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Self-assembled hollow CuS@AuNRs/PDA nanohybrids with synergistically enhanced photothermal efficiency

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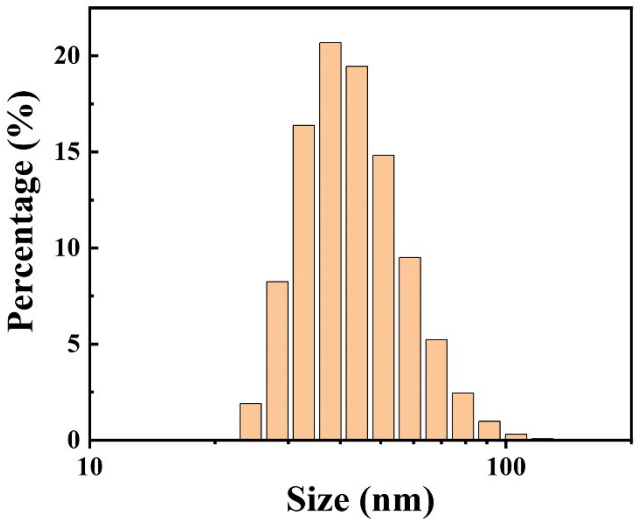

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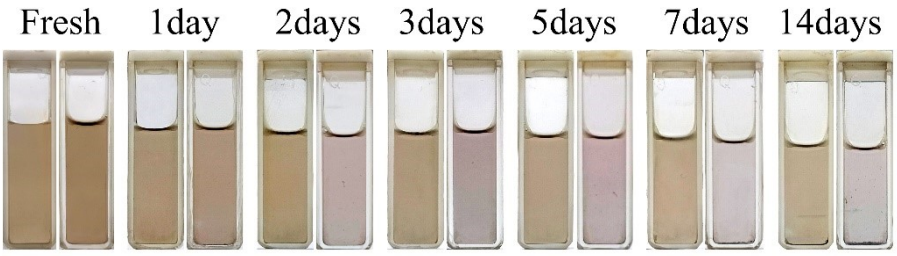

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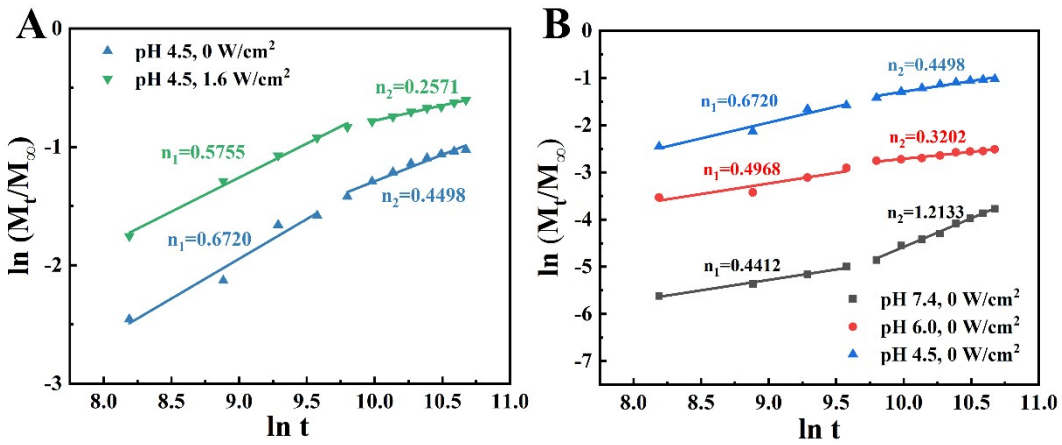

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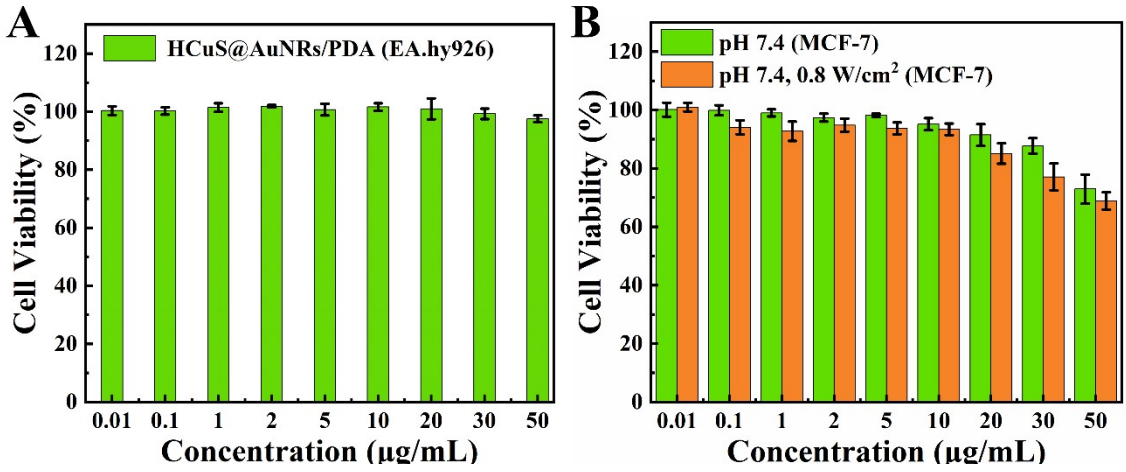

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Elements	Cu	S	Au	N	C
Mass percentage (%)	22.45	7.92	8.61	2.68	58.34

Table S2 Parameters *k*, *n* and R^2 for the DOX release of HCuS@AuNRs/PDA at different release conditions.

Sample	release conditions	*k*	*n*	R^2
HCuS@AuNRs/PDA	pH 7.4, 0 W/cm^2	2.7114×10^{-7}	1.0613	0.9786
HCuS@AuNRs/PDA	pH 6.0, 0 W/cm^2	0.9011×10^{-5}	0.4248	0.9642
HCuS@AuNRs/PDA	pH 4.5, 0 W/cm^2	1.14×10^{-3}	0.5444	0.9752
HCuS@AuNRs/PDA	pH 4.5, 1.6 W/cm^2	9.71×10^{-3}	0.3812	0.9601