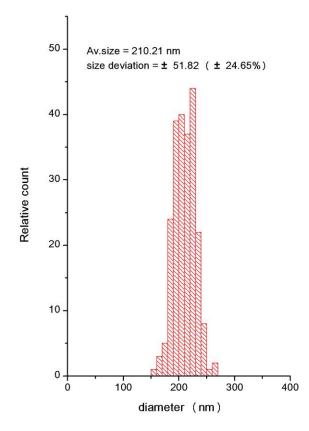
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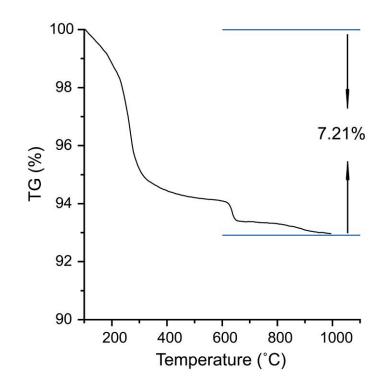
## Uniform Iron Oxide Hollow Spheres for High-performance Delivery of Insoluble Anticancer Drugs

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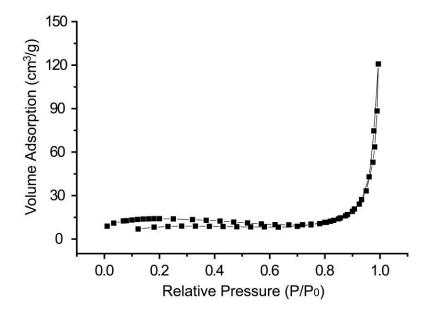
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*Figure S1.* Particle-size distribution of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> hollow spheres.



*Figure S2.* Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) curve of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> hollow spheres in air.



*Figure S3.*  $N_2$  adsorption/desorption isotherms of  $Fe_3O_4$  hollow spheres.

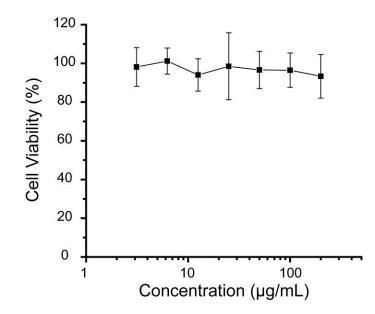


Figure S4. Effect of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> hollow spheres on the viability of NIH3T3 cells under 24

h of incubation.

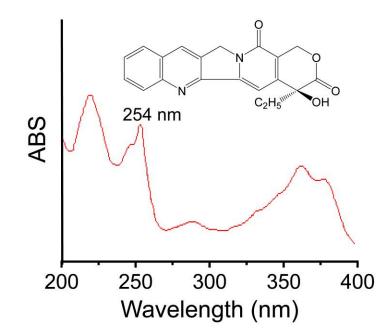
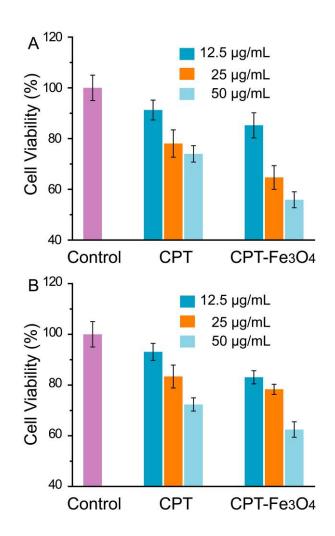
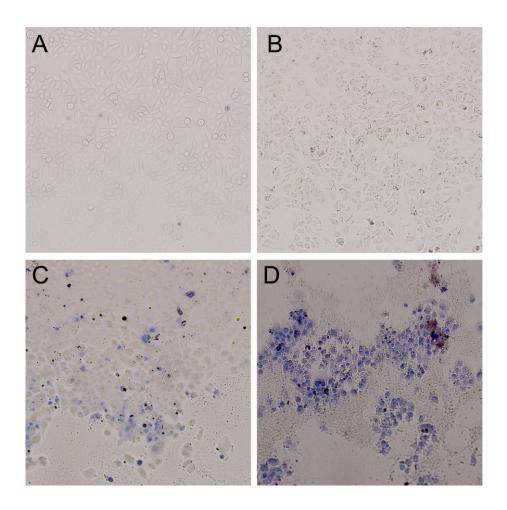


Figure S5. UV-vis spectrum and chemical structure of CPT molecules.



*Figure S6.* Viability of HepG2 cells (A) and Hela cells (B) incubated with CPT and CPT-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> upon different incubation concentrations.



*Figure S7.* Optical microscopy images of trypan blue stained cells upon different incubation conditions: control (A),  $Fe_3O_4$  hollow spheres (B), CPT (C), as well as CPT-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (D).