

## Supporting Information

### **Polymer Nanoparticles with an embedded Phosphorescent Osmium(II) Complex for Cell Imaging**

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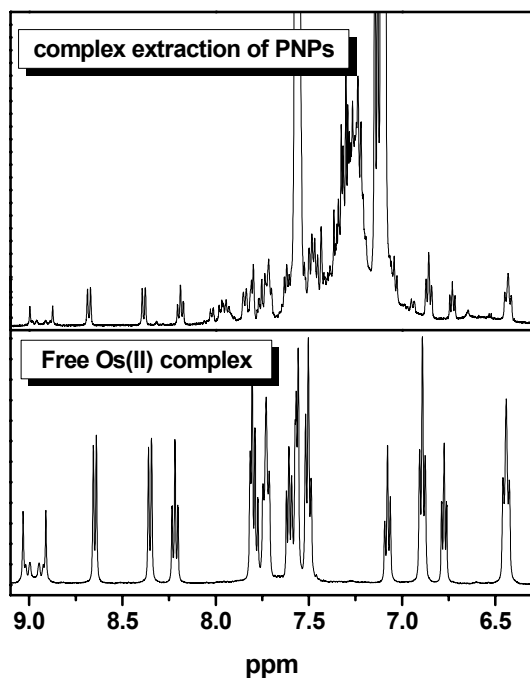
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**Table S1** Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg) for  $[\text{Os}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{L}^{\wedge}\text{L})]^{2+}(\text{PF}_6^-)_2$

$[\text{Os}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{L}^{\wedge}\text{L})]^{2+}(\text{PF}_6^-)_2$			
Os(1)-N(1)	2.134(4)	Os(1)-N(2)	2.090(4)
Os(1)-N(3)	2.111(4)	Os(1)-N(4)	2.077(4)
Os(1)-P(1)	2.2911(18)	Os(1)-P(2)	2.2844(18)
N(1)-Os(1)-N(2)	76.90(17)	N(1)-Os(1)-N(3)	79.81(16)
N(1)-Os(1)-N(4)	93.67(16)	N(2)-Os(1)-N(3)	93.49(16)
N(2)-Os(1)-N(4)	168.16(16)	N(3)-Os(1)-N(4)	77.63(16)
N(1)-Os(1)-P(1)	175.78(11)	N(1)-Os(1)-P(2)	100.83(12)
N(2)-Os(1)-P(1)	102.91(14)	N(2)-Os(1)-P(2)	89.43(12)
N(3)-Os(1)-P(1)	96.01(12)	N(3)-Os(1)-P(2)	177.08(12)
N(4)-Os(1)-P(1)	85.97(12)	N(4)-Os(1)-P(2)	99.47(12)
P(2)-Os(1)-P(1)	83.38(7)		



**Figure S1** NMR spectra of free Os(II) complex  $[\text{Os}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{L}^{\wedge}\text{L})]^{2+}(\text{PF}_6^-)_2$  and the complex extraction of PNPs using  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (solvent:  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ).

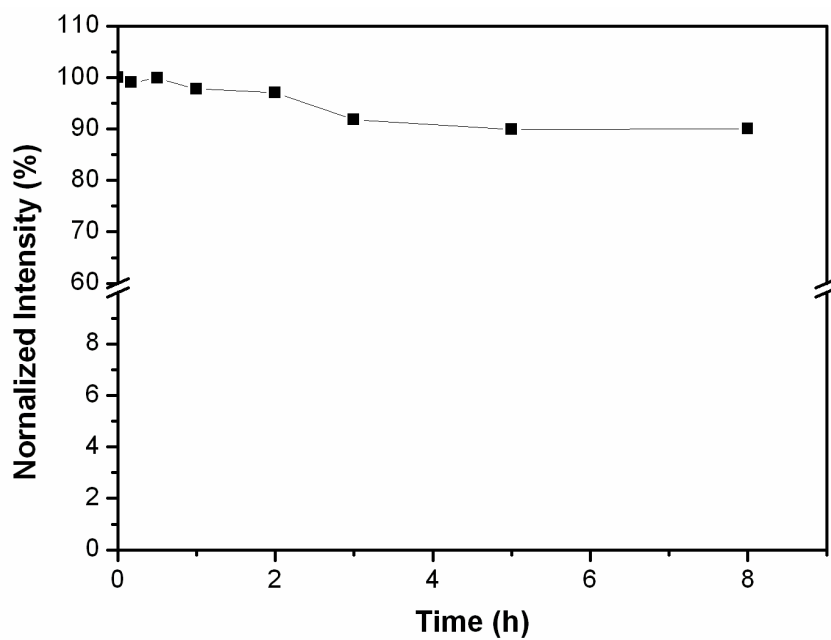


Figure S2. Photosatbility of PNPs in PBS solution under irradiation with UV light.

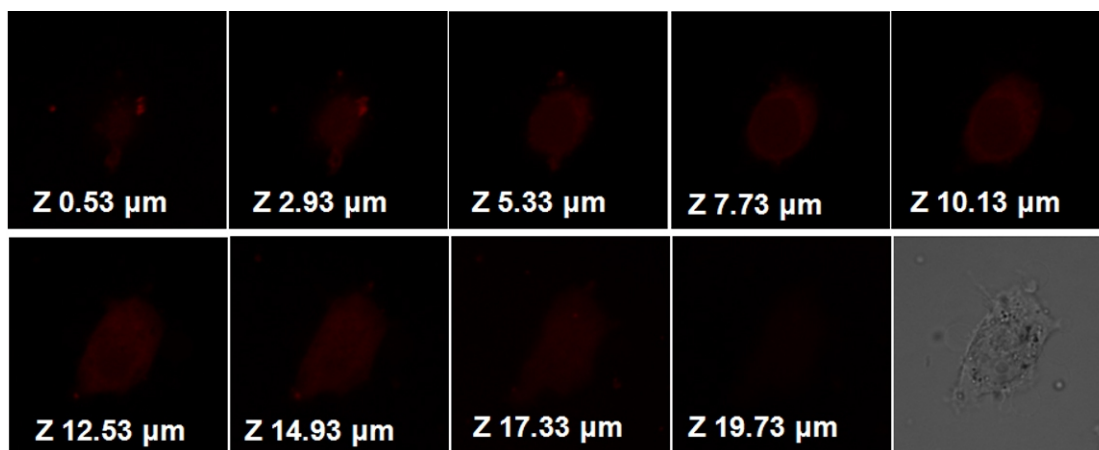
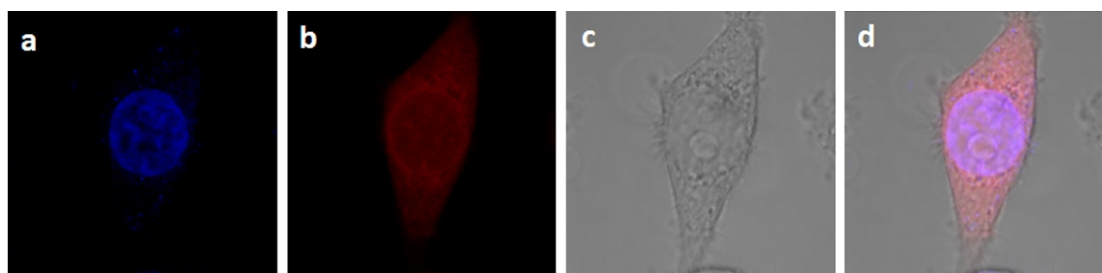
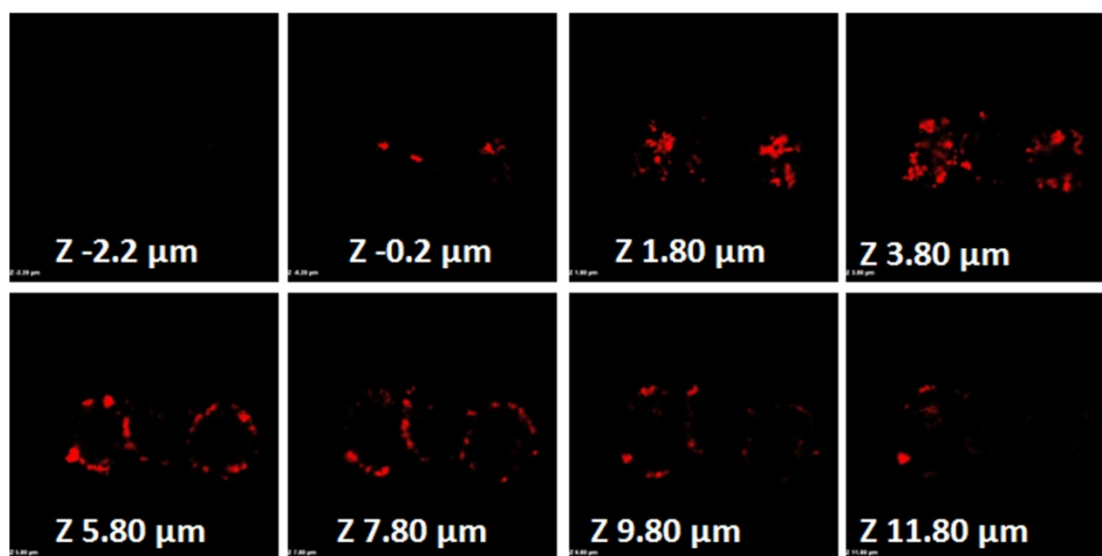


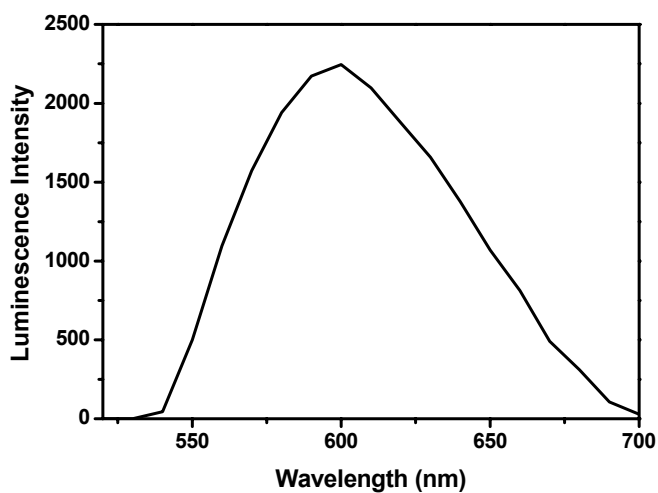
Figure S3 Z-scan images of the fixed KB cells incubated with 20  $\mu\text{M}$   $[\text{Os}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{L}^{\wedge}\text{L})]^{2+}(\text{PF}_6^-)_2$  in DMSO/medium (1:49, v/v) for 30 min at 37 °C.  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 488 \text{ nm}$ ;  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 600 \pm 20 \text{ nm}$ .



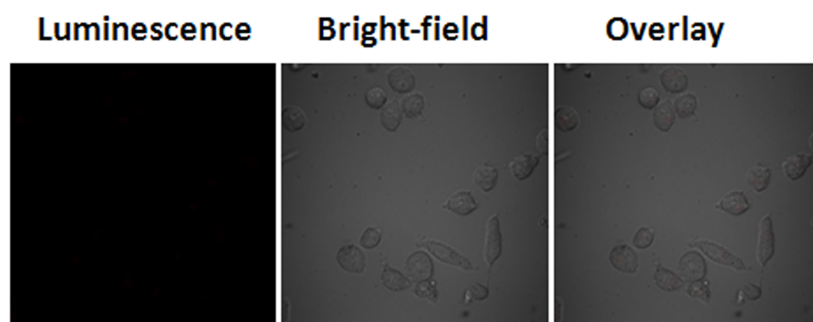
**Figure S4.** Confocal luminescence (*a* and *b*) and brightfield (*c*) images of the fixed KB cells stained with 20  $\mu\text{M}$   $[\text{Os}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{L}^\wedge\text{L})]^{2+}(\text{PF}_6^-)_2$  and 0.5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  DAPI ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 405 \text{ nm}$ ). The signals of DAPI and  $[\text{Os}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{L}^\wedge\text{L})]^{2+}(\text{PF}_6^-)_2$  were collected from the blue channel (channel-1:  $460 \pm 20 \text{ nm}$ ) and red channel (channel-2:  $600 \pm 20 \text{ nm}$ ), respectively. Overlay of panels (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) is shown in panel (*d*). Herein, to avoid the interference of DAPI in obtaining signal from  $[\text{Os}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{L}^\wedge\text{L})]^{2+}(\text{PF}_6^-)_2$  in the cytoplasm, low concentration (0.5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ) of DAPI was used to stain the nuclei of KB cells.



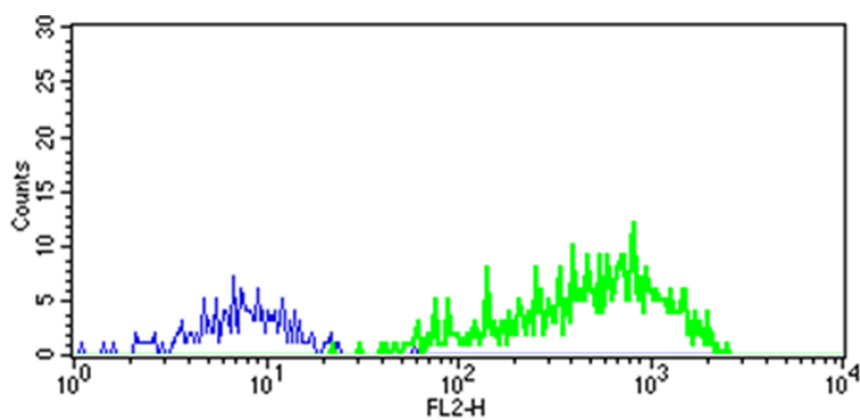
**Figure S5.** Z-scan images of the living KB cells incubated with 500  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  PNPs in MEM for 10 min at 37  $^\circ\text{C}$ . ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 488 \text{ nm}$ ).



**Figure S6.** Photoluminescence spectrum obtained from the living KB cells incubated with 500  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  PNPs in MEM solution for 10 min at 37  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 488 \text{ nm}$ ).



**Figure S7.** Confocal luminescence, bright-field, and overlay images of the KB cells incubated with MEM only at 37  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  as blank.



**Figure S8.** Flow cytometry analysis of KB cells incubated with or without 500  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  PNPs in PBS (pH 7.4) for 10 min at 37  $^{\circ}\text{C}$