

Supporting information:

**Sequential thermo-induced self-gelation and acid-triggered self-release process of drug-conjugated nanoparticles: A strategy for sustained and controlled drug delivery to tumor**

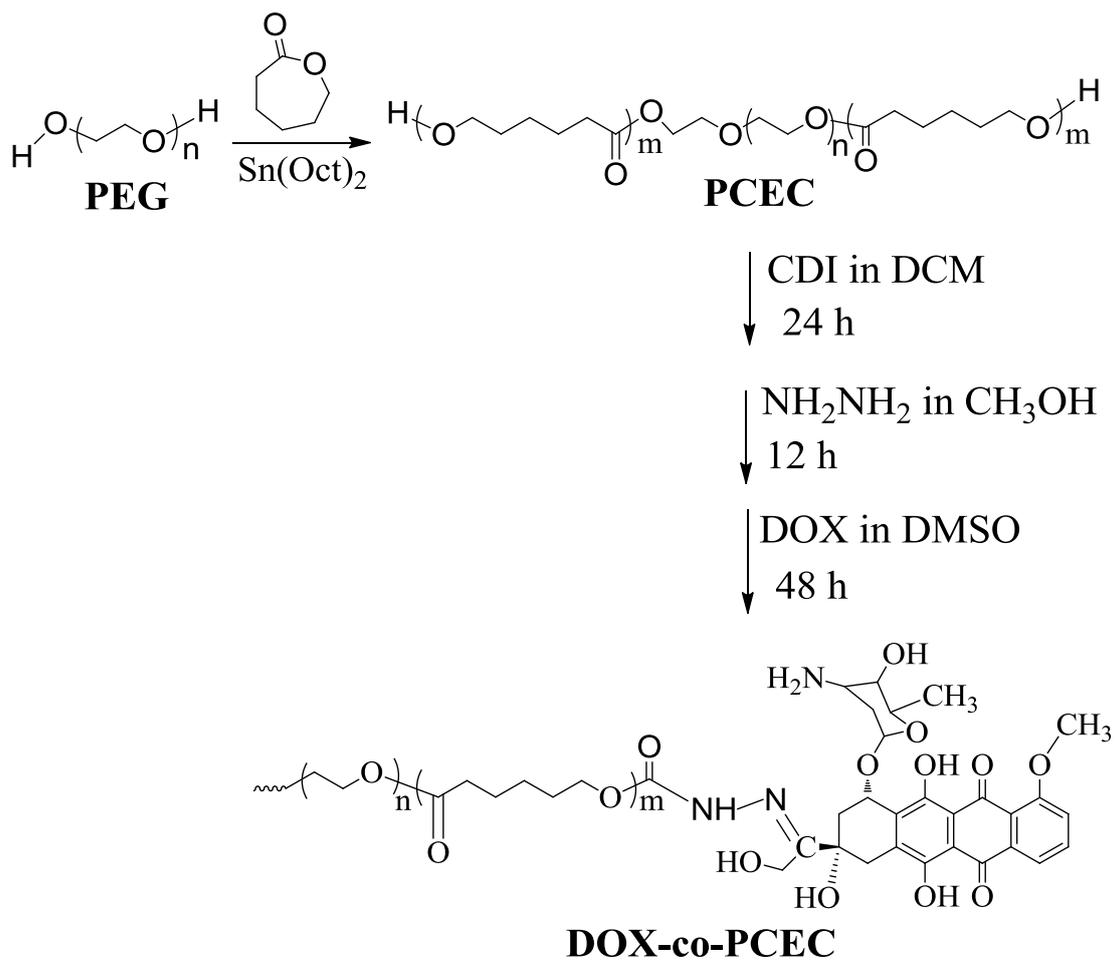
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**Scheme S1.** Synthesis of DOX-co-PCEC

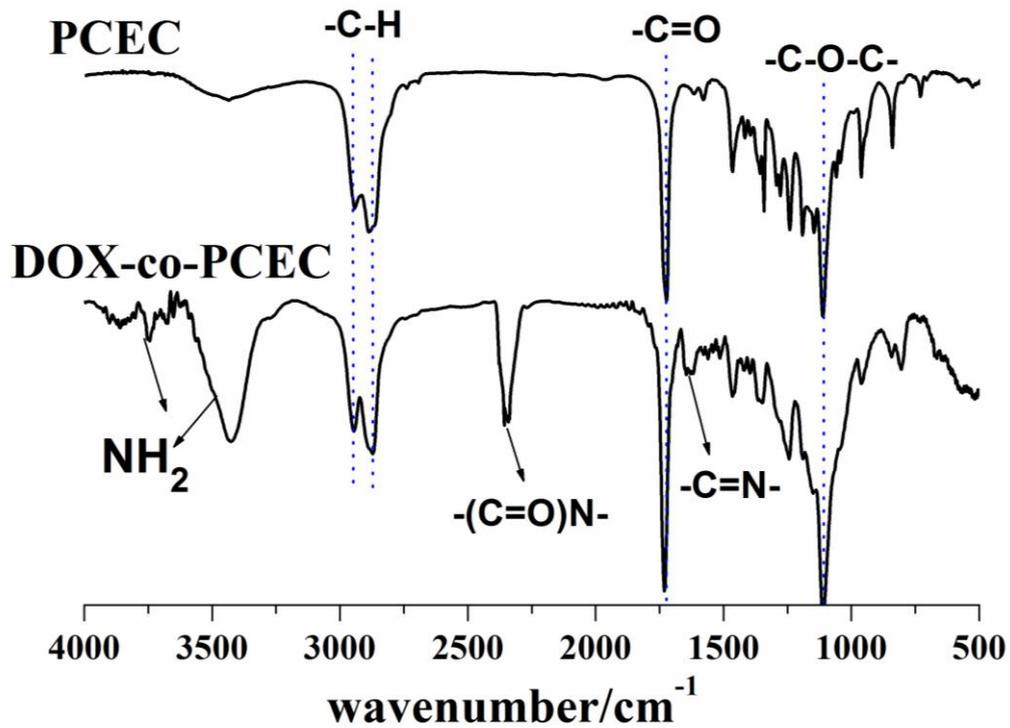


Fig. S1. FTIR spectra of PCEC and DOX-co-PCEC

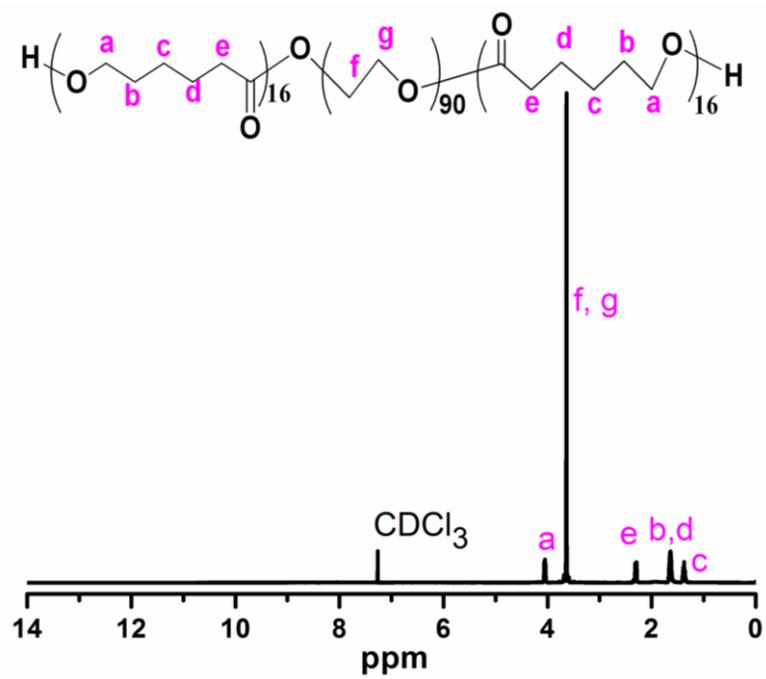
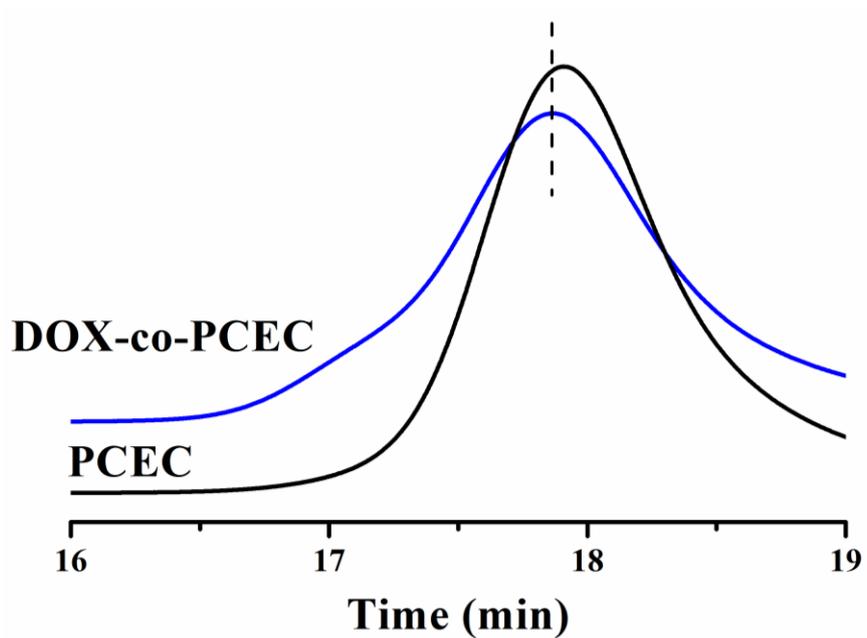


Fig. S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PCEC

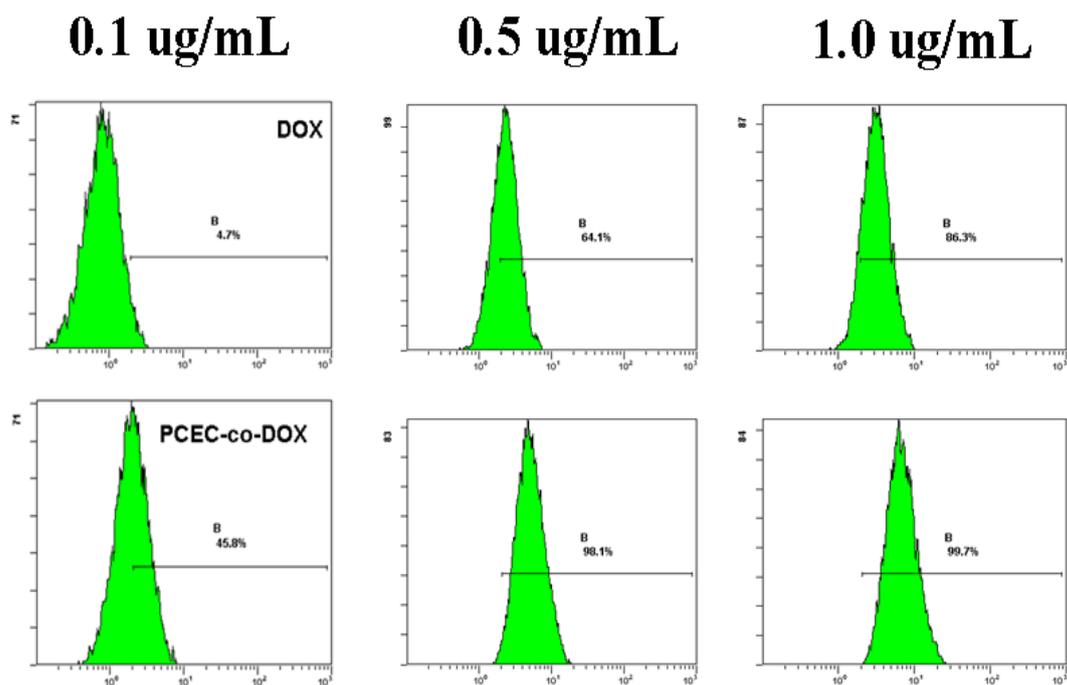


**Fig. S3.** GPC chromatograms of PCEC and DOX-co-PCEC

**Table S1.** Molecular weight and molecular weight distribution of PCEC and DOX-co-PCEC

sample	$M_n$ (g/mol)			$M_w/M_n^c$
	$M_n^a$	$M_n^b$	$M_n^c$	
PCEC	8000	7680	9000	1.22
DOX-co-PCEC	9086	8300	9600	1.31

$M_n^a$ : calculated theoretically;  $M_n^b$ : calculated by  $^1\text{HNMR}$ ;  $M_n^c$  and  $M_w/M_n^c$ : obtained by GPC.



**Fig. S4.** Flow cytometric analysis of H460 cells treated with DOX and DOX-co-PCEC NPs for 2 h at three equivalent DOX concentrations (0.1 µg/mL, 0.5 µg/mL, 1.0 µg/mL)