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## Supplementary Information

Biocompatible metallosurfactant-based nano-colloids loaded Rose Bengal with excellent singlet oxygen-induced phototoxicity efficiency against cancer cells

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**Fig. S1.** Picture of the prepared fractions of CuCPC I:AOT and FeCPC I:AOT MCVs at 1 and 0.1 mM total concentrations calculated by DLS

Fractions	CuCP	C I:AOT	FeCPC I:AOT		
	1 mM	0.1 mM	1 mM	0.1 mM	
1:9	0.109	0.078	0.165	0.156	
2:8	0.731	0.084	0.120	0.175	
3:7	0.155	0.074	0.098	0.122	
4:6	0.242	0.072	0.152	0.284	
5:5	0.224	0.124	0.246	0.199	
6:4	0.258	0.112	0.510	0.140	
7:3	0.553	0.137	0.288	0.225	
8:2	0.446	0.165	0.280	0.327	
9:1	0.321	0.284	0.282	0.349	

**Table S1.** PDI values of the CuCPC I:AOT and FeCPC I:AOT fractions at 1 mM and 0.1 mM total concentration

**Table S2.** Stability of the selected samples of CuCPC I:AOT and FeCPC I:AOT fractions till 1 month estimated by DLS

Time	CuCPC I:AOT				FeCPC I:AOT			
	(3:7)		(7:3)		(3:7)		(7:3)	
	size (nm)	PDI	size (nm)	PDI	size (nm)	PDI	size (nm)	PDI
Fresh sample	122.30	0.07	125.50	0.11	267.13	0.39	134.60	0.19
1 <sup>st</sup> Week	236.60	0.45	235.00	0.58	234.83	0.43	276.60	0.31
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	314.10	0.47	232.20	0.53	270.46	0.43	467.26	0.38
1 month	309.10	0.15	135.10	0.53	287.23	0.33	331.30	0.43



**Figure S2.** Concentration vs Conductivity graphs of (a) CuCPC I:AOT(7:3), (b) CuCPC I:AOT(3:7) fractions; (c) FeCPC I:AOT(7:3) and (d) FeCPC I:AOT(3:7) fractions.



**Figure S3.** RB fluorescence intensity change in presence of (a) CuCPC I:AOT 7:3 and 3:7 fractions; (b) FeCPC I:AOT 7:3 and 3:7 fractions.



**Figure S4.** Effect of laser light on RB (a) UV-visible absorption spectra and (b) fluorescence emission spectra (before and after 10 min laser irradiation).



**Figure S5.** ABMA fluorescence emission intensity variation with (a) only laser light (L), (b) RB+L, (c) RB@CuCPC I:AOT(3:7)+L, (d) RB@CuCPC I:AOT(7:3)+L,



**Figure S6.** ABMA fluorescence emission intensity variation with (a) only L, (b) RB+L, (c) RB@FeCPC I:AOT(3:7)+L, (d) RB@FeCPC I:AOT(7:3)+L,



**Figure S7.** Confocal microscope images of U-251 cells cellular uptake study (a) control (where no RB present), (b) RB@CuCPC I:AOT(7:3), (c) RB@CuCPC I:AOT(3:7), (d) RB@FeCPC I:AOT(7:3) and (e) RB@FeCPC I:AOT(3:7) after 48 h incubation. DAPI(Blue) was used to stain nuclei (scale bar 20  $\mu$ m)