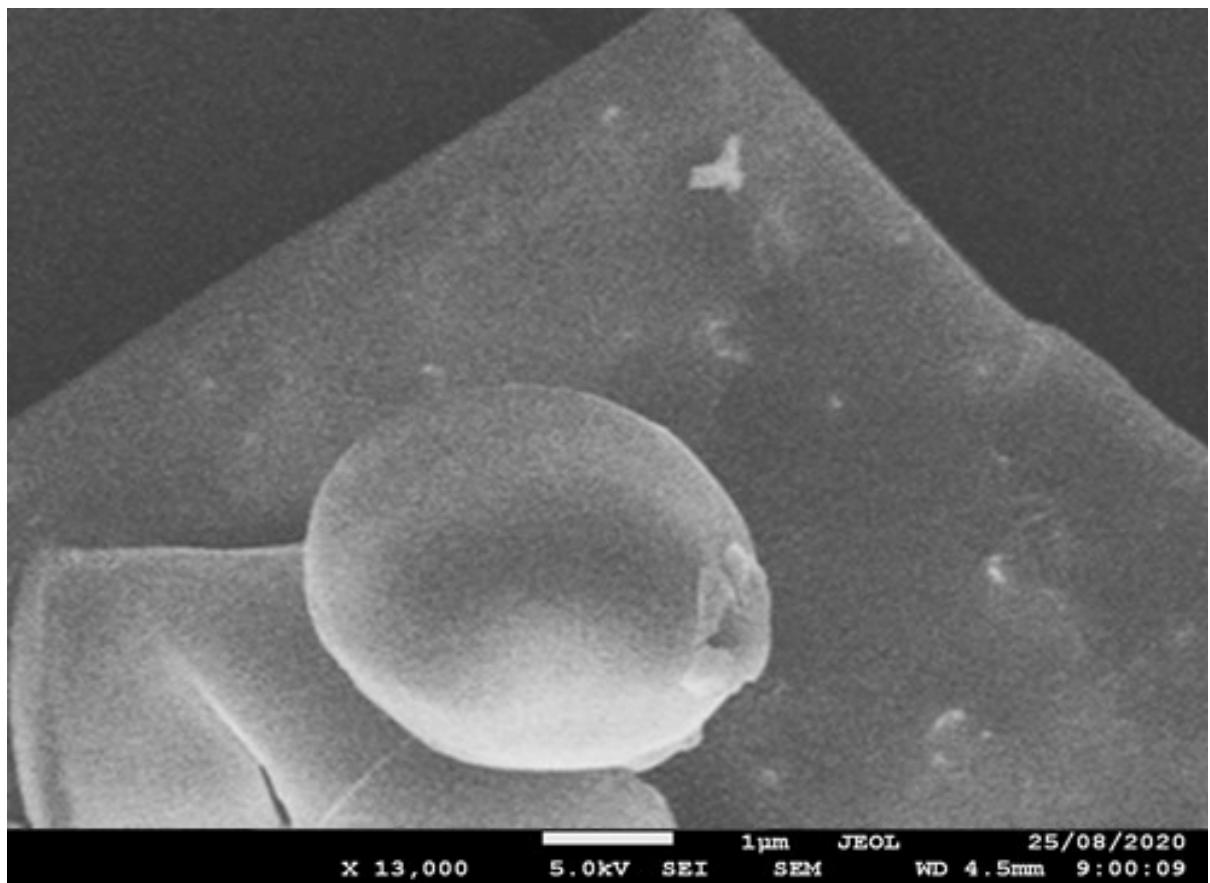
**Figure S9**

The HPLC chromatograms measured for dedicated bio-extracts from MCF-7 cancer cell line and standard (PpIX, Sigma Aldrich). The cells before extraction were untreated (control) or treated with 5-ALA, or fullerene nanomaterial C<sub>60</sub>-ALA.



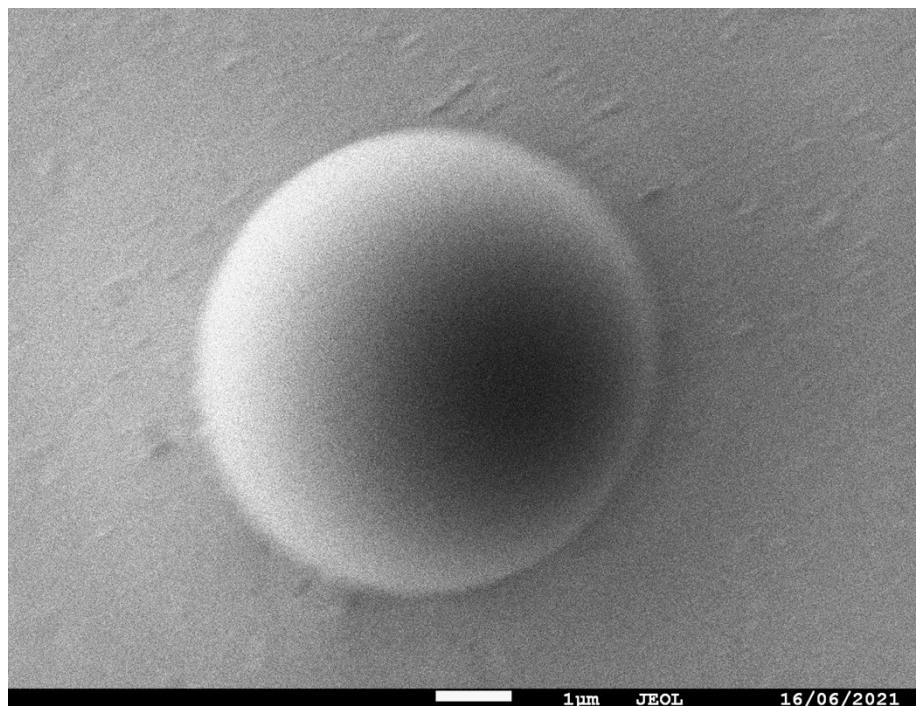
**Figure S10**

Fluorescent spectrum of C<sub>60</sub>-ALA in water (c=0.1 mg/mL) excited at 340 nm.

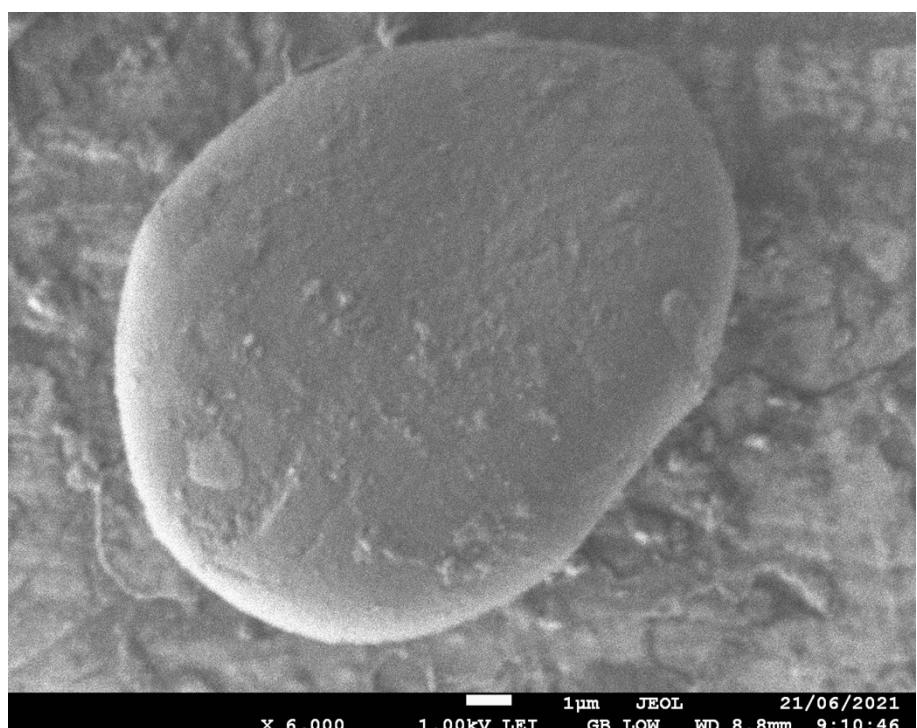


**Figure S11**

SEM image of fullerene nanomaterial C<sub>60</sub>-ALA confirming its hollow structure.



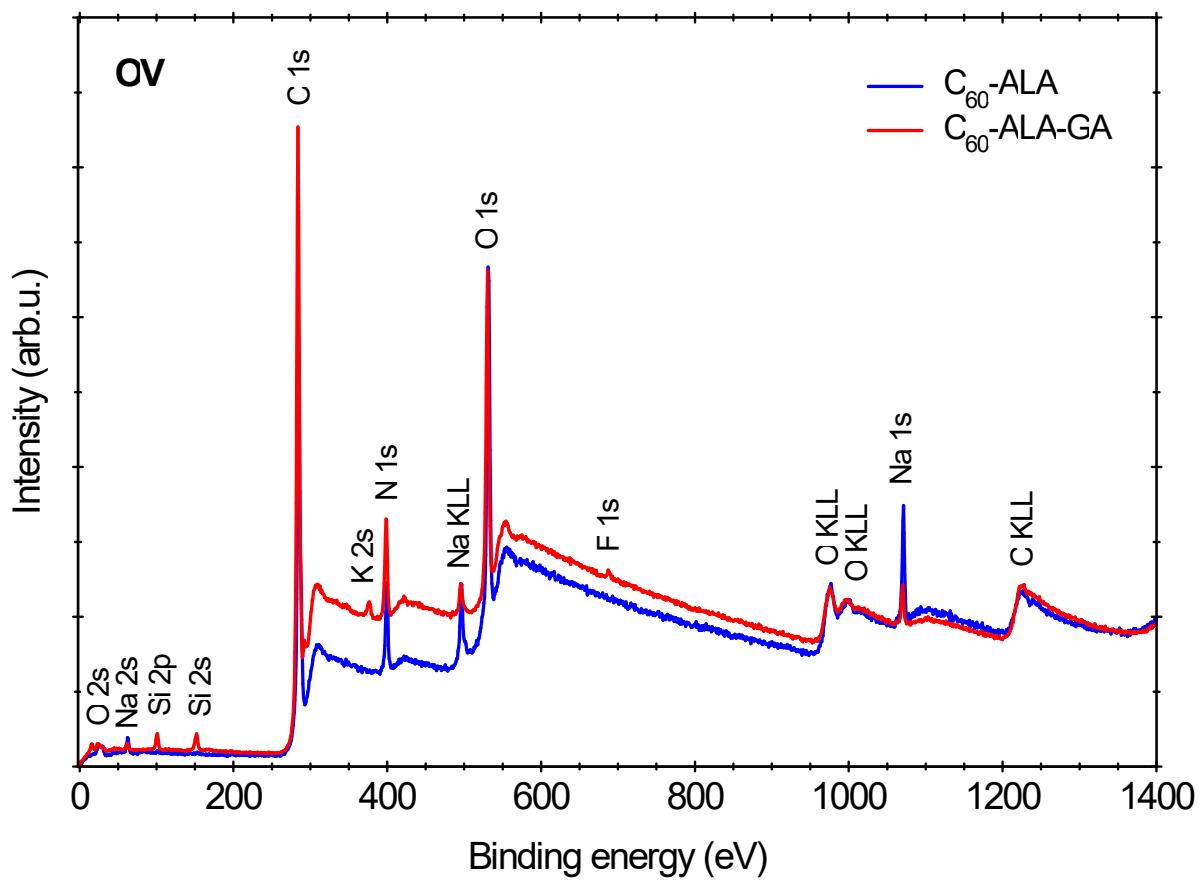
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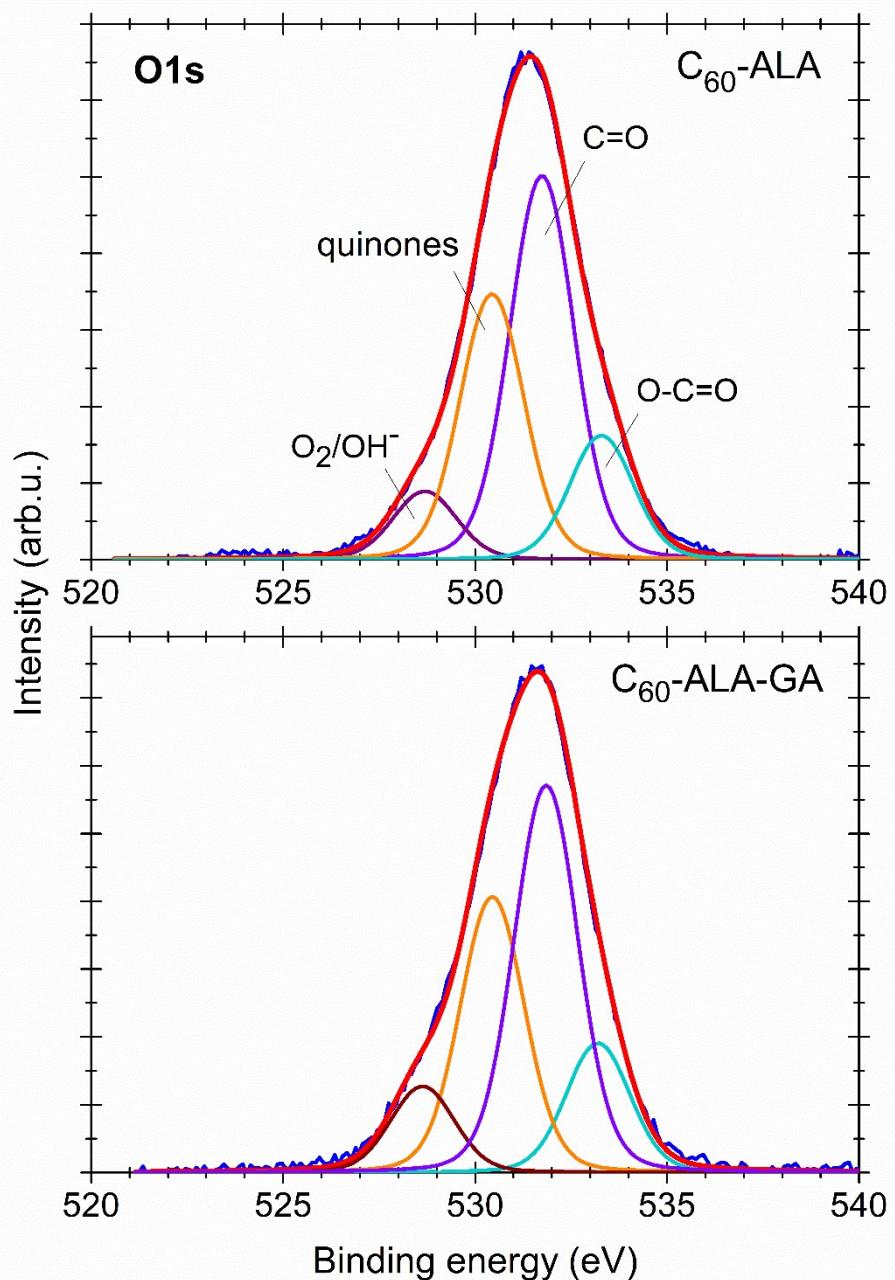
**Figure S12**

SEM images of fullerene nanomaterial C<sub>60</sub>-ALA-GA.



**Figure S13**

The XPS spectra of two fullerene nanomaterials in the wide energy range 0–1400 eV.



**Figure S14**

A high-resolution photoemission spectra of oxygen (O1s) measured for selected fullerene nanomaterials  $C_{60}$ -ALA and  $C_{60}$ -ALA-GA.

<b>Compound</b>	<b>C (mg/mL)</b>	<b>MCF 7 (mg/mL)</b>	<b>A549 (mg/mL)</b>	<b>HCT116 (mg/mL)</b>
CONTROL	0	0.37	0.41	0.78
5-ALA	1	0.67	0.47	1
C <sub>60</sub> -ALA	1	0.71	0.66	1.34
C <sub>60</sub> -ALA-GA	1	1.52	1.6	3.38

**Table S2**

Quantitative HPLC of protoporphyrin IX detected in the cellular lysates and measured at 400 nm after the treatment of cells with 5-ALA or fullerene nanomaterials. The MCF7, A549 and HCT116 cancer cell lines were used in this study. The final results were normalized to number of substrate mmols.

	C <sub>60</sub> -ALA				C <sub>60</sub> -ALA-GA			
Element	Atomic concentration [%]	Chemical states	Binding energy [eV]	Contributions of lines [%]	Atomic concentration [at %]	Chemical states	Binding energy [eV]	Contributions of lines [%]
C1s	64.3	C-Si	281.53	3.7	69.9	C-Si	281.54	3.7
		C=C	283.23	17.7		C=C	283.21	17.8
		C-H, C-C	284.89	55.4		C-H, C-C	284.90	51.1
		C-O, C-N, -C-OH	286.41	11.4		C-O, C-N, -C-OH	286.36	17.7
		O=C-OH, C=O	288.27	11.8		O=C-OH, C=O	288.28	9.8
O1s	24.0	O <sub>2</sub> /OH <sup>-</sup>	528.69	8.1	17.7	O <sub>2</sub> /OH <sup>-</sup>	528.68	10.5
		quinones	530.46	31.5		quinones	530.49	32.1
		C=O	531.89	45.6		C=O	531.93	44.7
		O-C=O	533.26	14.8		O-C=O	533.28	12.7
N1s	7.8	C-N, N-(C=O)-	398.43	31.4	8.1	C-N, N-(C=O)-	398.35	34.4
		pyridinic N	399.79	60.9		pyridinic N	399.76	54.4
Na1s	3.5	-	-	-	1.1	-	-	-
Si2p	0.2	-	-	-	1.7	-	-	-
K2p	-	-	-	-	1.1	-	-	-
F1s	-	-	-	-	0.2	-	-	-
Cl2p	0.1	-	-	-	0.1	-	-	-

S2p	0.1	-	-	-	0.1	-	-	-	-
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**Table S3**

Chemical composition and atomic concentrations for C<sub>60</sub>-ALA and C<sub>60</sub>-ALA-GA, determined from XPS measurements.

<i>Gene name</i>	<i>Sequence of primer</i>	
<b>PEPT1</b>	F	AGGCAACAACTATGTCCGGG
	R	CACAGCATCGAAGATCGGGA
<b>ABCG2</b>	F	GCACAGGAAGTTACGCACAG
	R	AAGGGGCTAGAAGAAGGGGG
<b>FECH</b>	F	GATGAATTGTCCCCAACAC
	R	GCTTCCGTCCCACTTGATTA
<b>HO-1</b>	F	CATCCCCTACACACCAGCCA
	R	ATGTTGGGGAAGGTGAAGAAGG
<b>GAPDH</b>	F	GAGTCAACGGATTGGTCGTA
	R	GCCCCACTTGATTTGGAG

**Table S4**

The sequences of the primers used in RT-PCR experiments.

<b>Compound</b>	<b>C [mg/mL]</b>	<b>C [mmol/L]</b>	<b>C<sub>max</sub> 5-ALA</b>
C <sub>60</sub> -ALA	1	0.464	4.176
C <sub>60</sub> -ALA-GA	1	0.157	1.413
5-ALA	1	5.97	5.97

**Table S5**

The conversion of concentration units for selected fullerene nanomaterials.