

Supporting information

A biodegradable and near-infrared light-activatable photothermal nanoconverter for bacterial inactivation

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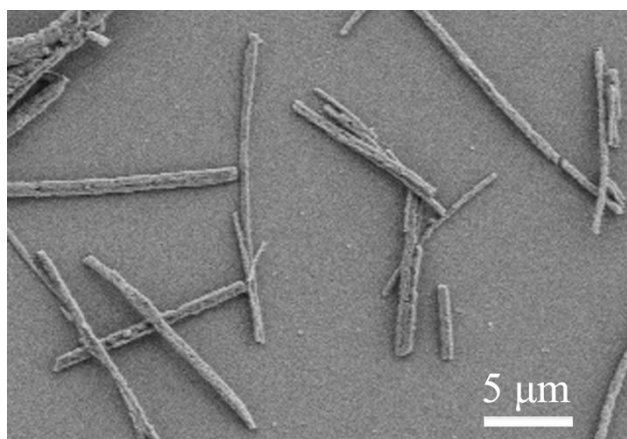


Fig. S1 SEM image of CTN.

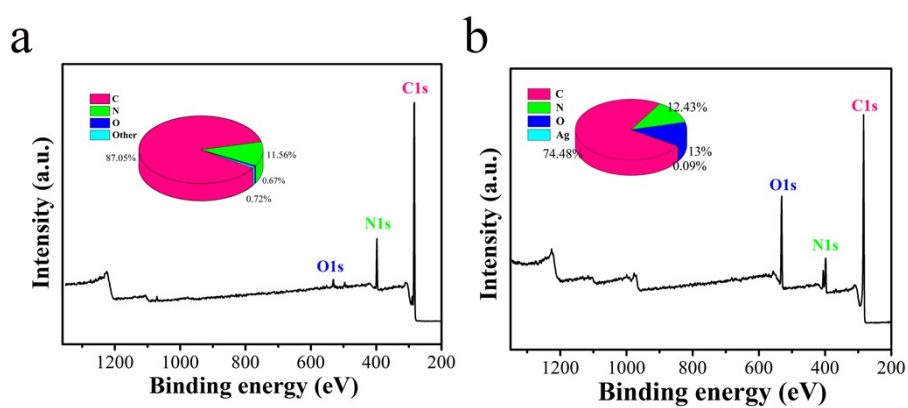


Fig. S2 XPS spectra of (a) TMB and (b) CTN.

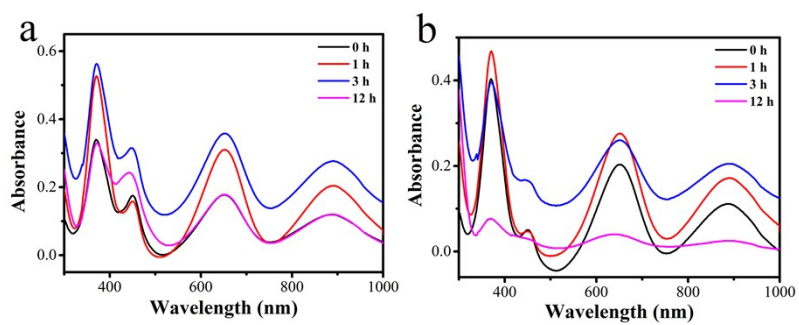


Fig. S3 (a) Absorption spectra of CTN ($60 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$) in MES buffer (pH 3). (b) Absorption spectra of CTN ($60 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$) in MES buffer (pH 4).

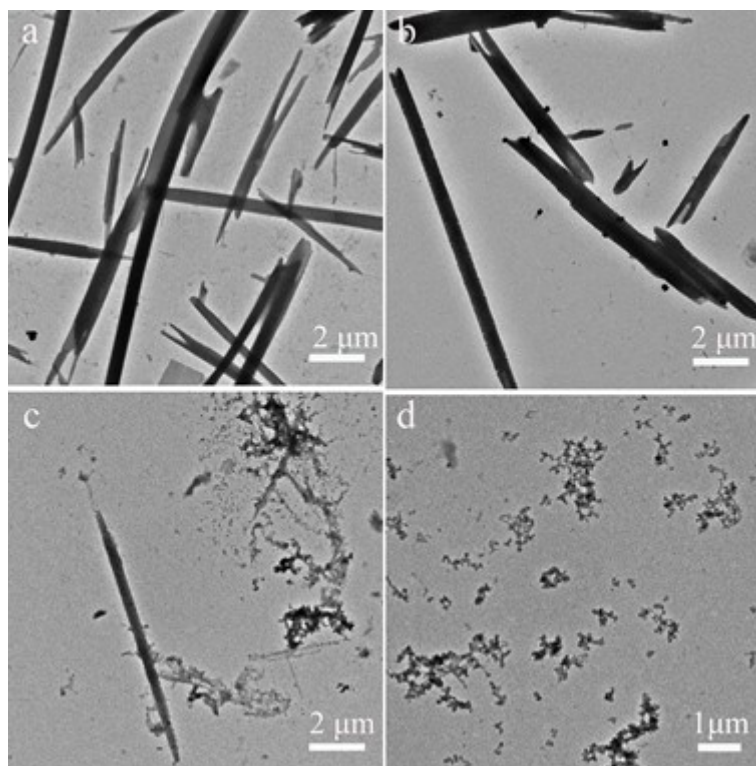


Fig. S4 TEM images of CTN in MES buffer (pH 7) at 0 h (a), 1 h (b), 3 h (c) and 12 h (d).

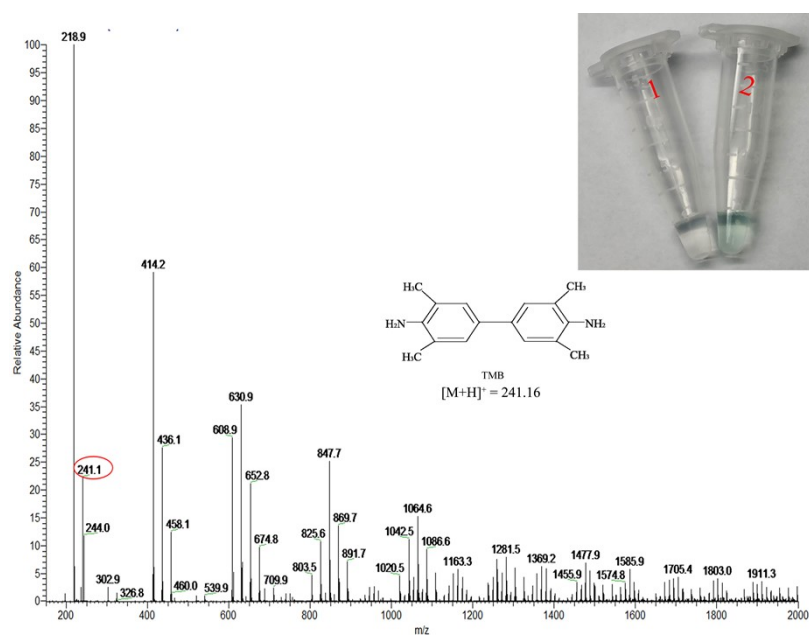


Fig. S5 Mass spectrometry (ES⁺) analysis after degradation of CTN. Insert showed the degradation solution (1) and the solution added with Fe^{2+} and H_2O_2 (2).

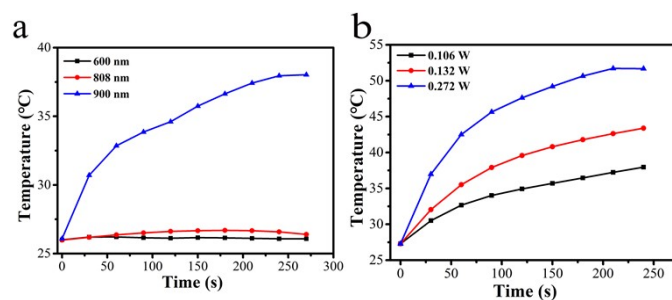


Fig. S6 (a) Temperature change of CTN ($100 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$) with different light wavelengths (600, 808 and 900 nm). (b) Temperature change of CTN ($100 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$) with NIR irradiation ($0.106, 0.132$ and 0.272 W cm^{-2}).

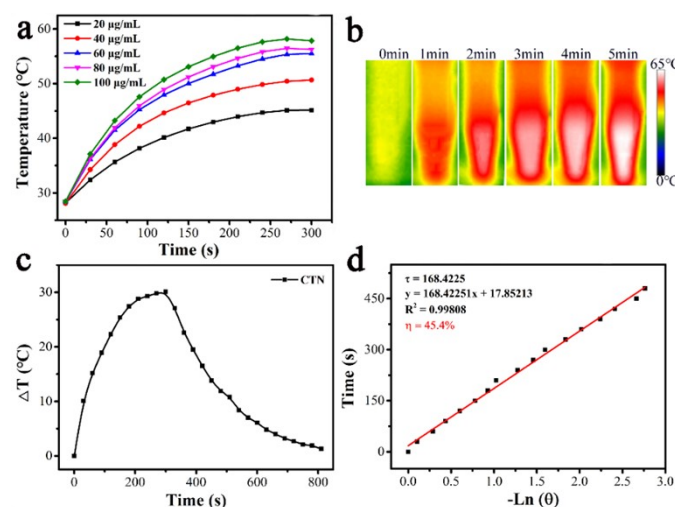


Fig. S7 (a) The photothermal effect of different concentrations of CTN in MES buffer (pH 5) under 900 nm laser irradiation (0.272 W cm^{-2}). (b) Thermal images of CTN in MES buffer (pH 5) under 900 nm laser irradiation (0.272 W cm^{-2} , 5 min). (c) “On-off” temperature change of CTN solution in MES buffer (pH 5) under 900 nm laser irradiation (0.272 W cm^{-2}). (d) Liner cooling time data versus $-\ln(\theta)$ vs negative natural logarithm of driving force temperature with $\tau_s = 168.4225 \text{ s}$.

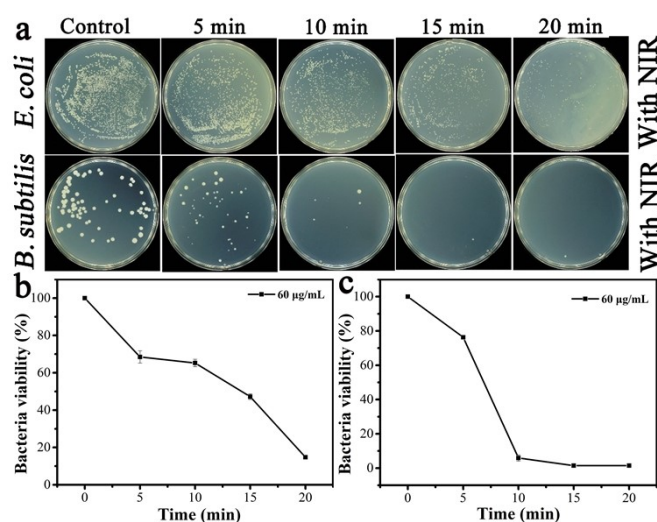


Fig. S8 (a) Photographic images of the colonies of *E. coli* and *B. subtilis* treated by CTN ($60 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$) in MES buffer (pH 7) at different times. The corresponding bacterial viabilities of (b) *E. coli* and (c) *B. subtilis* treated with CTN ($60 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$) in MES buffer (pH 7) under 900 nm laser irradiation (0.272 W cm^{-2}) for different times.

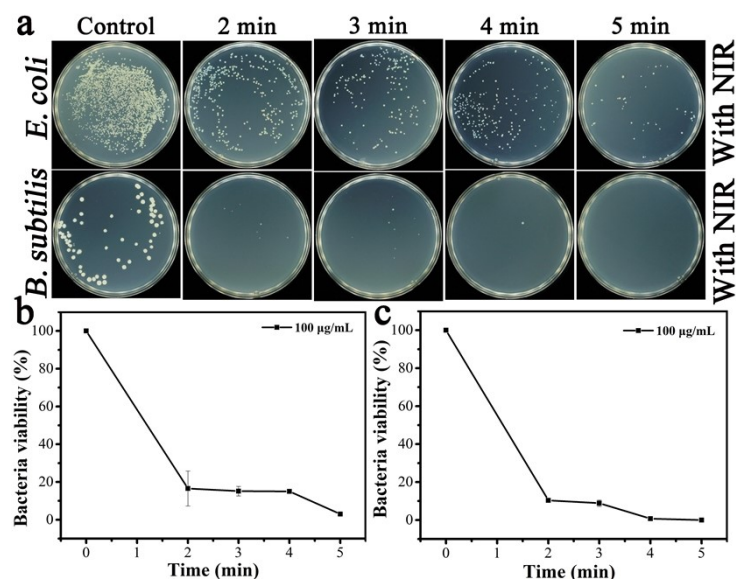


Fig. S9 (a) Photographic images of the colonies of *E. coli* and *B. subtilis* treated by CTN ($100 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$) in MES buffer (pH 7) at different times. The corresponding bacterial viabilities of (b) *E. coli* and (c) *B. subtilis* treated with CTN ($100 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$) in MES buffer (pH 7) under 900 nm laser irradiation (0.272 W cm^{-2} , 5 min) for different times.

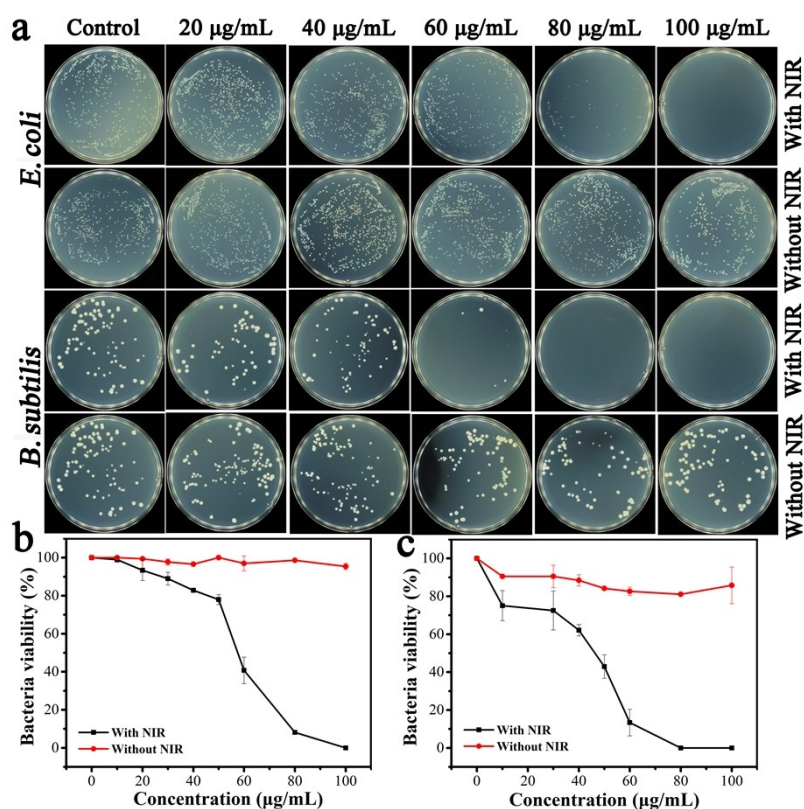


Fig. S10 (a) Photographic images of the colonies of *E. coli* and *B. subtilis* treated with different concentrations of CTN in MES buffer (pH 5). The corresponding bacterial viabilities of (b) *E. coli* and (c) *B. subtilis* treated with different concentrations of CTN in MES buffer (pH 5) with or without 900 nm laser irradiation (0.272 W cm^{-2} , 5 min).

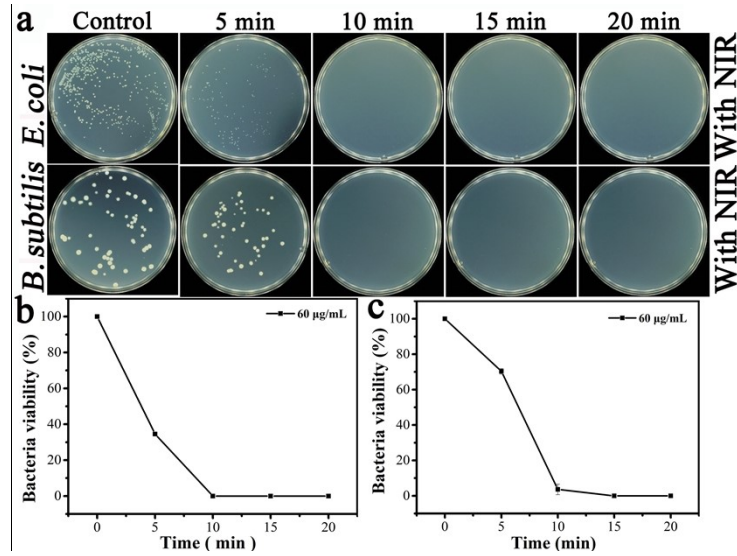


Fig. S11 (a) Photographic images of the colonies of *E. coli* and *B. subtilis* treated by CTN (60 µg mL⁻¹) in MES buffer (pH 5) at different times. The corresponding bacterial viabilities of (b) *E. coli* and (c) *B. subtilis* treated with CTN (60 µg mL⁻¹) in MES buffer (pH 5) under 900 nm laser irradiation (0.272 W cm⁻²) for different times.

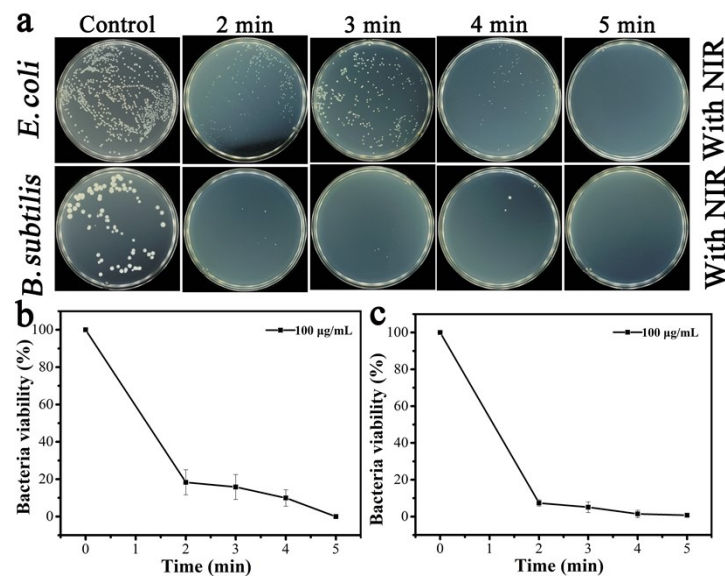


Fig. S12 (a) Photographic images of the colonies of *E. coli* and *B. subtilis* treated by CTN (100 µg mL⁻¹) in MES buffer (pH 5) at different times. The corresponding bacterial viabilities of (b) *E. coli* and (c) *B. subtilis* treated with CTN (100 µg mL⁻¹) in MES buffer (pH 5) under 900 nm laser irradiation (0.272 W cm⁻², 5 min) for different times.

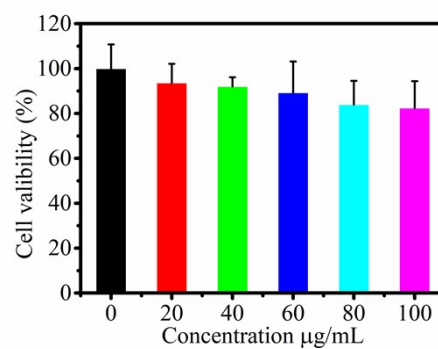


Fig. S13 MTT assay of HeLa cells incubated with different concentrations of CTN.