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## **Supporting Information**

## Dense PEG Layers for Efficient Immunotargeting of Nanoparticles to Cancer Cells

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Fig. S1. XPS S 2p core level spectra for PEGylated gold nanoparticles (PEG-HD



**Fig. S2.** (A) XPS elemental spectra of PEGylated gold nanorods. (B) TEM image of the PEG-HD gold nanorods.



**Fig. S3.** Increase in the N/Au XPS elemental ratio after incubation *in vitro* with a model protein solution (Lys./Fib.) or 5% bovine serum solution for gold nanoparticles PEGylated with PEG-SH under good solvent conditions (PEG) and using the twp-step methodology (PEG-HD).