

**Support information**

**Boron Carbide Nanoparticles for Boron Neutron Capture Therapy**

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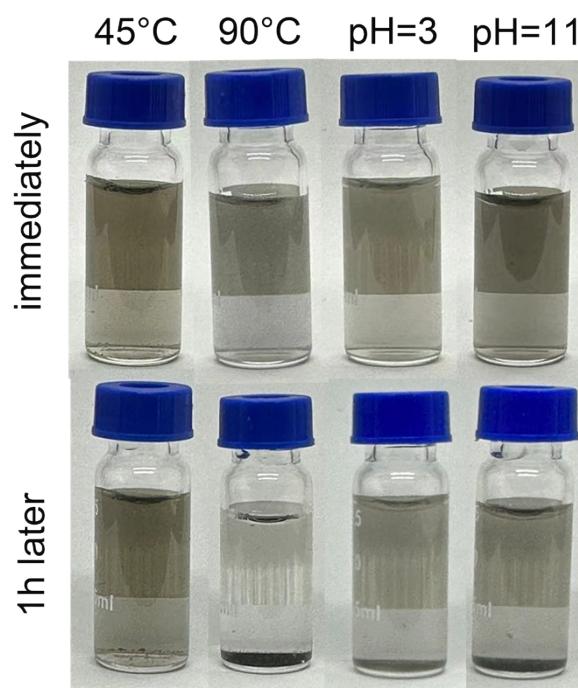
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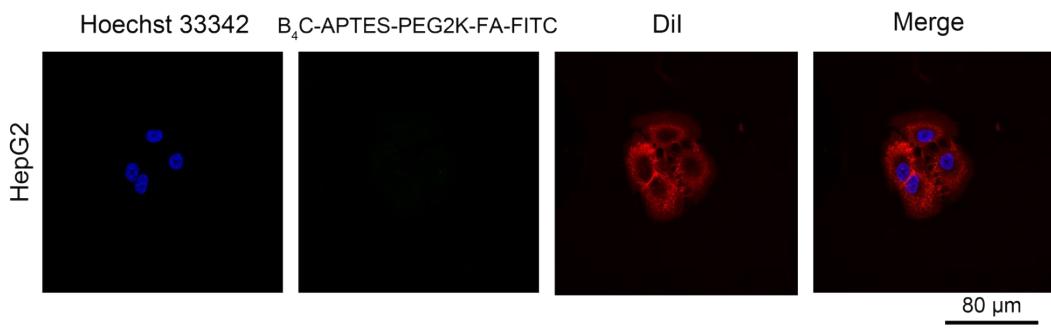
Figure S1. presented the effect of pH and temperature on stability of B<sub>4</sub>C-APTES-PEG2K-FA NPs. Figure S2. presented the cellular uptake of nanoparticles images captured through confocal laser scanning microscopy. (cultured at 4°C for 24 hours).



**Figure S1. The effect of pH and temperature on stability of B<sub>4</sub>C-APTES-PEG2K-FA NPs**

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**Figure S2. The cellular uptake of nanoparticles images captured through confocal laser scanning microscopy. (cultured at 4°C for 24 hours)**

Table S1 and Table S2 presented the results of routine blood test and blood biochemical tests for mouse respectively. Table S3 presented the results of biological distribution of nanoparticles in NCG mice (%ID/g).

**Table S1. Results of routine blood test for mouse**

Items	Unit	Results	
		Control group	After I.V. for 24 h
Leukocyte	10 <sup>9</sup> /L	1.13±0.54	0.76±0.18
Neutrophil	10 <sup>9</sup> /L	0.22±0.10	0.14±0.06
Lymphocyte	10 <sup>9</sup> /L	0.58±0.27	0.39± 0.06
Monocyte	10 <sup>9</sup> /L	0.24±0.10	0.18±0.06
Eosinophil	10 <sup>9</sup> /L	0.08±0.06	0.05±0.01
Basophil	10 <sup>9</sup> /L	0.01±0.01	0.00±0.00
Neutrophil percentage	%	19.37±0.81	17.73±2.71
Lymphocyte percentage	%	50.80±0.66	51.70±3.47
Monocyte percentage	%	22.07±2.99	22.87±2.67
Eosinophil percentage	%	6.83±1.96	7.10±2.26
Basophil percentage	%	0.93±0.32	0.60±0.44
Erythrocyte	10 <sup>12</sup> /L	6.82±0.38	6.96±0.88
Hemoglobin	g/L	116.00±3.61	119.00±13.53
Mean erythrocyte volume	fL	56.40±1.90	55.70±2.26
Platelet	10 <sup>9</sup> /L	565.67±294.05	562.00±30.51
Mean platelet volume	fL	6.60±0.75	7.00±0.30

**Table S2. Results of mouse blood biochemical tests**

Items	Unit	Results		
		Control group	After I.V. for 24 h	After I.V. for 168 h
Alanine aminotransferase (ALT)	U/L	45.96±11.78	39.41±8.47	42.49±11.98
Aspartate aminotransferase (AST)	U/L	191.35±37.40	204.55±25.85	191.8±24.96
Albumin (ALB)	g/L	37.15±2.43	39.25±3.07	36.05±2.12
Blood Urea Nitrogen (BUN)	mg/dL	26.83±3.93	30.28±3.51	27.62±1.87
Creatinine (CREA)	µmol/L	31.81±14.69	42.8±28.14	15.3±9.14
Uric acid (UA)	µmol/L	78.85±38.04	120.26±43.28	38.75±18.05

**Table S3. Biological distribution of nanoparticles in NCG mice (%ID/g)**

Organ or Tissue	6 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
Heart	1.11±0.32	1.84±0.58	0.82±0.10	1.07±0.33
Liver	11.09±3.68	21.24±3.02	22.30±1.88	23.11±4.44
Spleen	1.72±0.65	12.86±4.56	14.18±1.40	16.64±2.70
Lung	374.82±22.04	285.19±43.49	256.39±17.87	211.39±29.76
Kidney	1.79±0.18	1.58±0.55	1.06±0.23	1.04±0.44
Brain	0.34±0.21	0.43±0.06	0.25±0.11	0.46±0.28
Tumor	0.56±0.08	1.66±0.34	0.90±0.22	0.97± 0.06
Muscle	0.22±0.11	0.28±0.13	0.28±0.08	0.29±0.05