

## Supporting Information

# Near-Infrared Persistent Luminescence Hollow Mesoporous Nanospheres for Drug Delivery and *In Vivo* Renewable Imaging

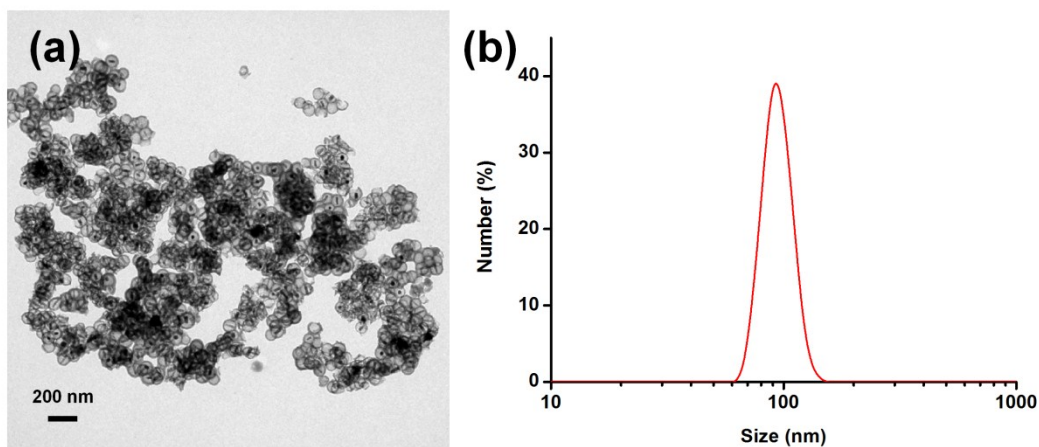
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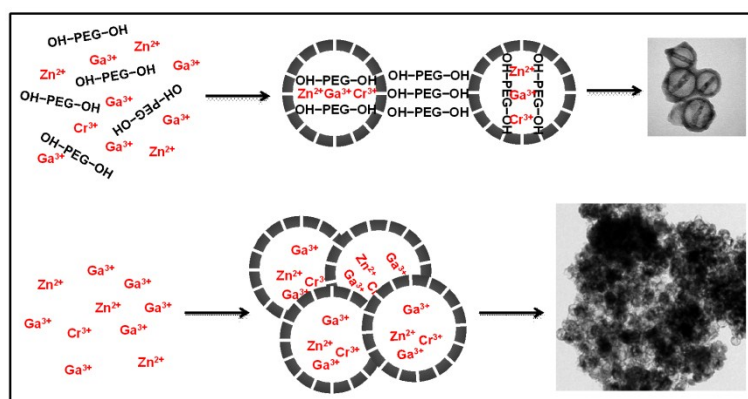
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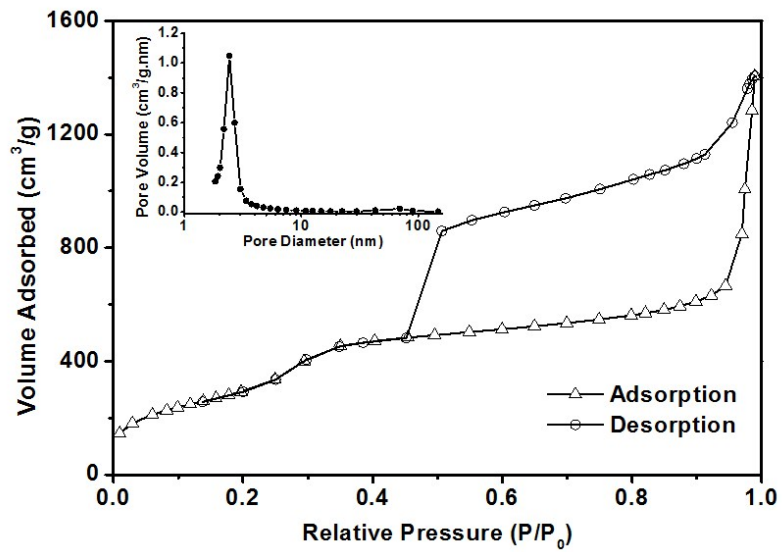
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**Fig. S1** (a) TEM images of ZnGa<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>:Cr<sup>3+</sup>@HMS, (b) Dynamic light scattering spectrum of ZnGa<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>:Cr<sup>3+</sup>@HMS.



**Fig. S2** Schematic illustration of the preparation of the stick-shell structure.



**Fig. S3** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption isotherms of HMS, the inset is the corresponding pore size distribution.