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## **Supplementary Information**

## Peptide-derived gold nanoparticles as promising delivery system for Src targeting

## siRNA in breast cancer cells

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Figure S 1: Structure of the synthesised peptides (a-d) WH series peptides, (e-h) WR series peptides



Figure S 2: UV-visible spectra of synthesized gold particles with peptide W4R4 (Conditions: Temperature: 80°C & Ambient light)



Figure S 3: Stability analysis of gold nanoparticles (a.AuNP-W2R4; b.AuNP-W3R3 and c.AuNP-W4R4) from day 1 to day 20.



Figure S 4: Enlarged image of TEM analysis for AuNP-W4R4 showcasing synthesised nanoparticles consist spherical and triangle shaped nanoparticles, Nano triangle justifying the UV-spectra result showing slight hump peak at 700 nm in case of AuNP-W4R4.



c.



AuNP-W2R4







d.



AuNP-W3R3

AuNP-W3R3 + siRNA



AuNP-W4R4

AuNP-W4R4+siRNA

Figure S 5: DLS (Dynamic light scattering) analysis: hydrodynamic size (d.nm) for synthesised materials Pep-AuNP (a,c,e) and complex (b,d,f).



e.

Figure S 6: Gel retardation assay: serum stability of the complex in presence of 25% FBS (a) 4 hours incubation (b) 24 hours incubation was observed, siRNA band intensity indicated the instability of the complex in presence of serum.



Figure S 8: Magnified images confocal microscopy results for cellular uptake of FAM-GAPDH siRNA using (a) AuNP-W2R4, (b) AuNP-W3R3 and (c) AuNP-W4R4 in MCF 7 cell line.



Figure S 9: Western blotting analysis of src protein expression upon MCF 7 cells being treated with peptide W4R4 and AuNP-W4R4 for 48 hours, bar graphs represents the mean normalised intensity of src protein normalised against GAPDH protein using image j.