Supplementary Information

Cancer phototherapy in living cells by multiphoton release of doxorubicin from gold nanospheres

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Figure S1. Confocal images showing the effect of photo-triggered doxorubicin release. Cells were incubated with a 50 pM solution of AuNSGDx for 45'. The green LUT describes calcein AM (ex/em 495/515 nm) revealing the living cells. The area was irradiated by 561 nm laser at 70 μ W scanning on the whole cell volume by a z-stack for a total of 90 seconds. After the irradiation step no calcein AM fluorescence signals were collected from the apoptotic cells. Scale bar: 10 μ m.



Figure S2. Confocal experiments showing the photo-triggered doxorubicin release and well-defined zone of dead cells. The green LUT describes calcein AM, revealing the living cells. A selected area was irradiated by 561 nm laser at 70 μ W with z-stack on the whole cell volume for a total of 90 seconds. After the irradiation step only the irradiated area show no calcein AM fluorescence signals, thus cellular death. Scale bar: 10 μ m.



Figure S3. No cellular death was observed on U2Os cells incubated only with cell culture medium after irradiation. The green LUT describes calcein AM, revealing the living cells. Scale bar: $10 \ \mu m$.



Figure S4. No cellular death was observed on U2Os cells incubated only with the non-cleavable AuNSGD system after irradiation. The green LUT describes calcein AM, revealing the living cells. Scale bar: $10 \,\mu$ m.