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Supporting Information

Folic acid-conjugated silica-coated gold nanorods and quantum dots for dual-modality CT and fluorescence imaging and photothermal therapy

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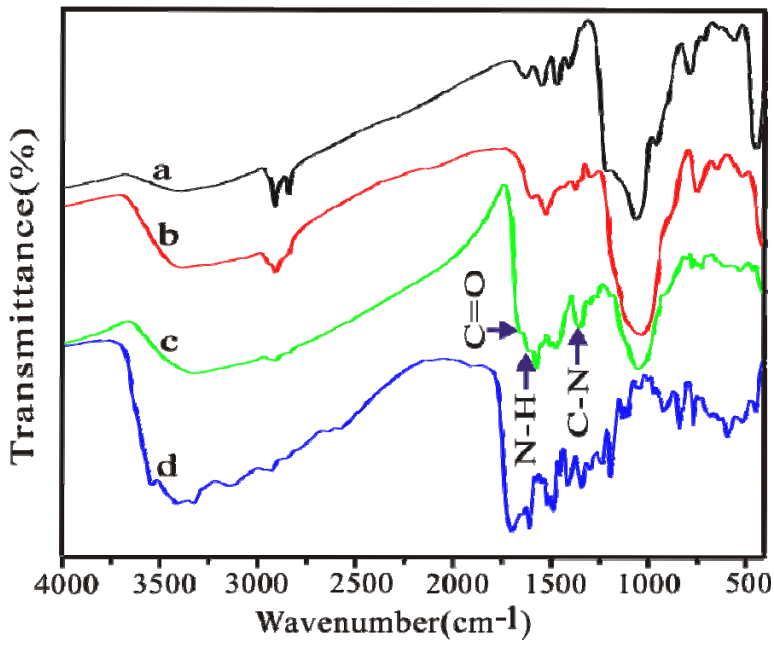

Fig. S1 FTIR spectra of GNRs@SiO_2 (a), GNRs@SiO_2@QDs (b), GNRs@SiO_2@QDs-FA (c) and FA (d).

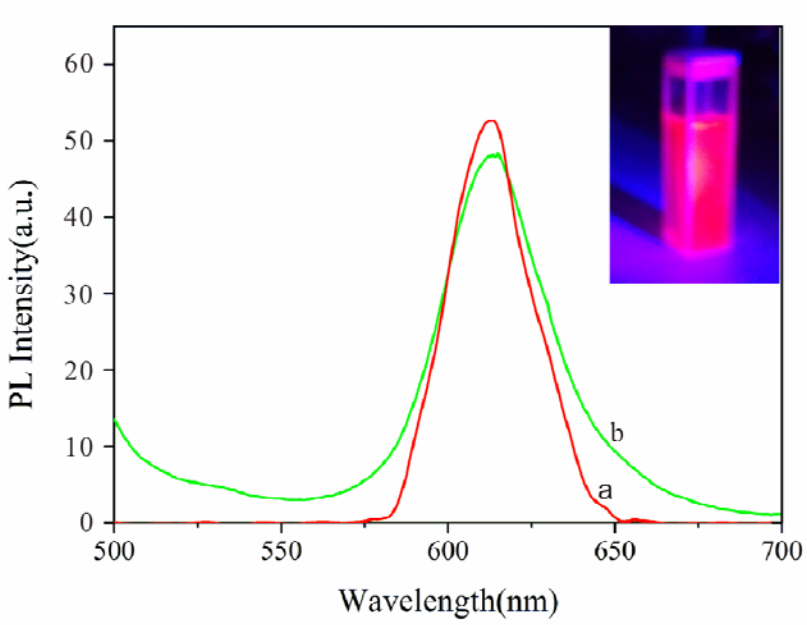

Fig. S2 Fluorescence spectra of (a) QDs, (b) GNRs@SiO_2@QDs in ethanol excited at 480 nm. Inset shows the digital photograph of GNRs@SiO_2@QDs illuminated by 365 nm UV-light.

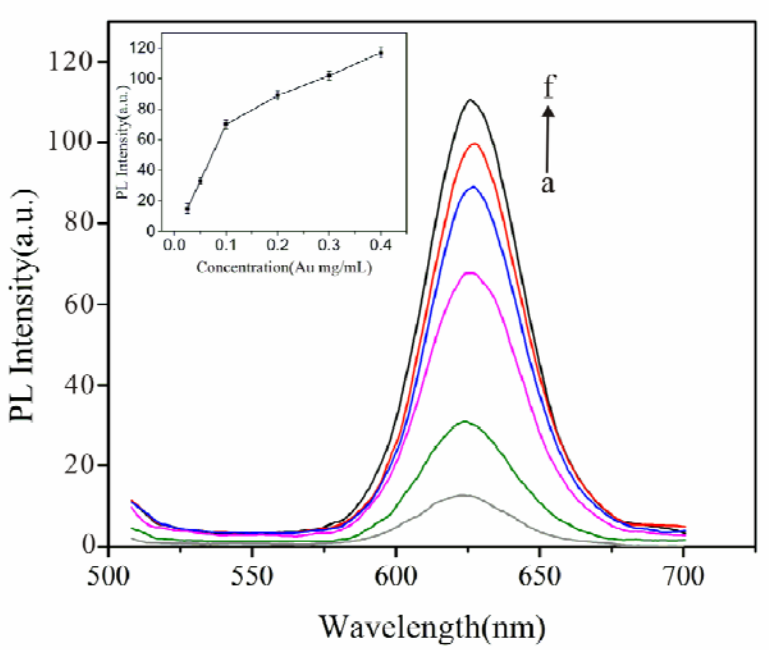

Fig. S3 Fluorescence spectra of GNRs@SiO_2@QDs at various concentrations (0.025, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4 mg Au/mL). Inset shows the fluorescence intensity of various concentrations of GNR@QDs@SiO_2 at 620nm.

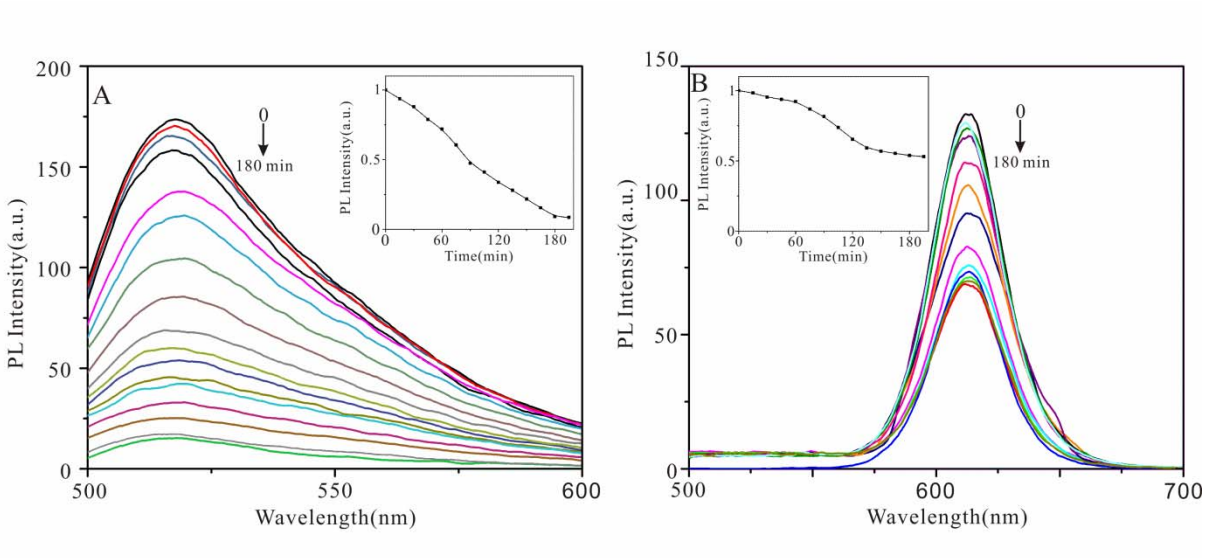

Fig. S4 Photostability comparison of GNRs@SiO_2@QDs−FA to FITC

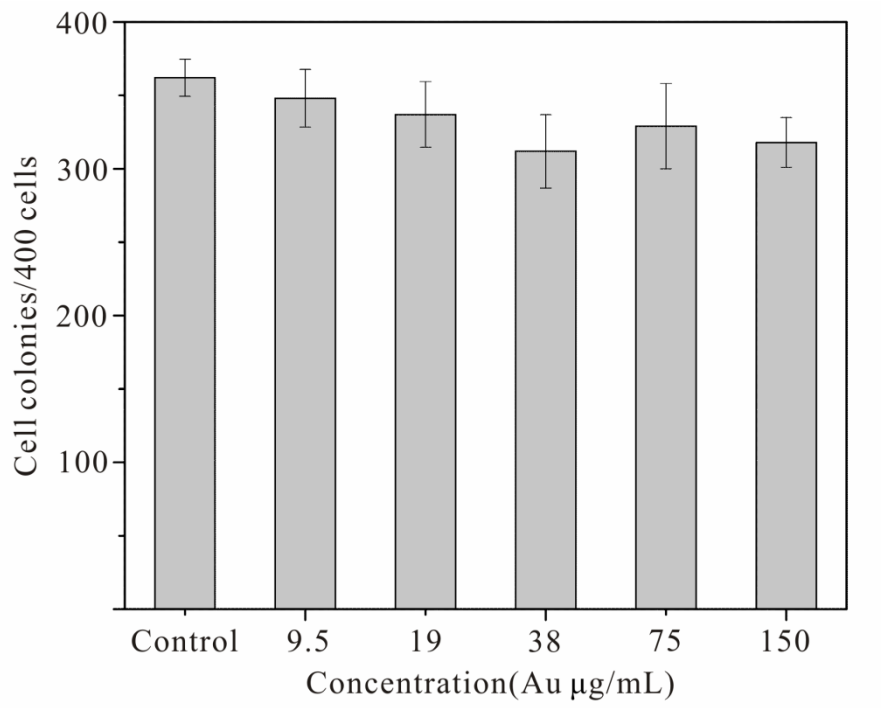

Fig. S5 The numbers of cell colonies treated with various concentrations of GNRs@SiO_2@QDs-FA (0-300 μg Au/mL). Results are shown as colonies per 400 cells plated (n=3, mean±S.D). Student's t test demonstrated no significance difference between control and NPs treated groups.

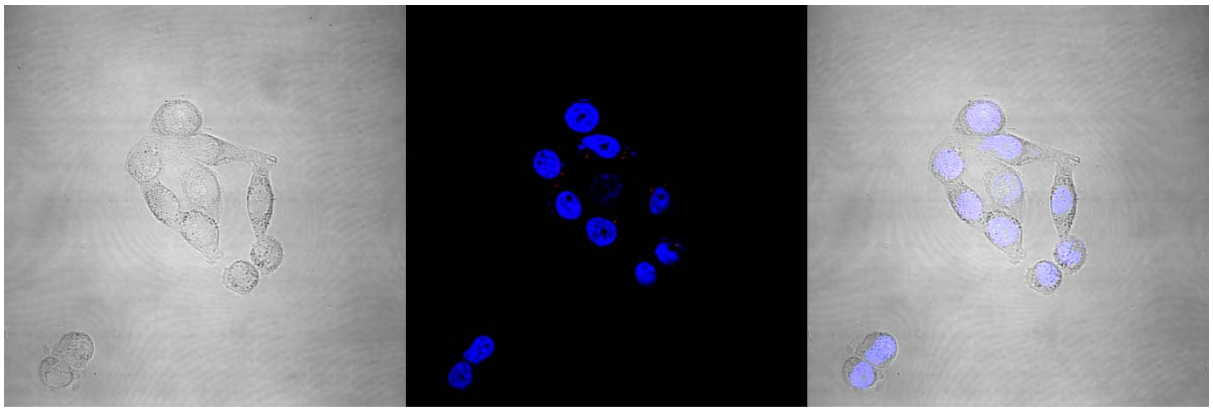

Fig. S6 Bright-field, confocal fluorescence and merged images of HeLa cells which were cultured with FA first and then treated with GNRs@SiO_2@QDs-FA.