SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

pH Responsive Smart Carrier of [60] Fullerene with 6-Amino-Cyclodextrin Inclusion Complex for Photodynamic Therapy

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Synthesis details

6-iodo-γ-cyclodextrin

The halogenation of cyclodextrin was carried out using the Vilsmerier–Haack reagent $[(CH_3)_2NCH]I$. To stirred solution of Ph₃P (20.20 g, 77.01 mmol) in dry DMF (40 mL) was carefully added I₂ (19.55 g, 77.03 mmol) over 30 min. After the solution was heated to 60 °C, dry γ -cyclodextrin (5.00 g, 3.85 mmol) was then added to this dark drown solution, and the temperature was raised to 70 °C. At this temperature, the mixture was vigorous stirred under Ar atmosphere for 24 h. The reactant solution was then concentrated under reduced pressure. After cooling to 0 °C, NaOMe in MeOH (3 M) was then added to this solution, and the resulting solution was further stirred at r.t. for 30 min. The precipitate was occurred from the solution pored into excess of MeOH, and the precipitate was purified by Soxhlet extractor with MeOH, and dried under high vacuum to yield 6.76 g (81%): 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃) δ 3.39–3.44 (m, overlapped with DMSO), 3.59–3.63 (m, 16H), 3.82 (d, J = 8 Hz, 8H), 5.03 (d, J = 3 Hz, 8H), 5.98–6.00 (ss, 16H); MALDI-TOFMS m/z 2198.1 [M + Na]⁺.

6-azido-γ-cyclodextrin

To 6-iodo- γ -cyclodextrin (2.21 g, 1.02 mmol) in dry DMF (20 mL) was added NaN₃ (0.73 g, 11 mmol), the resulting suspension was strirred at 60 °C under Ar atmosphere for 20 h. After cooling to r.t., the suspension was poured into water. The resulting white precipitate was filtered carefully, and washed with water. The product was dried under high vacuum to yield 1.42 g (93%): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃SOCD₃) δ 3.38–3.43 (m, overlapped with DMSO), 3.54–3.61 (m, 16H), 3.71–3.74 (m, 16H), 4.94 (d, J = 3 Hz, 8H), 5.89 (d, J = 2 Hz, 8H), 5.95 (d, J = 7 Hz, 8H); MALDI-TOFMS m/z 1519.0 [M + Na]⁺.

6-amino-γ-cyclodextrin (ACD)

To 6-azide- γ -cyclodextrin (502 mg, 0.335 mmol) in DMF (6 mL) was added Ph₃P (1.58 g, 6.01 mmol). The evolution of N₂ was observed with the formation of phosphoranimine compounds. The solution was vigorous stirred for 2 h until finish of the evolution of N₂. Concentrated aqueous NH₃ (28%, 1.64 mL) was added dropwise to the solution. After a few minutes, the reaction mixture turned into and off-white suspension, and was further stirred at r.t. for 24h. The resulting suspension was concentrated under reduced pressure, and then the precipitate was occurred by

addition of EtOH. The precipitate was washed by hot EtOH, and dried under high vacuum to yield 413 mg (96%). Before NMR characterization, the materials were taken up in water and the pH was carefully brought down to 5 with 1 M HCl, and solution was evaporated under high vacuum: 1 H NMR (400 MHz, D_{2} O) δ 3.20–3.25 (m, 8H, H_{6}), 3.38–3.42 (m, 8H, H_{6}), 3.58 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 8H, H_{4}), 3.67 (dd, J = 10.0, 3.6 Hz, 8H, H_{2}), 3.96 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 8H, H_{3}), 4.07–4.11 (m, 8H, H_{5}), 5.20 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 8H, H_{1}); 13 C NMR (400 MHz, D_{2} O) δ 103.24 (C_{1}), 83.63 (C_{4}), 74.59 (C_{3}), 74.28 (C_{2}), 71.12 (C_{5}), 42.97 (C_{6}); MALDI-TOFMS m/z 1289.8 [M + H] $^{+}$; Anal. Calcd. for $C_{48}H_{88}N_{8}O_{32}$: C, 43.50; H, 7.00; N, 8.46. Found: C, 43.75; H, 6.75; N, 8.24.

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Experimental details

Preparation of the ACD/C₆₀ inclusion complex

ACD/ C_{60} inclusion complex were prepared by high-speed vibration milling technique. Mixtures of C_{60} (2.1×10^{-6} mol) and ACD (8.4×10^{-6} mol) were placed in an agate capsule together with two agate mixing balls. They were mixed vigorously by mixing at 1800 rpm for 20 min using a high-speed vibration mill (MM200, Retsch Co. Ltd.). The solid mixtures were dissolved in 2.0 mL of an aqueous solution following centrifugation (17970×g, 20 min), all nondispersed C_{60} were removed from the solutions.

Photodynamic activity of the ACD/C₆₀ complex

The cells as human cervical cancer HeLa cells, were seeded on 48-well plates as culture plates at a density of 3.4×10^4 cells cm⁻² in Dulbecco's modification of Eagle's medium (DMEM) supplemented with 5% fetal calf serum at 37 °C in 5% CO₂. After growing overnight and changing from DMEM to 200 μ L of the C₆₀ complex solution prepared using PBS buffer. The sample for the experiment in pH 6.4 was prepared through adding 10 μ L of the complex solution to 190 μ L of PBS buffer just before the incubation because of avoiding the aggregation of C₆₀. After 30-min incubation at 37 °C, changing from complex solution to DMEM, the cultures were exposed to light

(400–500 nm) at 25 °C for 30 min. The power of light at the cellular level was 54 mW cm⁻². Following irradiation, the plates were incubated for 24 h at 37 °C, 5% CO₂. Cell survival was determined using a WST-8 assay (Cell Counting Kit-8: Dojindo Laboratories Co., Kumamoto, Japan).

Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) observation

The intracellular uptake of ACD/ C_{60} in HeLa cells was performed by TEM (HITACHI H-7100, at 75 kV accelerating voltage). HeLa cells were incubated with ACD/ C_{60} (concentration of C_{60} was 10 μ M) for 30 min at 37 °C and pH 6.4, and rinsed twice with PBS. They were digested with trypsinase-EDTA and washed with PBS. Then, the cells were fixed with glutaraldehyde (2.5%, v/v) for 2 h and a further 1 h in a solution of OsO₄ (2%, w/v) at 4 °C. The fixed cells were dehydrated through an ethanol series (30, 50, 70, 90, and 100%) and were incubated for 15 min in each solution. Samples were embedded with Spurr resin and incubated at 60 °C for 48 h. The curing resin containing cells was cut into 100 nm thick slices, which were deposited on a copper grid. In some cases the samples were stained with uranium and lead salts prior to observing by TEM.

Supplementary data

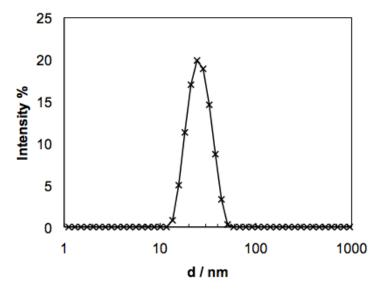


Fig. S1 Size distribution from DLS measurement of C_{60} aggregate incorporated with ACD in aqueous solution at pH 5.0.

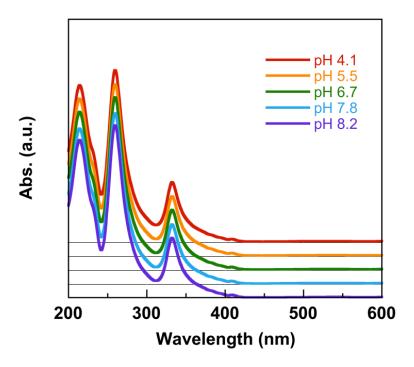


Fig. S2 Changes in UV–vis absorption spectra of γ -CD/C₆₀ in water with varying pH.

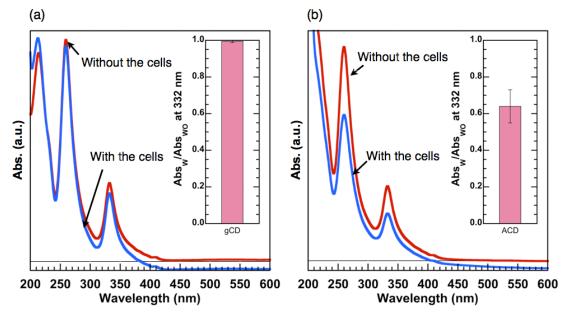


Fig. S3 UV–vis absorption spectra of (a) γ -CD/C₆₀ and (b) ACD/C₆₀ after incubation for 30 min with and without HeLa cells in pH 7.4 PBS buffer at 37 °C. Inset figure showed the absorbance ratio of with/without HeLa cells at 332 nm. [C₆₀] = 10 μ M.