

Supporting Information for:

**Anti-Aggregation NIR-II Heptamethine-Cyanine Dye with Stereo
Structure for Imaging-Guided Photothermal Therapy**

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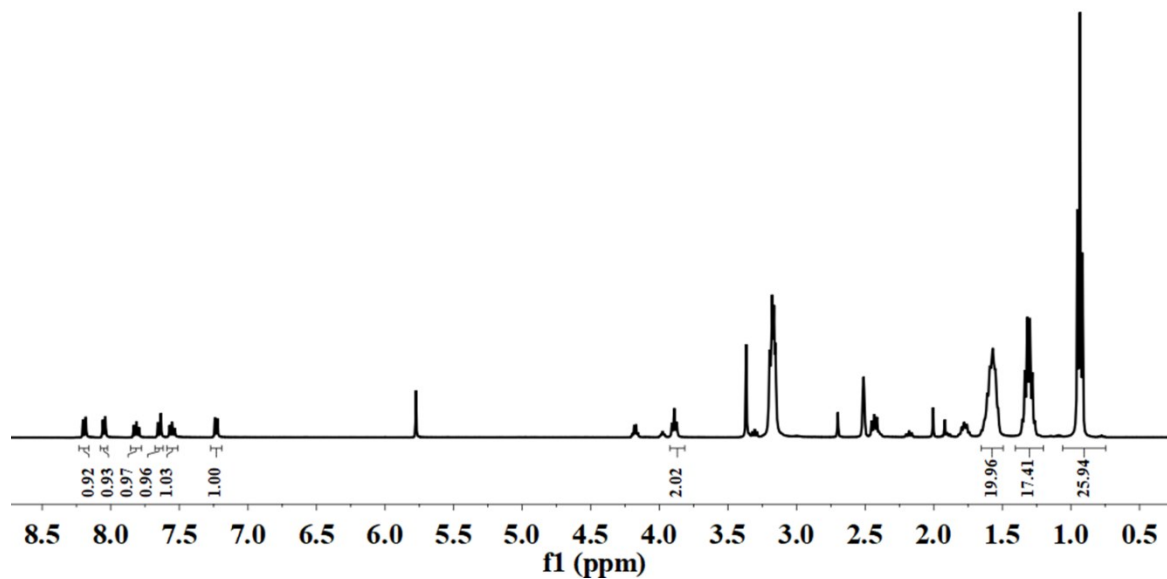


Fig. S3. ^1H NMR spectra of HQS-Cy 2

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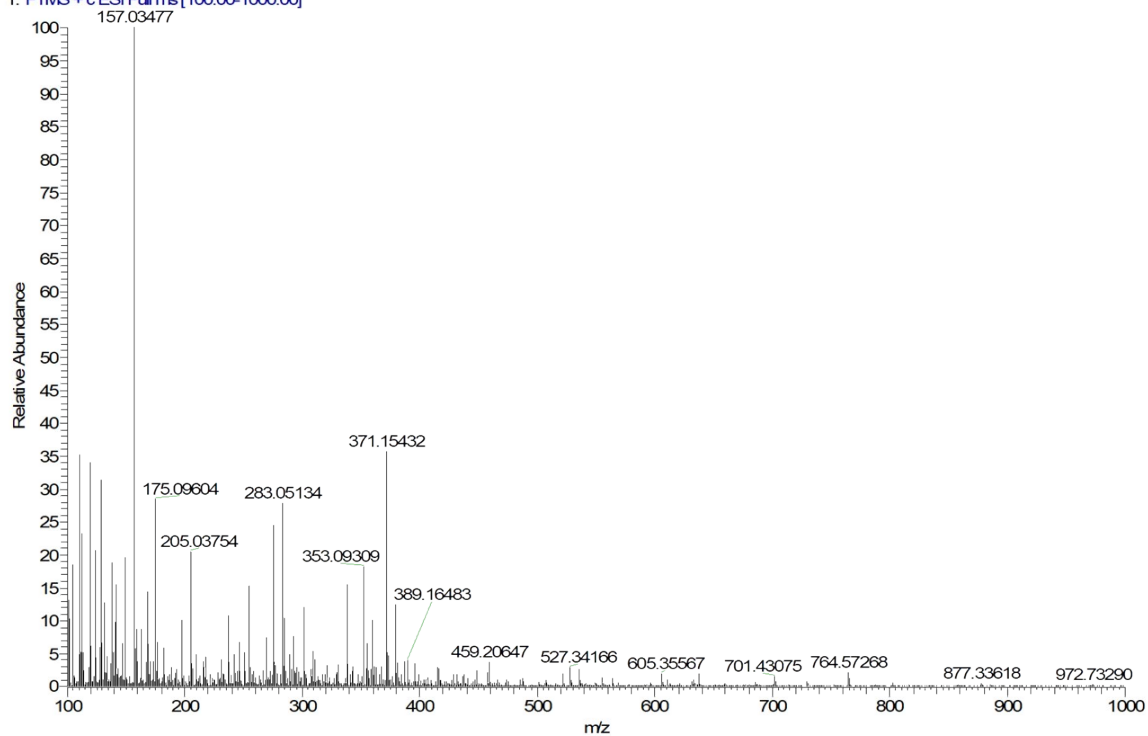


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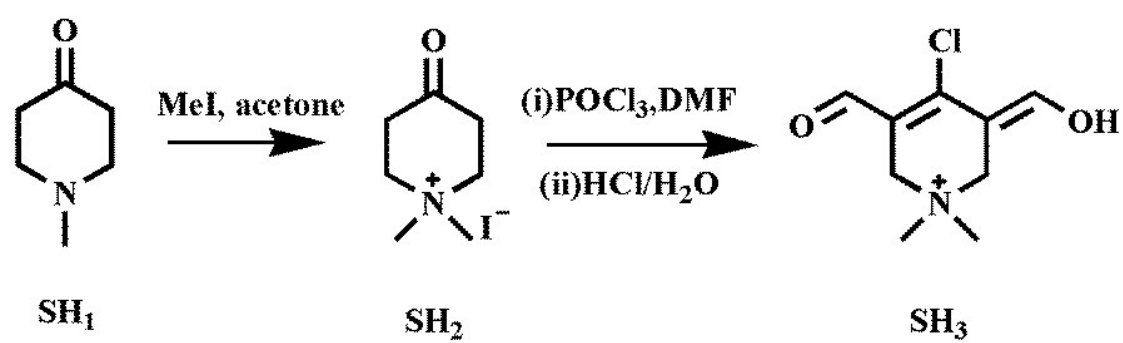
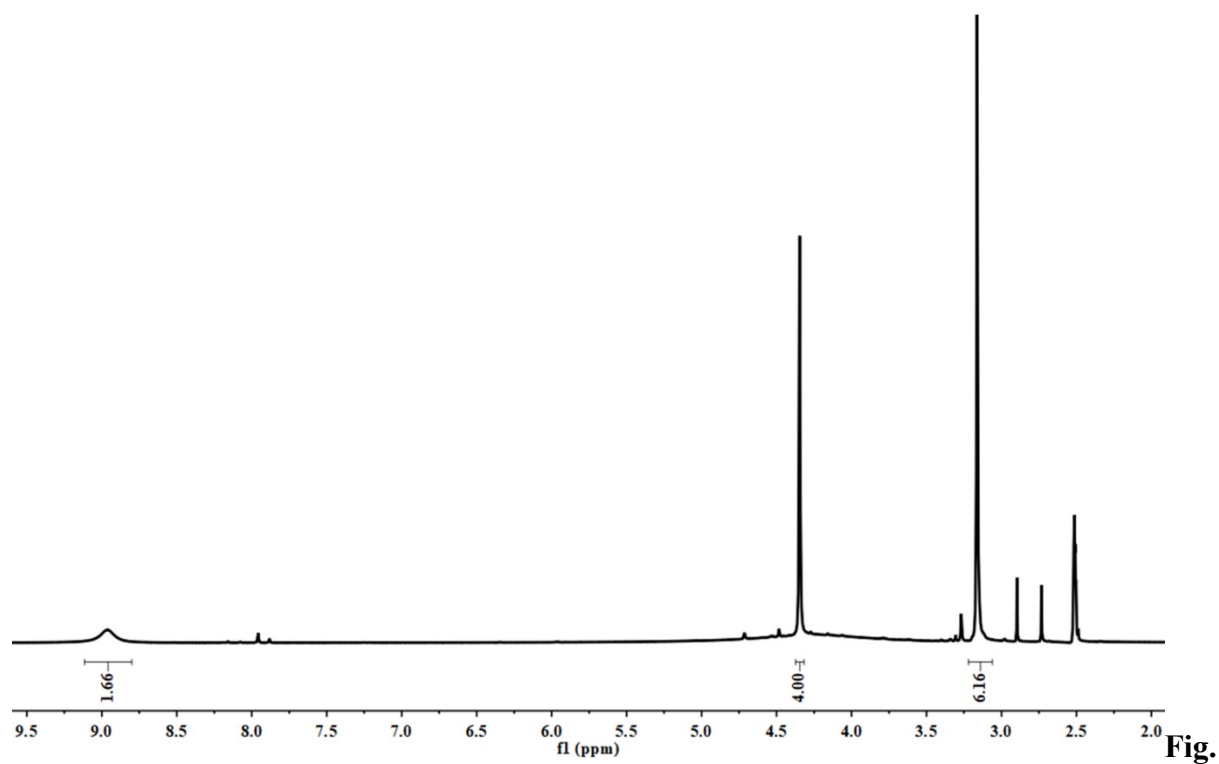


Fig. S5. Synthesis route of SH₃.



S6. ¹H NMR spectra of SH₂.

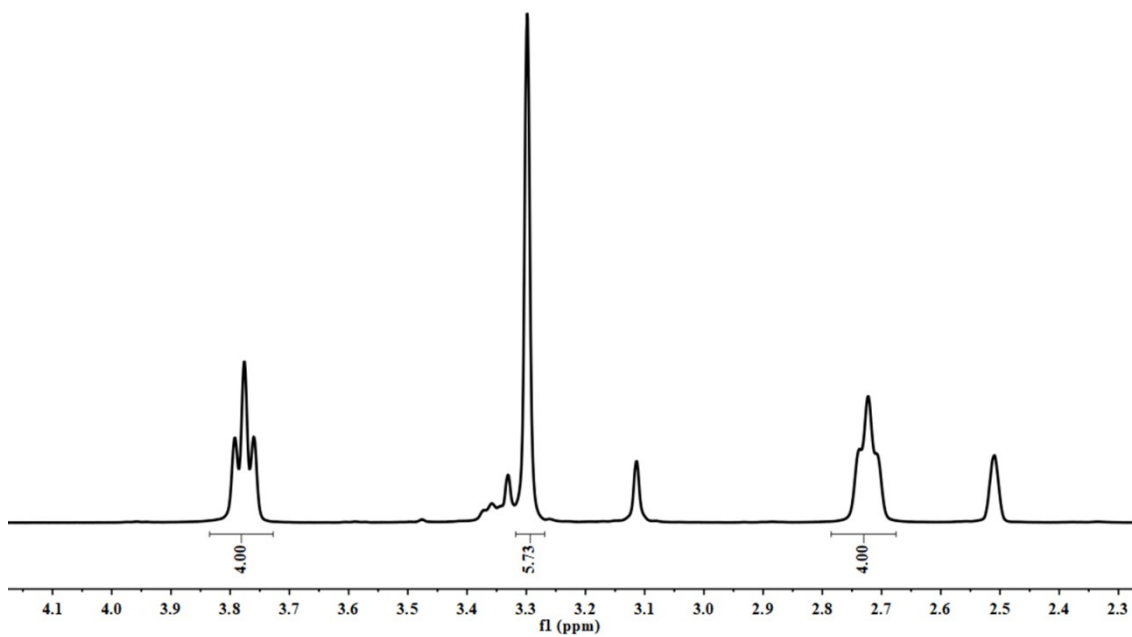


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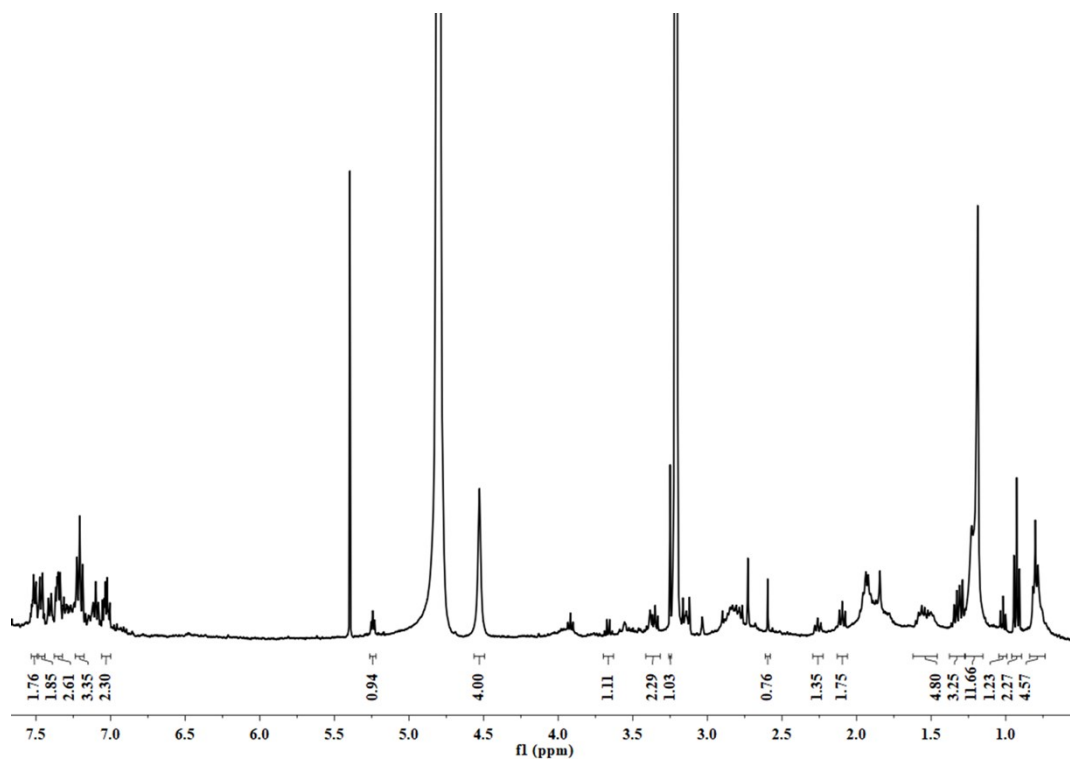
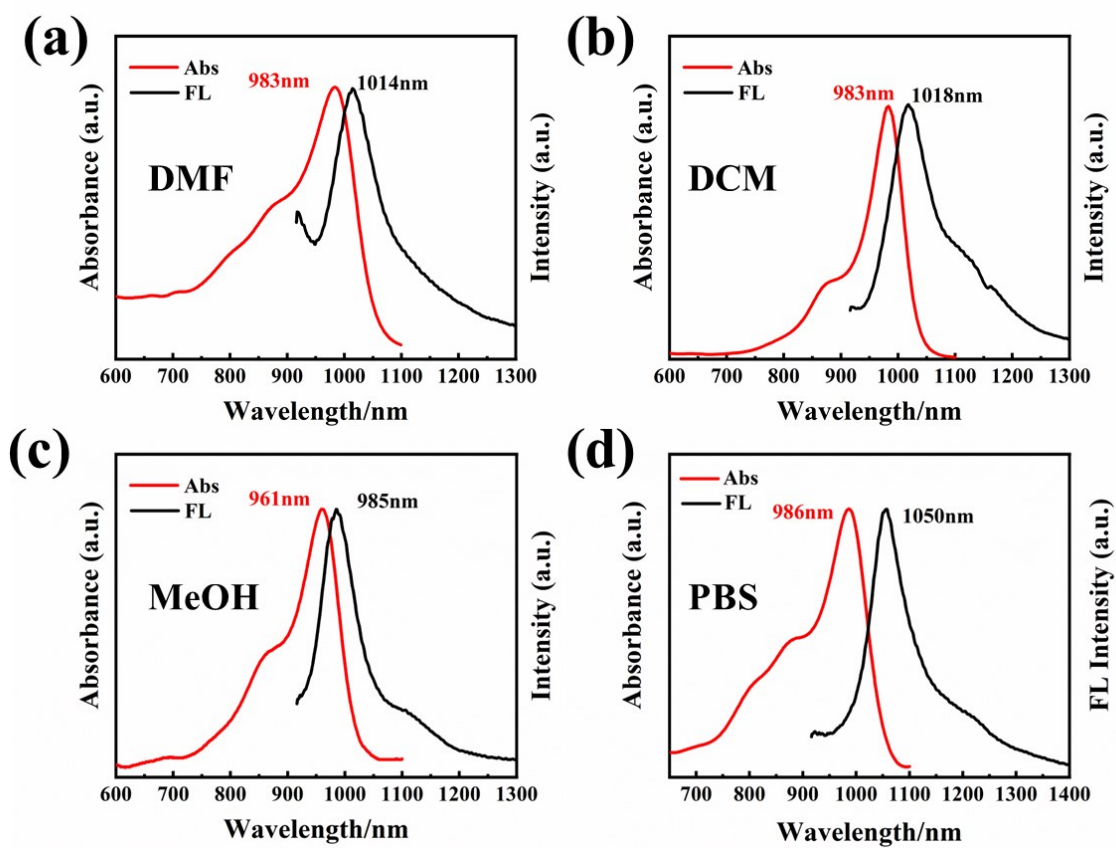


Fig. S8. 1H NMR spectra of HQS-Cy.



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ig. S9 (a) UV-vis-NIR absorbance spectra of HQS-Cy in DMF and (b) in DCM and (c) in MeOH and (d) HQS-Cy@P in PBS

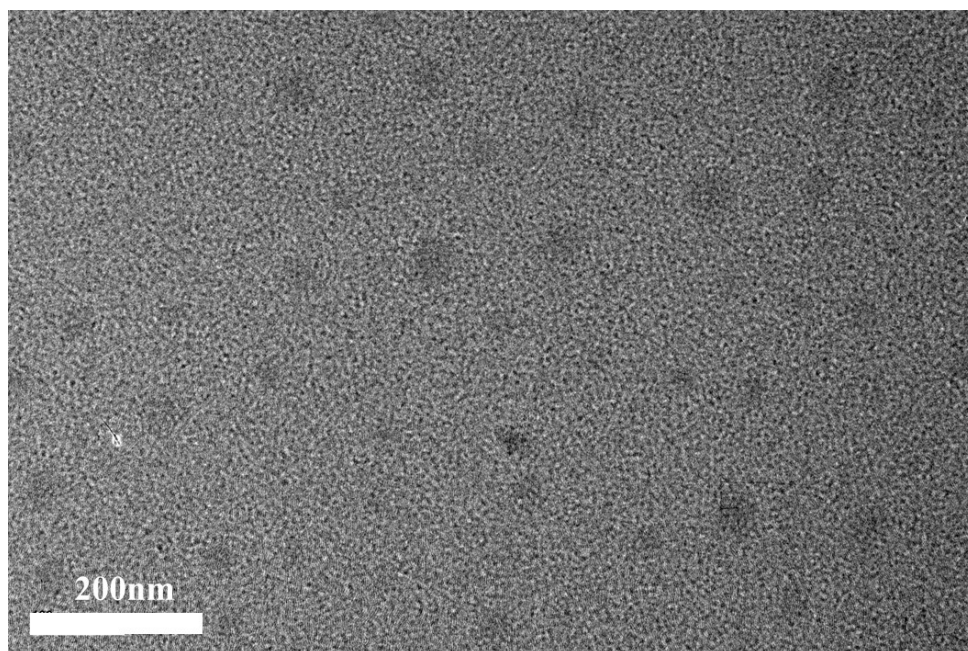
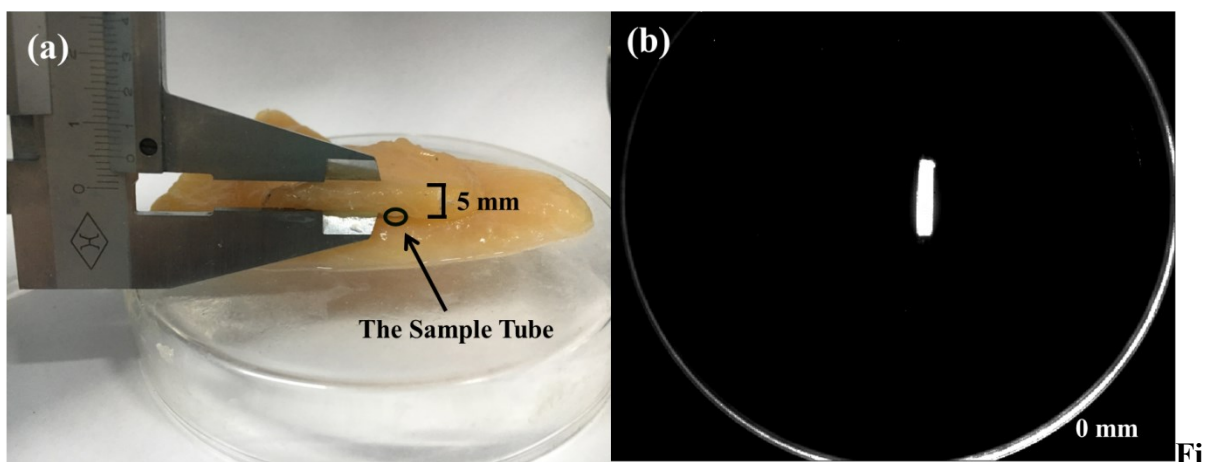


Fig. S10 TEM image of HQS-Cy@P



g. S11 Chicken penetration model assay. (a) A model for the nuggets: the sample tube was covered 5 mm thickness of chicken. (b) The fluorescence image of tube with 0 mm thickness of chicken.

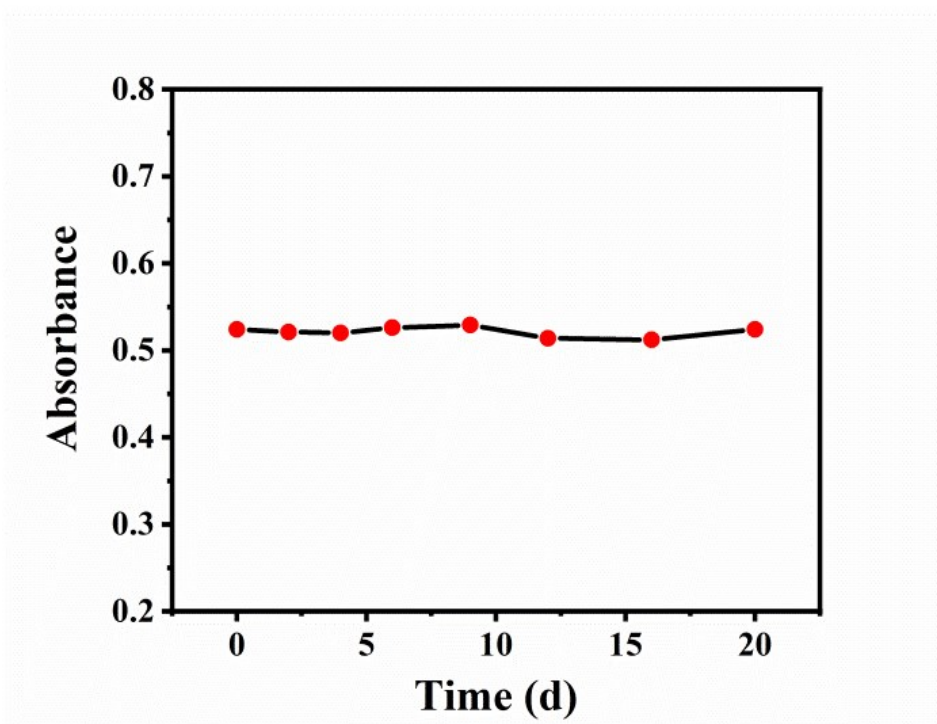


Fig. S12 The stability of HQS-Cy@P in PBS which are stored at room temperature and out of direct sunlight

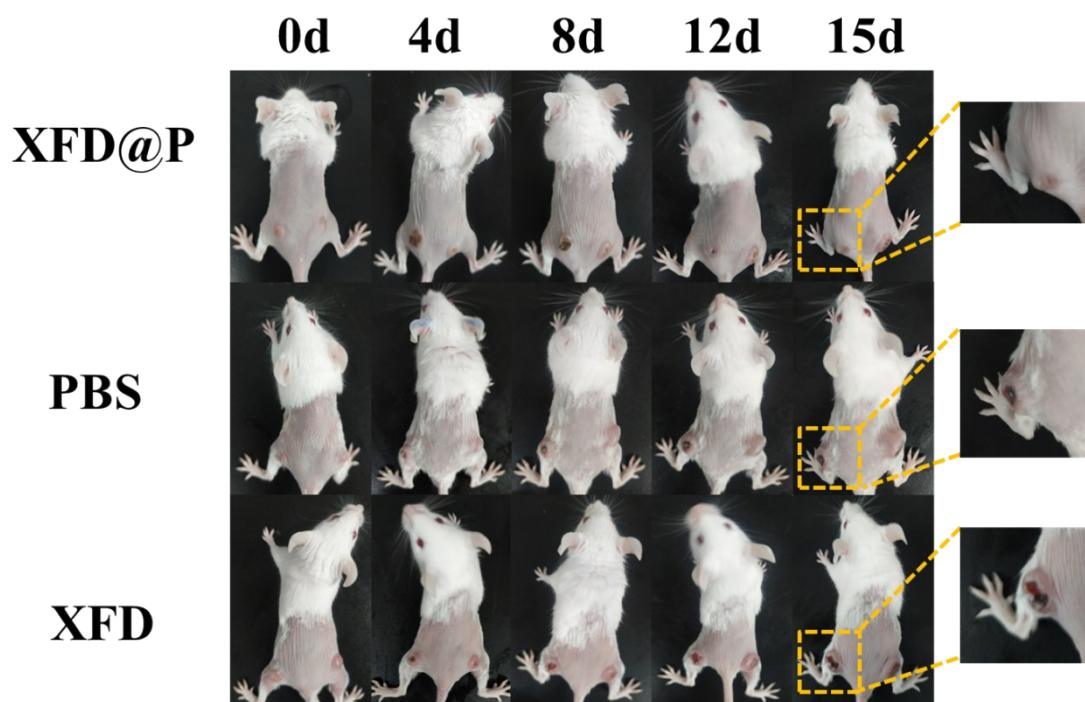


Fig. S13 Representative digital photographs of the mice during the treatment in the group of “PBS”, “HQS-Cy” and “HQS-Cy@P”

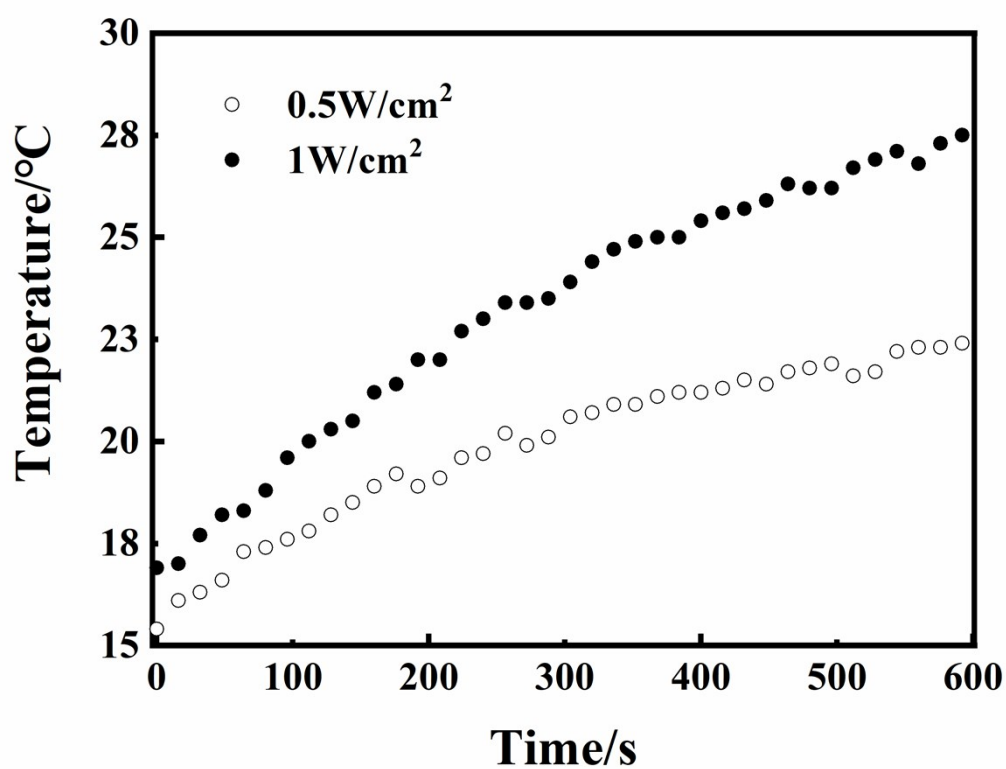


Fig. S14 The heating curve of water under the 980nm laser irradiation

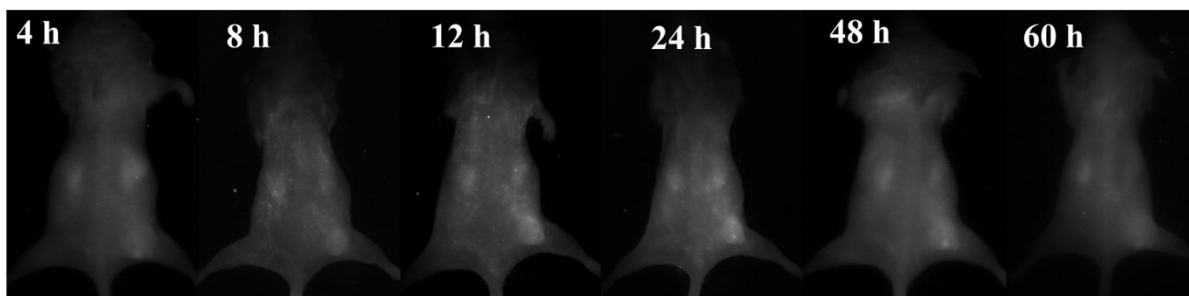


Figure S15. NIR-II fluorescence imaging of HQS-Cy@P in vivo at the selected time.

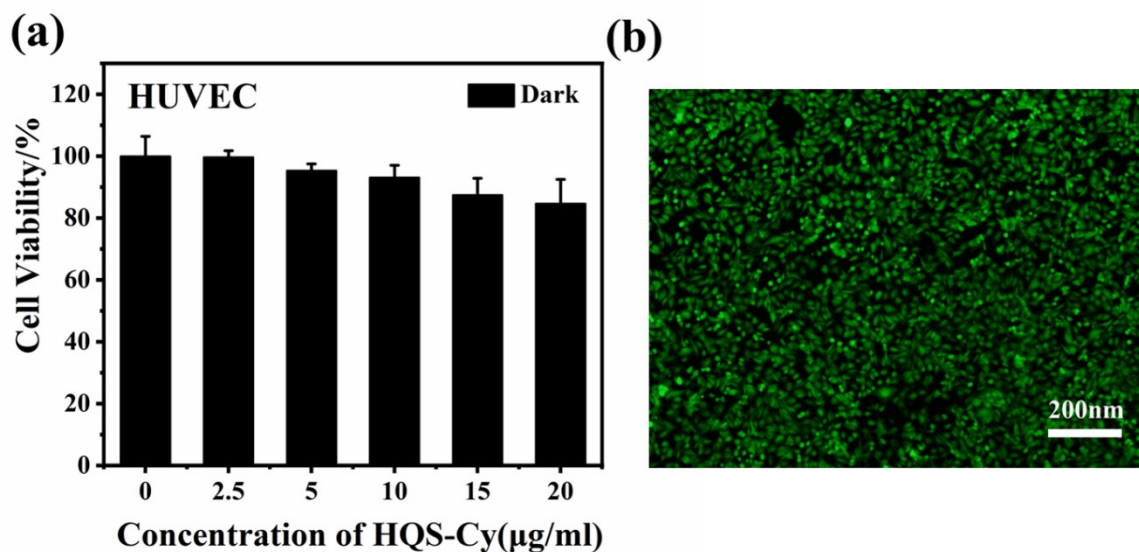


Figure S16. (a) Cytotoxicity assays of HQS-Cy@P against human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HEVUC) under dark conditions and (b) Fluorescence imaging of HUVEC cells treated with $20\mu\text{g/mL}$ HQS-Cy@P for live/dead assays.

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