## Nanoparticles based on retinoic acid caped with Ferrocenium: A novel synthesized targetable nanoparticle both with anti-cancer effect and drug loading capacity

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Figure S1. Size and Zeta potential of FCRAN. The average size(a) and zeta potential(b) is  $13.76 \pm 0.2$  nm and  $24.6 \pm 0.1$  mv, respectively.



Figure S2 Size and Zeta potential of FCRAN/T. The average size(a) and zeta potential(b) is  $13.86 \pm 0.1$  nm and  $22.8 \pm 0.3$  mv, respectively.



Figure S3. Release ratio of Taxol (Ta) at different time with/without GSH. there was no drug release during the test period in the absence of GSH; FCRAN/T dissociated rapidly in the presence of GSH, about 70% of the drug was released within 5 minutes, and the drug release reached the maximum at 15 minutes, about 90%. No further release of the drug was observed, possibly due to the total consumption of GSH.



Figure S4. Identification of the cancer stem cells (side population cells, shown by SP cells) in human cancer cell lines. CAL-27(a,b) and KB (c,d) cells were stained with Hoechst33342 together with or without verapamil, analyzed by BD influx flow cytometer. Images of a and c were obtained from the specimens stained with Hoechst 33342 only, and those of b and d were from the specimens stained Hoechst 33342 by co-treating with verapamil.



Figure S5. Microscopic images of the cancer stem cells in cell clones of each group. It could be seen that the cell clones of control group were more and growing better than FCRAN(Fc) and Ra group.