

Supporting Information

## **Single-component Lipid Nanoparticles for Engineering SOCS1 Gene-silenced Dendritic Cells to Boost Tumor Immunotherapy**

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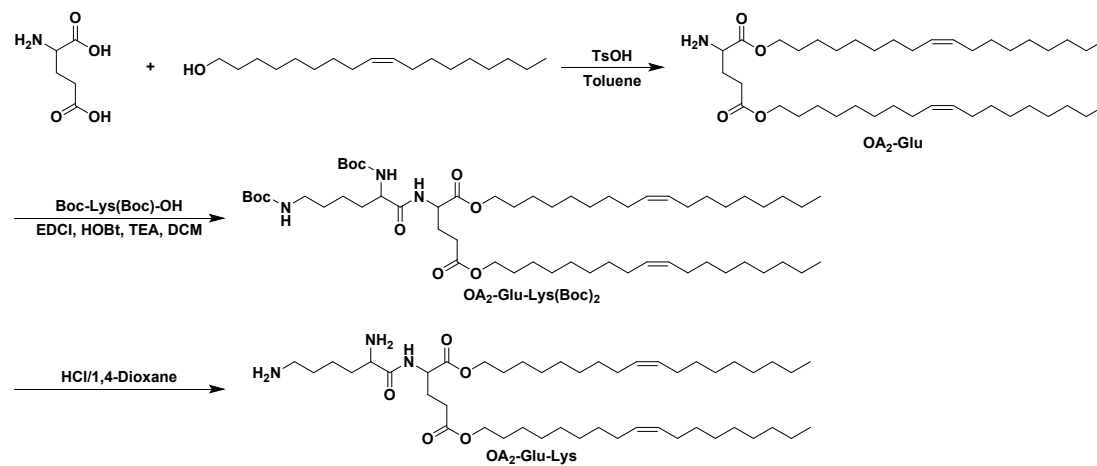
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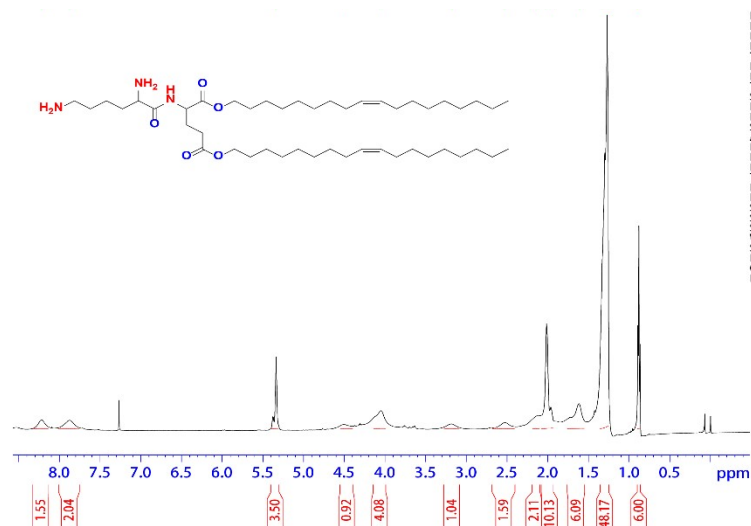
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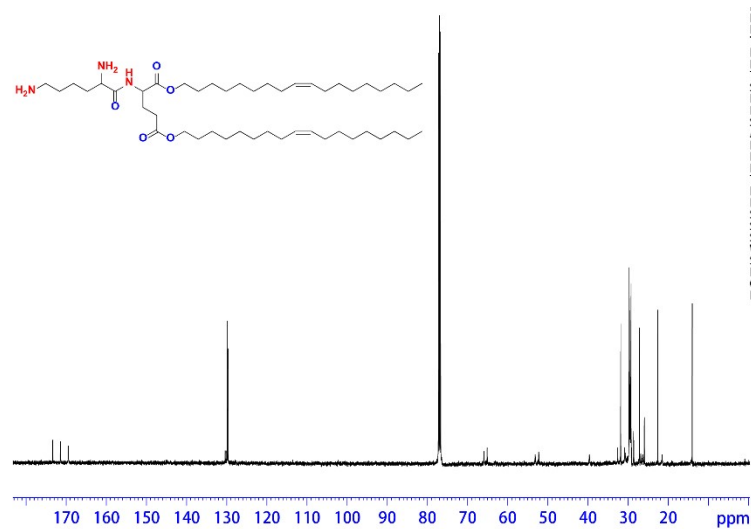
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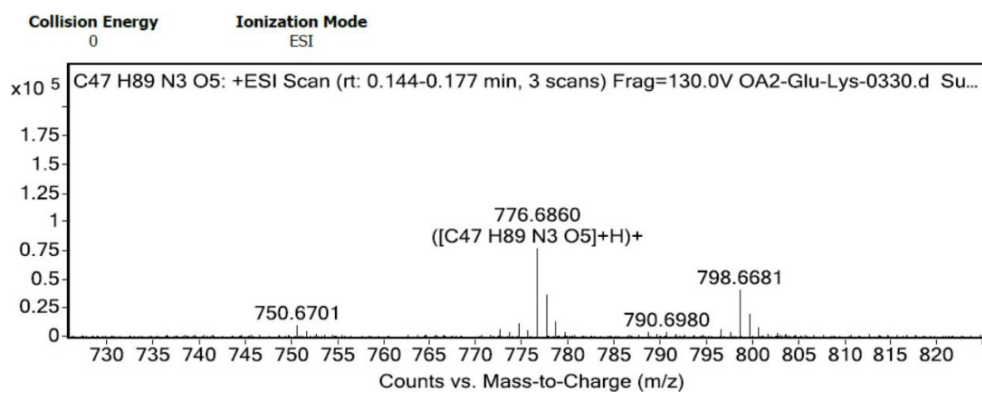
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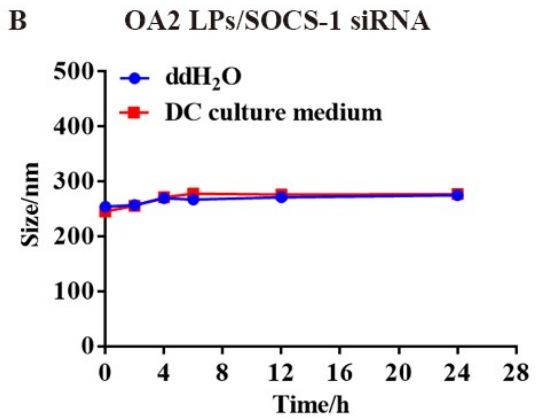
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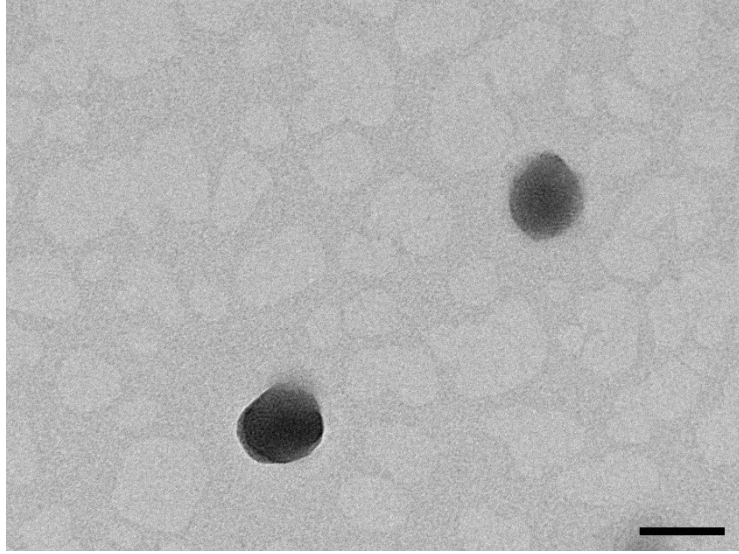
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Characterization	OA2 LPs
Particle size (nm)	128.0 ± 0.1
PDI	0.14 ± 0.04
Zeta potential (mV)	43.2 ± 1.2

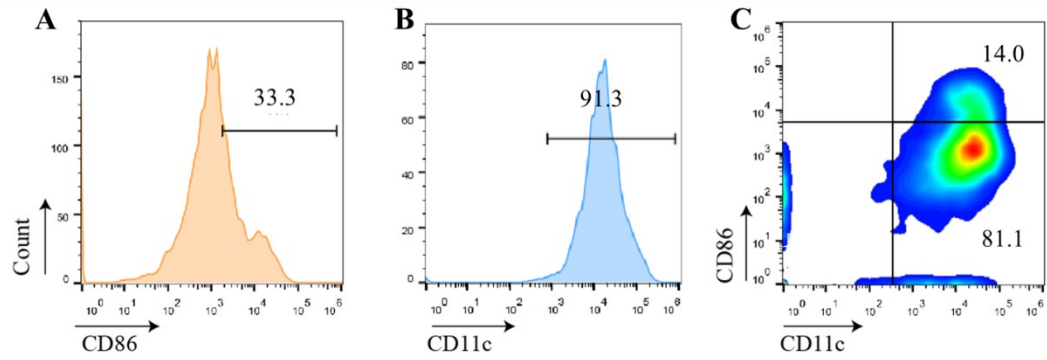
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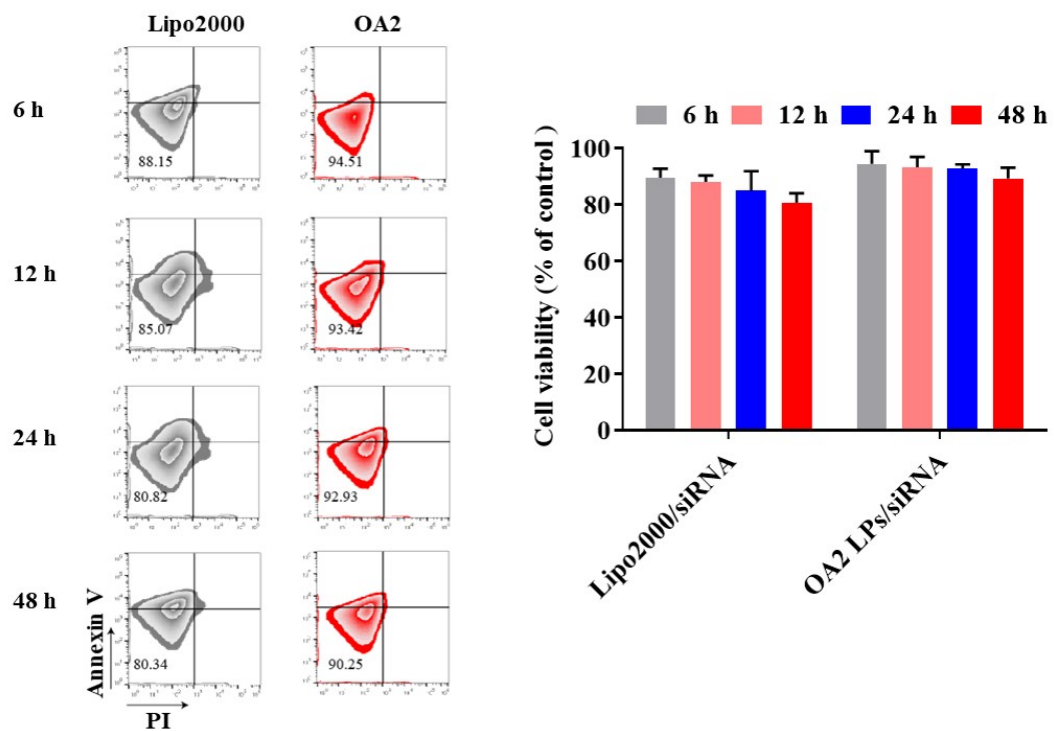


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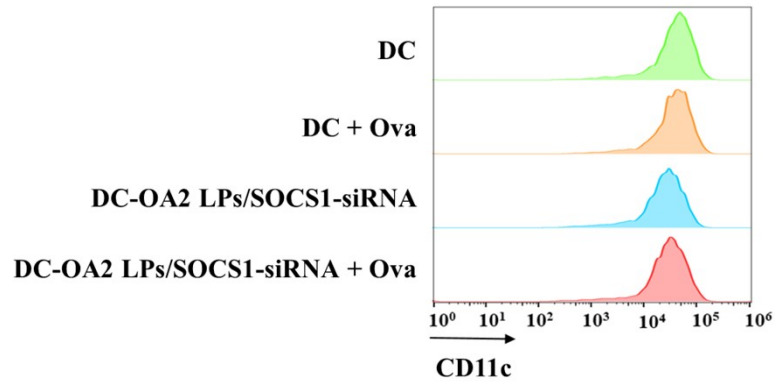




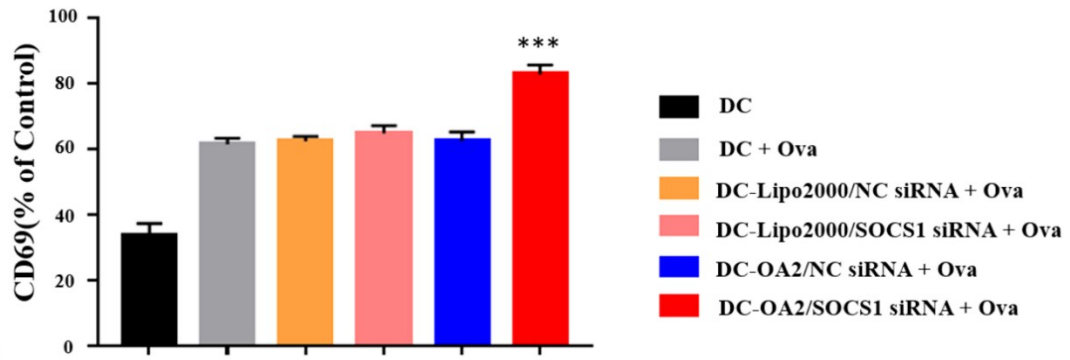
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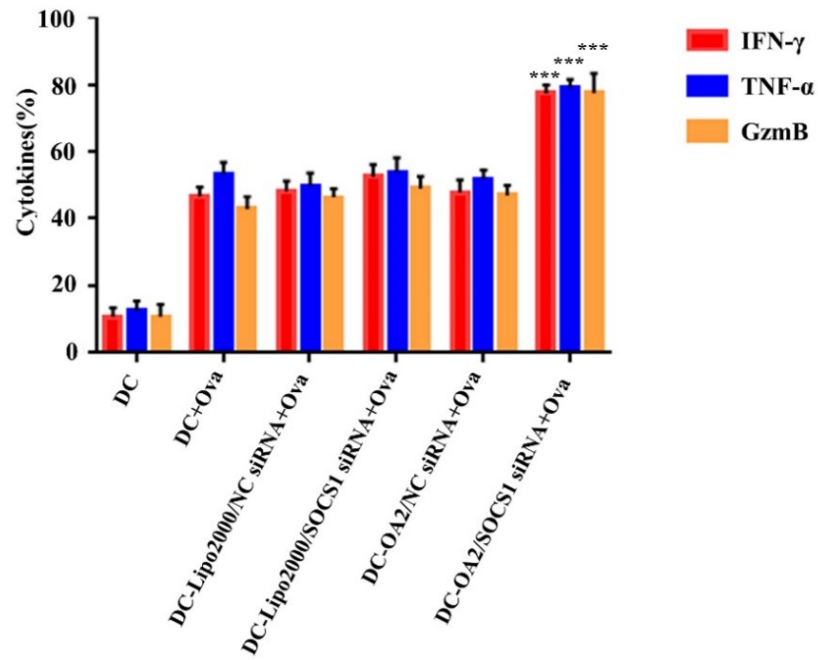
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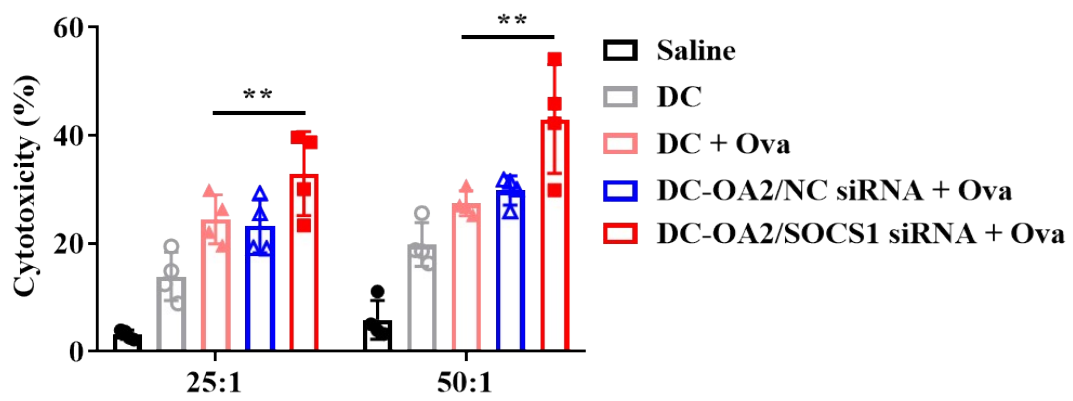
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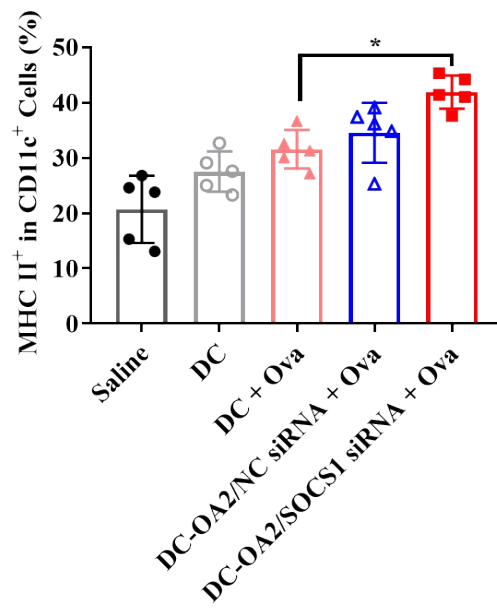
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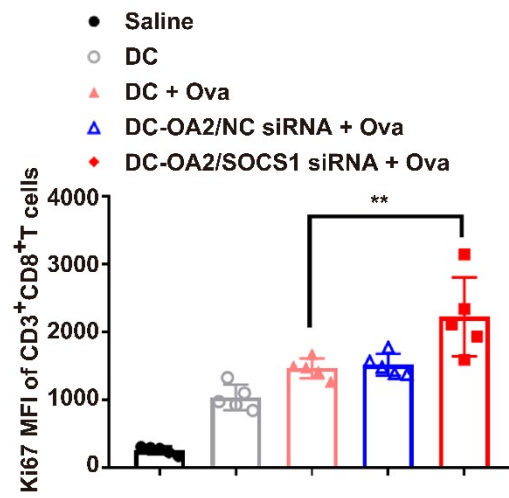
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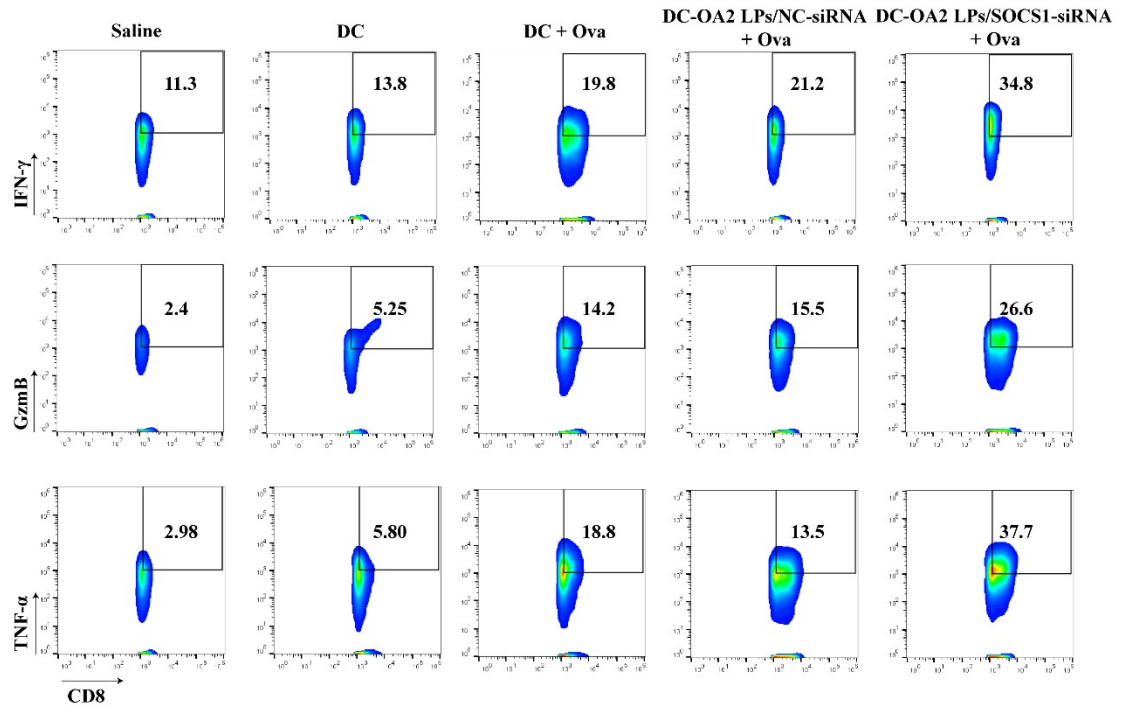


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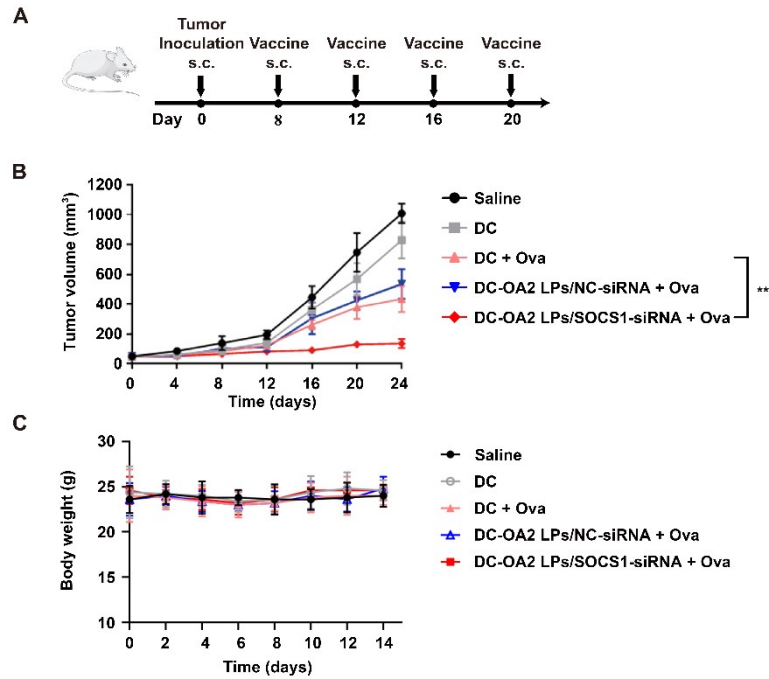


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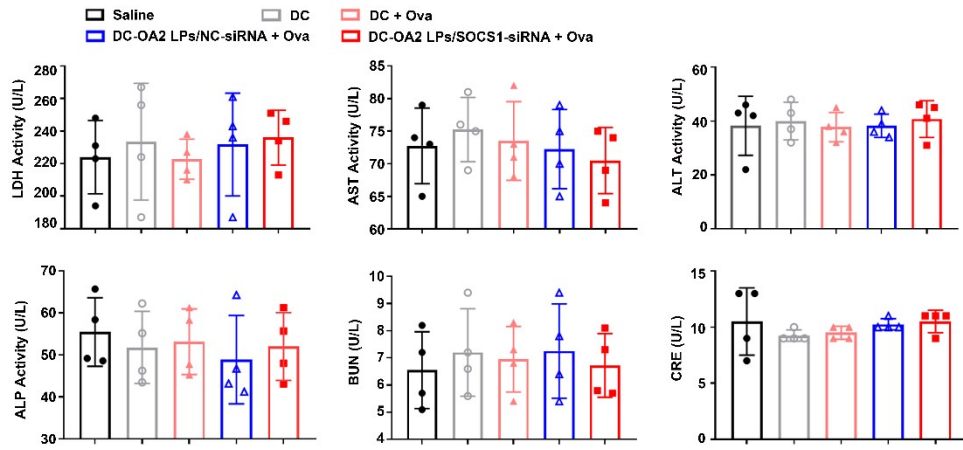




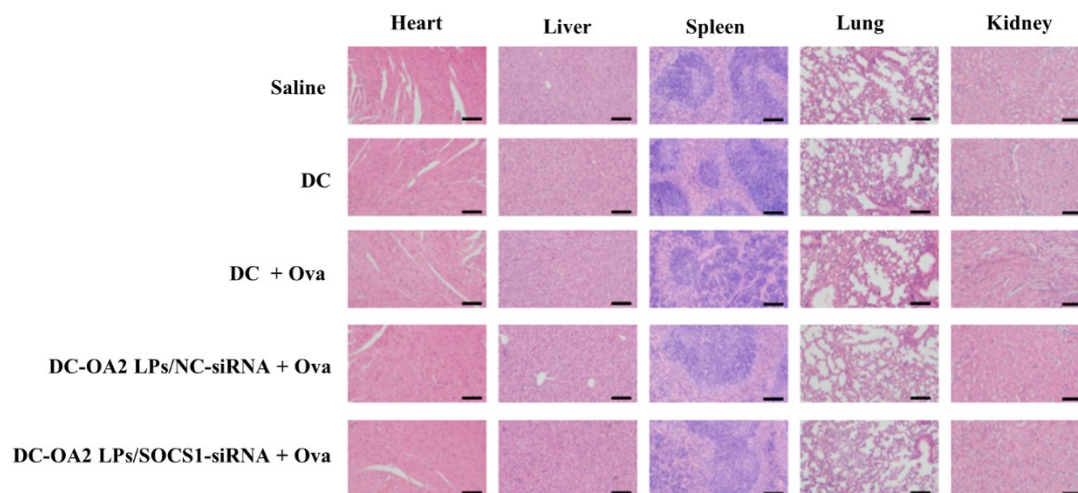
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## Supporting Methods

### *Synthesis of OA2 lipid*

#### 1.1 Synthesis of OA2-Glu

A stirred solution of L-glutamic acid (5.00 g, 33.9 mmol) in toluene (200 mL) was added with *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (6.44 g, 37.4 mmol) followed by refluxing for 2 h at 140°C. Then, oleyl alcohol (19.2 g, 71.4 mmol) was added into the solution, followed by refluxing overnight at 150°C. The reaction mixture was evaporated with vacuum distillation to remove toluene and then dissolved in 300 mL Chloroform (CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The organic phase was sequentially washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (200 mL × 2) and brine (200 mL × 1), and then dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, followed by filtration and concentration. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography eluting with petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 10:1, and dried to obtain the compound as a colorless transparent oily liquid (6.40 g, 54% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 5.43-5.28 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>CHCHCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.17-4.01 (m, 4H, COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.52-3.44 (m, 1H, NH<sub>2</sub>CH), 2.46 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CO), 2.09-1.93 (m, 8H, CH<sub>2</sub>CHCHCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.77-1.70 (m, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>CHCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.69-1.55 (m, 4H, COOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>). 1.35-1.22 (m, 44H, CH<sub>2</sub>(stearyl)), 0.88 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 175.05 (1C, CH<sub>2</sub>COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 172.70 (1C, NH<sub>2</sub>CHCO), 129.47 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>CHCHCH<sub>2</sub>), 129.25 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>CHCHCH<sub>2</sub>), 64.73 (1C, COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 64.19 (1C, COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 53.26 (1C, NHCH), 31.40 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 30.13 (1C, CH<sub>2</sub>COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 29.26 (4C, CH<sub>2</sub>CHCHCH<sub>2</sub>), 29.23 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>(stearyl)), 29.19 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>(stearyl)), 29.02 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>(stearyl)), 28.91 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>(stearyl)), 28.82 (6C, CH<sub>2</sub>(stearyl)), 28.72 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>(stearyl)), 28.09 (1C, NHCHCH<sub>2</sub>), 26.71 (1C, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.68 (1C, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.40 (1C, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.36 (1C, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.18 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.61 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup>, m/z: Calcd for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>78</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 648.5931; found, 648.5932.

#### 1.2 Synthesis of OA2-Glu-Lys(Boc)<sub>2</sub>

A stirred solution of Boc-Lys(Boc)-OH (484 mg, 2.085 mmol) in chloroform (30 mL) at 0°C was added with EDCI (639 mg, 3.335 mmol) and HOBT (451 mg, 3.335

mmol) followed by stirring for 3 h at room temperature to obtain the reaction solution **A**. Next, a stirred solution of OA2-Glu (1.35 g, 2.085 mmol) in chloroform (20 mL) was added with triethylamine (872  $\mu$ L, 6.254 mmol) followed by stirring for 1 h at room temperature to obtain the reaction solution **B**, which was slowly dripped into the reaction solution **A** to stir at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was sequentially washed with certain amount of water, 10% citric acid aqueous solution, and saturated brine, and then dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , followed by filtration and concentration. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography eluting with petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 7:1, and dried to obtain the compound as a colorless transparent oily liquid (721 mg, 35.4% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 6.82 (brs, 1H, BocNH), 5.45-5.27 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2$ ), 5.16 (brs, 1H, BocNH), 4.71 (brs, 1H, BocNHCH), 4.63-4.55 (m, 1H, NHCH), 4.12 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{COOCH}_2$ ), 4.05 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{COOCH}_2$ ), 3.15-3.07 (brs, 2H,  $\text{NHCH}_2$ ), 2.49-2.29 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CO}$ ), 2.27-2.15 (m, 1H,  $\text{NHCHCH}_2$ ), 2.06-1.92 (m, 8H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2$ ), 1.88-1.78 (m, 1H,  $\text{NHCHCH}_2$ ), 1.73-1.54 (m, 4H,  $\text{COOCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ , 2H,  $\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.46-1.42 (m, 18H,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ , 2H,  $\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.35-1.24 (m, 44H,  $\text{CH}_2(\text{stearyl})$ , 2H,  $\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 6H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 172.41 (1C,  $\text{CH}_2\text{COOCH}_2$ ), 171.54 (1C,  $\text{NHCHCO}$ ), 171.16 (1C,  $\text{CHCONH}$ ), 155.66 (1C,  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{COCO}$ ), 155.19 (1C,  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{COCO}$ ), 129.47 (2C,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2$ ), 129.26 (2C,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2$ ), 94.60 (2C,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 65.32 (1C,  $\text{COOCH}_2$ ), 66.45 (1C,  $\text{COOCH}_2$ ), 53.82 (1C, BocNHCH), 51.19 (1C, NHCH), 39.34 (1C,  $\text{NHCH}_2$ ), 32.11 (1C,  $\text{CH}_2\text{COOCH}_2$ ), 31.40 (2C,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 29.71 (1C,  $\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.26 (4C,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CHCHCH}_2$ ), 29.20 (1C,  $\text{CH}_2(\text{stearyl})$ ), 29.16 (1C,  $\text{CH}_2(\text{stearyl})$ ), 29.02 (2C,  $\text{CH}_2(\text{stearyl})$ ), 28.94 (2C,  $\text{CH}_2(\text{stearyl})$ ), 28.82 (8C,  $\text{CH}_2(\text{stearyl})$ ), 28.74 (2C,  $\text{CH}_2(\text{stearyl})$ ), 28.07 (1C,  $\text{NHCHCH}_2$ ), 27.94 (3C,  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C}$ ), 27.80 (3C,  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C}$ ), 26.80 (1C,  $\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 26.70 (2C,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.39 (1C,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.30 (1C,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 22.18 (2C,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 21.95 (1C,  $\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 13.62 (2C,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ). HRMS, ESI $^+$ ,  $m/z$ : Calcd for  $\text{C}_{57}\text{H}_{105}\text{N}_3\text{O}_9\text{Na}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ , 998.7749; found, 998.7747.

### 1.3 Synthesis of compound OA2

4.0 M HCl/1,4-dioxane solution (30 mL) was slowly dripped into the OA2-Glu-Lys (Boc)<sub>2</sub> (481 mg, 0.493 mmol) at 0°C. The reaction solution was concentrated and purified to obtain a yellow gelatinous solid with a yield of 80.2% (335 mg, 80.2% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 8.21 (brs, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.87 (brs, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 5.40-5.30 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>CHCHCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.55-4.39 (m, 1H, NH<sub>2</sub>CH), 4.14-3.99 (m, 4H, COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.27-3.08 (m, 1H, NH<sub>2</sub>CH), 2.68-2.40 (m, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.19-2.10 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CO), 2.08-1.93 (m, 8H, CH<sub>2</sub>CHCHCH<sub>2</sub>, 2H, NHCHCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.76-1.55 (m, 4H, COOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, 2H, NHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.36-1.25 (m, 44H, CH<sub>2</sub>(stearyl), 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.88 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 173.32 (1C, CH<sub>2</sub>COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 171.44 (1C, NHCHCO), 169.47 (1C, CHCONH), 129.91 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>CHCHCH<sub>2</sub>), 129.69 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>CHCHCH<sub>2</sub>), 65.95 (1C, COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 65.17 (1C, COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 53.19 (1C, NH<sub>2</sub>CH), 52.31 (1C, NHCH), 39.68 (1C, NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.60 (1C, CH<sub>2</sub>COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 31.88 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 30.87 (1C, NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.81 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>(stearyl)), 29.75 (4C, CH<sub>2</sub>CHCHCH<sub>2</sub>), 29.66 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>(stearyl)), 29.57 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>(stearyl)), 29.51 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>(stearyl)), 29.38 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>(stearyl)), 29.36 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>(stearyl)), 29.30 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>(stearyl)), 29.29 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>(stearyl)), 28.67 (1C, NHCHCH<sub>2</sub>), 27.24 (1C, NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.21 (2C, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.99 (2C, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.64 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.55 (1C, NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.06 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup>, m/z: Calcd for C<sub>47</sub>H<sub>90</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 776.6880; found, 776.6860.