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Cellular uptake behaviour, photothermal therapy performance, and cytotoxicity of gold nanorods with various coatings

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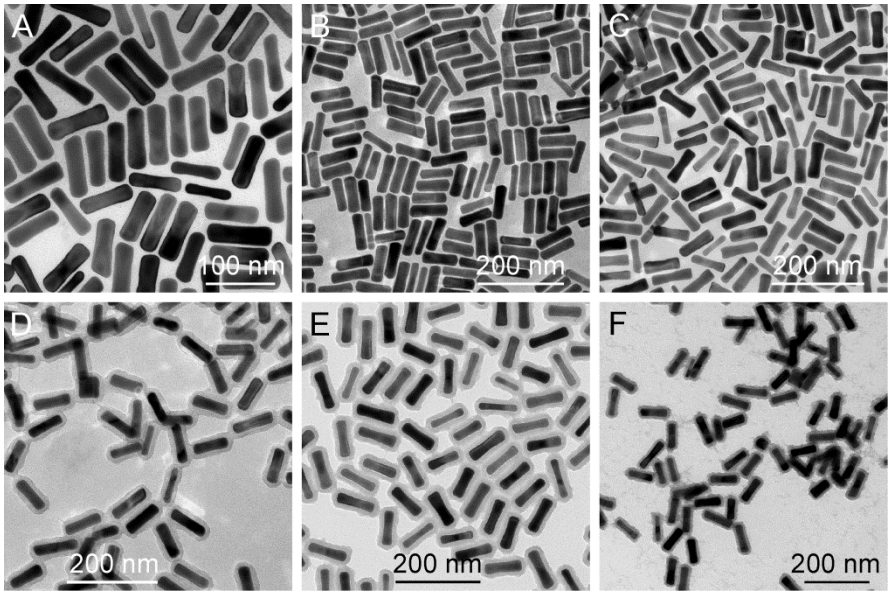

Fig. S1 Low-magnification TEM images of the (A) GNR/CTAB, (B) GNR/PSS, (C) GNR/PEG, (D) GNR/mSiO_2, (E) GNR/dSiO_2, and (F) GNR/TiO_2 nanostructure samples, respectively.

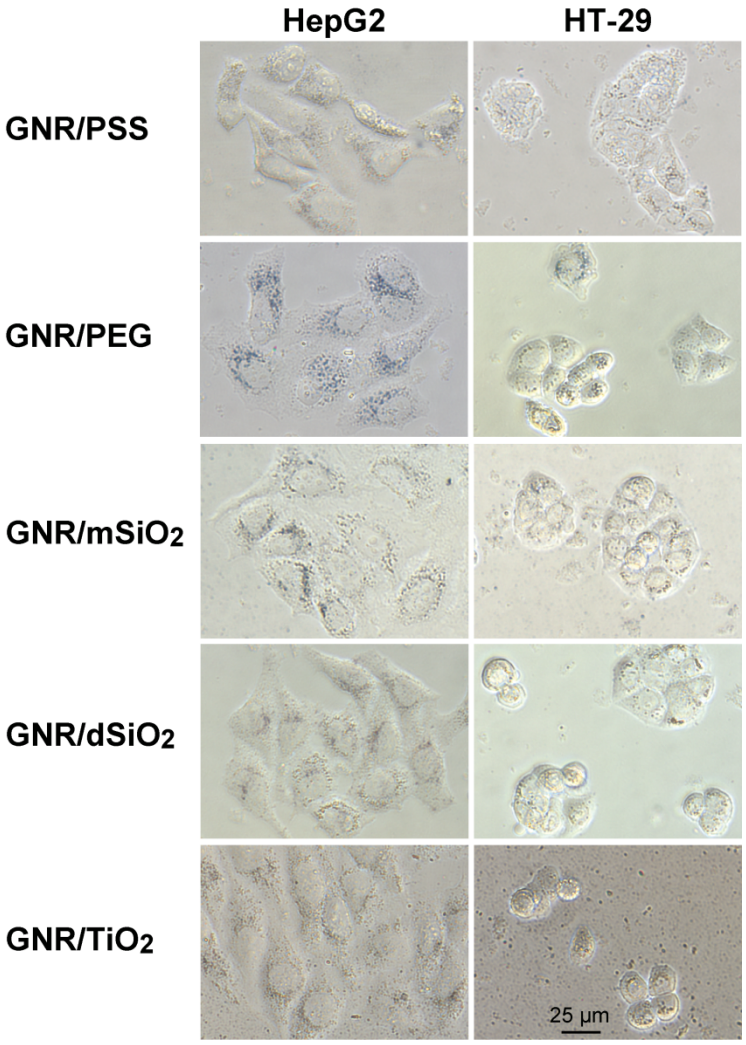

Fig. S2 Microscopic images of HepG2 and HT-29 cells after incubation with the different GNR samples at a concentration of 75 µg Au/mL for 24 h. After incubation, the cells were extensively washed, fixed with paraformaldehyde, and examined on an inverted optical microscope under bright field.

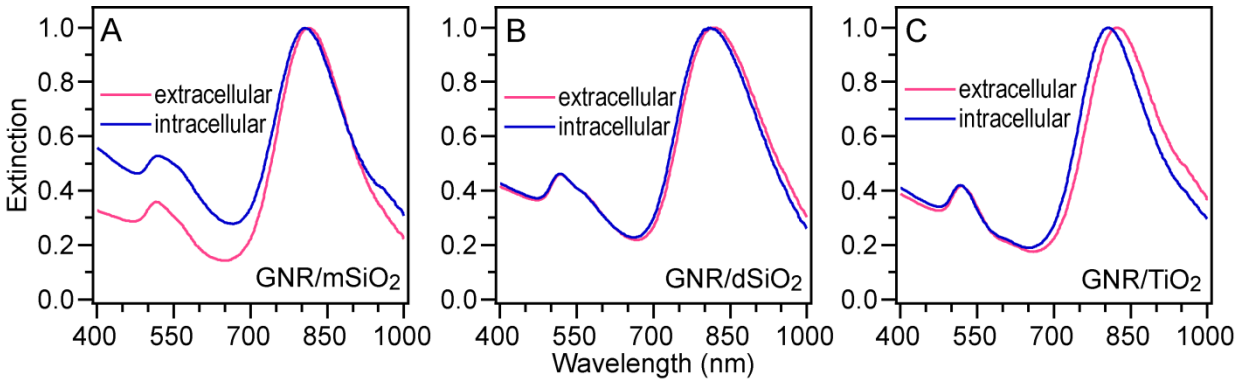

Fig. S3 Normalized extinction spectra of the extracellular and intracellular (A) GNR/mSiO_2, (B) GNR/dSiO_2, and (C) GNR/TiO_2 nanostructures. U-87 MG cells were treated with the coated GNRs at a concentration of 75 μg Au/mL for 24 h before analysis. The longitudinal-to-transverse plasmon peak intensity ratio of the GNR/mSiO_2 nanostructures was reduced once they were internalized by the cells, whereas negligible changes were observed for the internalized GNR/dSiO_2 or GNR/TiO_2 nanostructures.