

Supporting Information

Chitosan gel incorporated peptide modified AuNPs for sustained drug delivery with smart pH responsiveness

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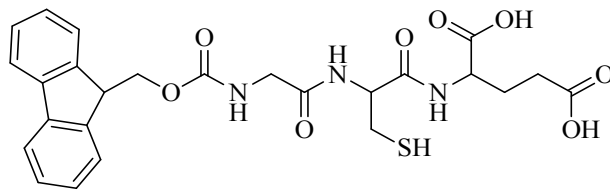


Fig. S1 Chemical structure of Fmoc-GCE.

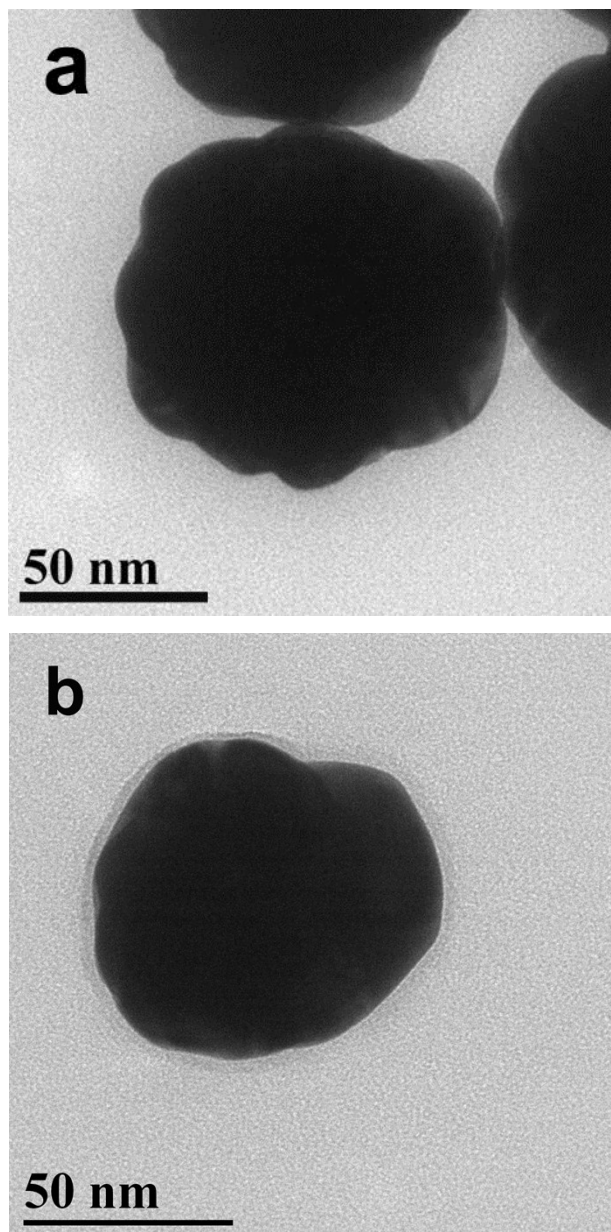


Fig. S2 TEM images of (a) naked AuNPs and (b) DOX/Fmoc-GCE/AuNPs.

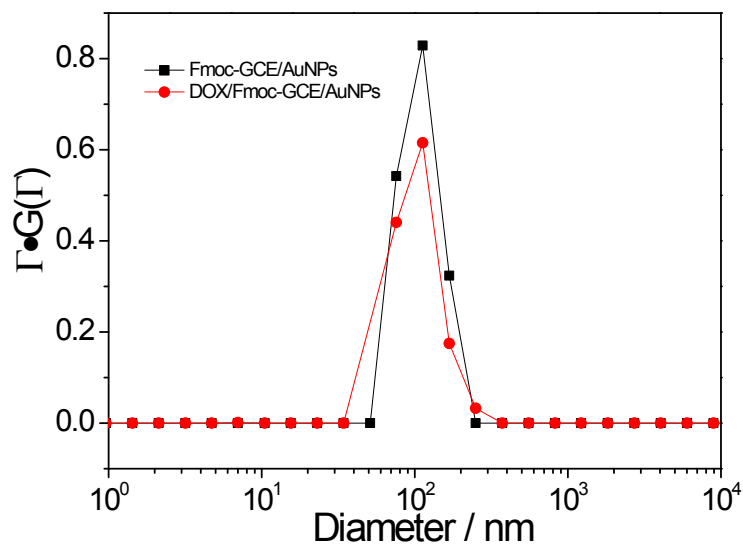


Fig. S3 DLS plots of Fmoc-GCE/AuNPs and DOX/ Fmoc-GCE/AuNPs complexes.

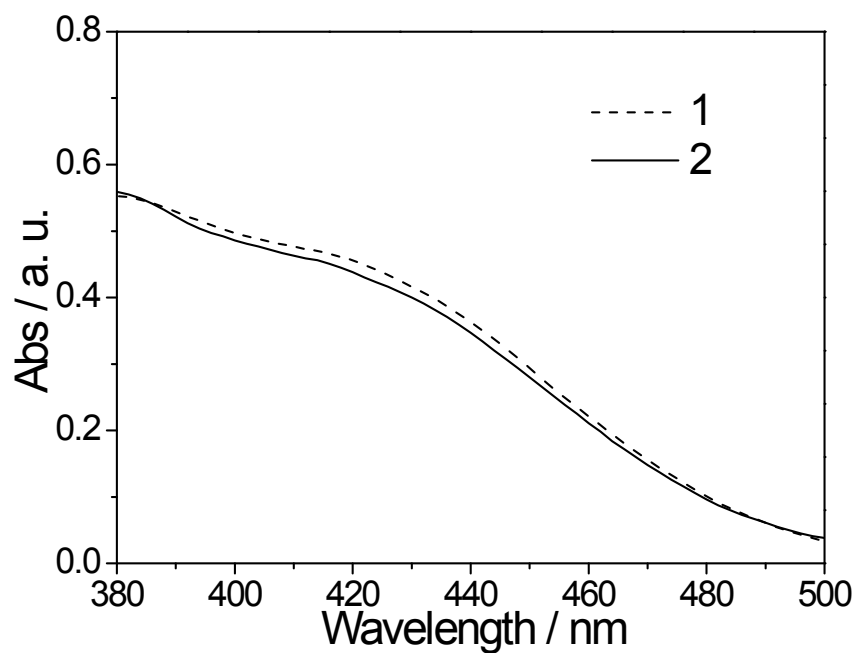


Fig. S4 UV-Vis spectra of GSH stocking solution (curve 1) and the remaining supernatant of GSH after being treated with AuNPs (curve 2).

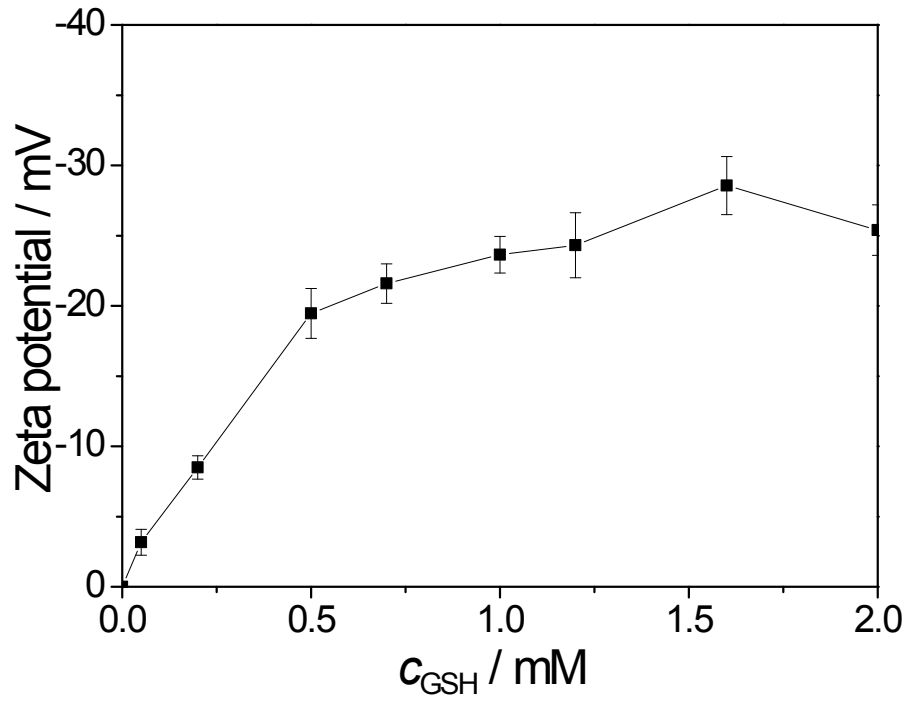


Fig. S5 Zeta potential of AuNPs modified with different concentrations of GSH.

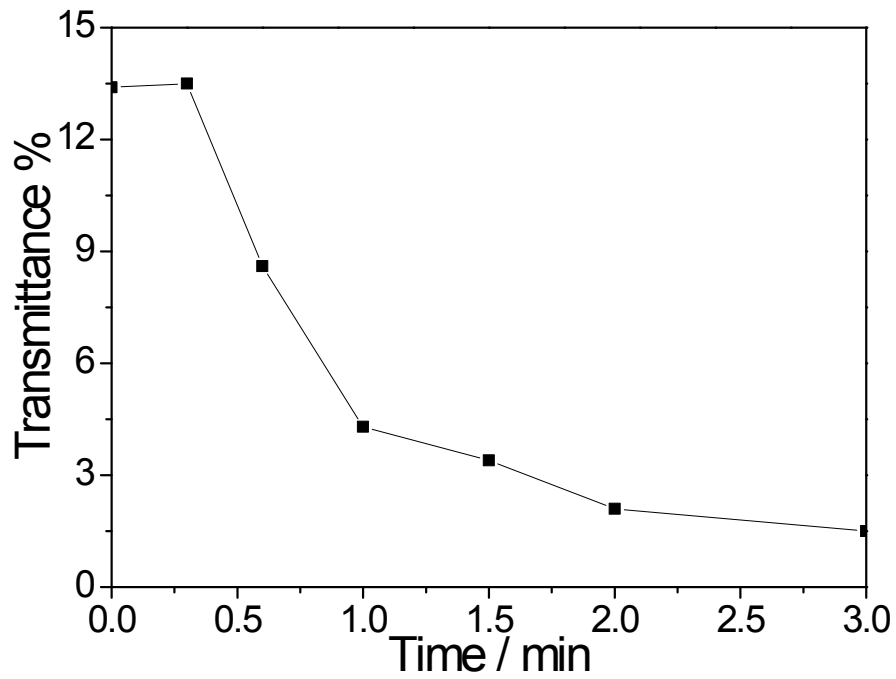


Fig. S6 Transmittance curve of CS solution during gelation process ($c_{\text{CS}} = 25$ mg/mL, $c_{\text{GP}} = 50$ mg/mL).

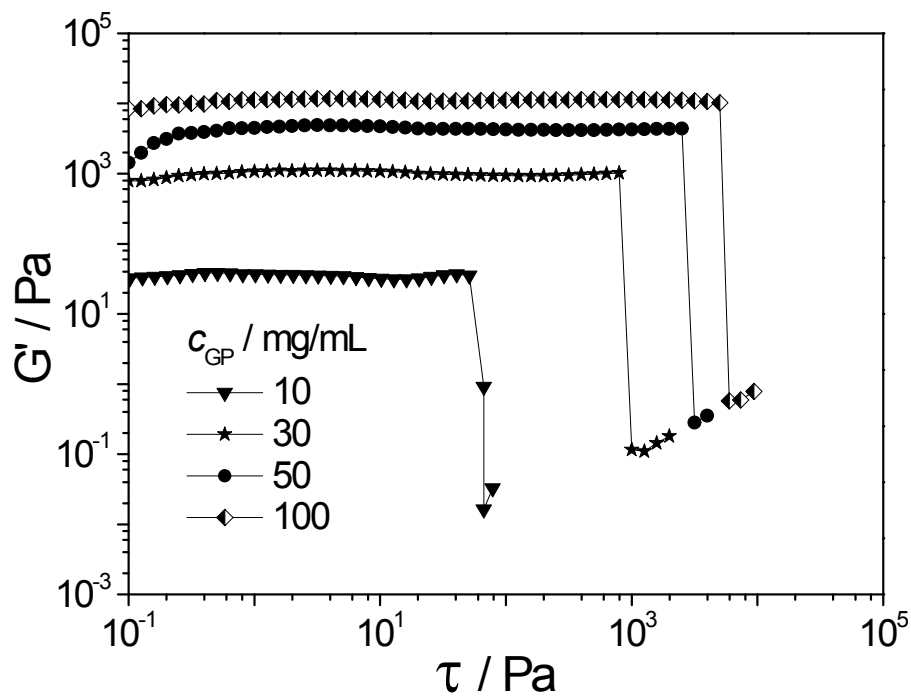


Fig. S7 (a) Stress sweep results of the chitosan hydrogels formed with different concentration of GP ($c_{CS} = 20$ mg/mL).

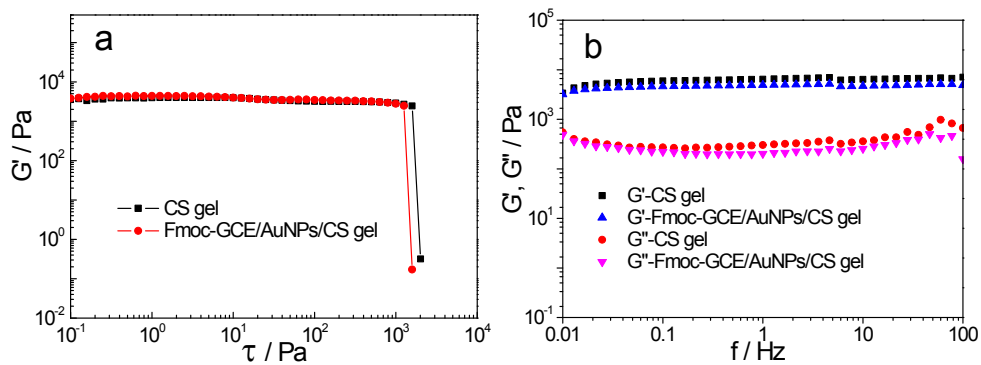


Fig. S8 Stress sweep (a) and frequency sweep (b) results of the CS gels with and without incorporation of Fmoc-GCE/AuNPs complex.