## **Electronic Supplementary Information for**

## A ROS Storm Generating Nanocomposite for Enhanced

## Chemodynamic Therapy via H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> Self-Supply, GSH Depletion and

## **Calcium Overload**

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**Figure S1.** TEM images of (a)  $CaO_2$  and (b)  $CaO_2$ @Cu. The  $CaO_2$  nanoparticles feature a spheroidal morphology with well-defined size distribution of approximately 70 nm, the  $CaO_2$ @Cu NPs prepared exhibited enhanced dispersion, as evidenced by their average diameter of approximately 80 nm.



Figure S2. Dehydration condensation reaction between BSO molecules and  $CaO_2@Cu$  NPs.



Figure S3. HPLC spectra of different samples.



**Figure S4.** EDS spectrum of CaO<sub>2</sub>@Cu-BSO NPs. Signals of N and S elements appeared in the elemental mapping, and EDS spectrum of CaO<sub>2</sub>@Cu-BSO NPs showed the successful grafting of BSO molecules.



**Figure S5.** The apparent zeta potentials of (a)  $CaO_2$ , (b)  $CaO_2$ @Cu and (c)  $CaO_2$ @Cu-BSO. The surface zeta potentials of NPs changed from +21.3 to -15.26 mV after the introduction of negatively charged BSO grafted onto the particle surface.



**Figure S6.** UV-vis spectra of CaO<sub>2</sub>, CaO<sub>2</sub>@Cu and CaO<sub>2</sub>@Cu-BSO. CaO<sub>2</sub>@Cu and CaO<sub>2</sub>@Cu-BSO appear characteristic peaks at 239 nm and 252 nm in the UV-visible spectrum respectively.



**Figure S7.** FT-IR spectra of CaO<sub>2</sub> nanospheres. The characteristic peak at 573.2 cm<sup>-1</sup> is due to the O-Ca-O vibration. The absorption peak at about 1630.1 cm<sup>-1</sup> is attributed to the stretching of the C = O bond, demonstrating the weak chemical coordination of PVP.



Figure S8. XRD patterns of CaO<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S9. Full XPS spectrum of CaO<sub>2</sub>@Cu–BSO NPs.



Figure S10. Ca 2p XPS spectrum of CaO<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S11. In vitro releases of (a)  $Ca^{2+}$  and (b)  $Cu^{2+}$  from  $CaO_2@Cu-BSO$  dispersed in solutions with different pH values (mean  $\pm$  SD, n=3).



Figure S12. UV-vis absorbance spectra of Ti(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> solution in presence of CaCl<sub>2</sub>,

CuCl<sub>2</sub> and BSO (100  $\mu g/mL$  for each agent).



Figure S13. (a) UV–vis absorption spectra of  $Ti(SO_4)_2$  solution mixed with various concentrations of  $H_2O_2$ . (b) Plot of absorbance versus concentrations of  $H_2O_2$ , based on the different absorbance at 410 nm wavelength.



Figure S14. UV–Vis spectra of MB incubated with CaO<sub>2</sub>@Cu–BSO NPs containing

different concentrations.



Figure S15. UV-vis absorbance spectra of ox-TMB in the presence of various samples.



Figure S16. DLS results of  $CaO_2@Cu-BSO$  NPs incubated in 1640 media for 12 h under different pH.



Figure S17. UV–Vis spectra of MB incubated with  $H_2O_2$  under different time.



**Figure S18.** Fluorescence image of A549 cells incubated with BSO after DCFH-DA staining for ROS detection (CaO<sub>2</sub> concentration was unified at 50  $\mu$ g/mL).



**Figure S19.** Fluorescence image of A549 cells incubated with BSO after DCFH-DA staining for ROS detection.



Figure S20. Plot of absorbance versus concentrations of  $H_2O_2$ , based on the  $H_2O_2$  Kit.



Figure S21. Comparison of intracellular  $H_2O_2$  in A549 cells cultured with CaO<sub>2</sub>@Cu-BSO NPs or CaO<sub>2</sub> NPs (CaO<sub>2</sub> concentration was unified at 50 µg/mL, mean ± SD, n = 3.).



Figure S22. (a) Plot of absorbance versus concentrations of GSH, based on the GSH Kit. (b) Intracellular GSH level in A549 treated with different samples (CaO<sub>2</sub> concentration was unified at 50  $\mu$ g/mL, mean  $\pm$  SD, n = 3).



**Figure S23.** Bright field images of A549 cells incubated with different samples after NDA staining for GSH detection.



Figure S24. Images of A549 cells incubated with different samples after NDA staining for GSH detection (CaO<sub>2</sub> concentration was unified at 50  $\mu$ g/mL).



**Figure S25.** Bright field images of A549 cells incubated with different samples after Fluo-4 AM staining for intercellular Ca<sup>2+</sup> accumulation.



Figure S26. Images of A549 cells incubated with different samples after Fluo-4 AM staining for intercellular Ca<sup>2+</sup> accumulation (CaO<sub>2</sub> concentration was unified at 50  $\mu$ g/mL).



Figure S27. CLSM images of JC-1assays of A549 cells under different conditions (CaO<sub>2</sub> concentration was unified at 50  $\mu$ g/mL).



Figure S28. CLSM images of A549 cells treated with different samples and then stained with MitoTracker Red and Hoechst 33258 (CaO<sub>2</sub> concentration was unified at 50  $\mu$ g/mL).



Figure S29. Hemolysis analysis of  $CaO_2@Cu-BSO$  NPs suspension at various concentrations (mean  $\pm$  SD, n=3).



**Figure S30.** (a) Cell viabilities of A549 cells treated with different concentrations of CaO<sub>2</sub>@BSO NPs for 24 and 48 h. (c) Cell viabilities of A549 cells treated with different concentrations of CaO<sub>2</sub>@BSO NPs at pH 7.4 and pH 6.5 (mean  $\pm$  SD, n=3).



Figure S31. Fluorescence images of tumor–bearing mice after intratumoral injection with Rb labeled  $CaO_2$ @Cu-BSO NPs for different times.



Figure S32. (a) GSH, (b)  $H_2O_2$  and (c) ATP content determination of the tumor regions from different groups (mean  $\pm$  s.d., n = 3).



**Figure S33.** Histological analyses of tissues by hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) staining of major organs heart, liver, spleen, lung and kidney. Scale bar =  $100 \mu m$ .