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Supporting Information

Thiolated Human Serum Albumin Cross-linked Dextran Hydrogel as a Macroscale Delivery System

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Table S1. Physicochemical properties of applied drugs

Drugs	M_w	water solubility (25 °C)	logP
ibuprofen	206.28	21 mg/L [1]	3.97 [2]
paclitaxel	853.91	insoluble	3
dexamethasone	392.46	89 mg/L [1]	1.83 [3]

Swelling properties of Dex-sHSA hydrogel

A Dex-sHSA hydrogel sample (4.5 wt%) was immersed in 150 mM phosphate buffered saline (PBS, pH 7.4, 0.02% sodium azide) at 37°C. At predetermined time intervals, the entire buffer weight was weighed and fresh buffer was refilled afterwards. The normalized hydrogel weight (NW_h) was calculated by the following equation:

$$NW_h = \frac{W_t}{W_0}$$

Where W_t is the hydrated mass at time t and W_o the initial mass of the hydrogel after gelation.

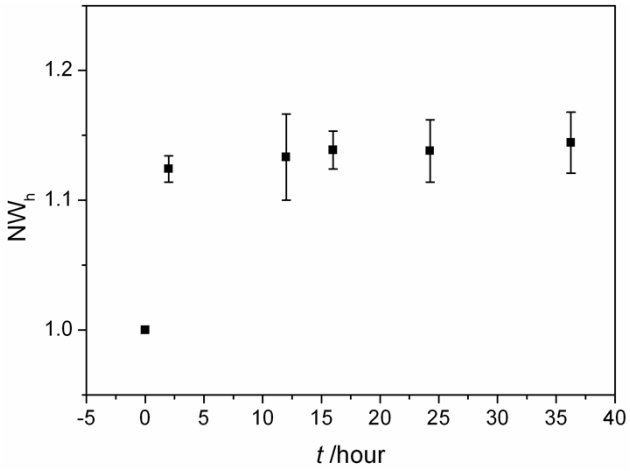

Fig S1. Swelling properties of Dex-sHSA hydrogels.

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