## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Multifunctional LaPO<sub>4</sub>:Ce/Tb@Au mesoporous microspheres:

synthesis, luminescence and controllable light triggered drug release

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Fig. S1 The UV-vis absorption spectrum and calibration curve of DOX solution (inset).



Fig. S2 XRD patterns of  $LaPO_4$  and  $LaPO_4$ :  $Ce^{3+}/Tb^{3+}$ .



**Fig. S3** TEM image of the La(OH)CO<sub>3</sub>:Ce/Tb precursor.



**Fig. S4** SEM image of the as-prepared LaPO<sub>4</sub>:Ce/Tb@Au MMs (A-C) and the diameter distribution diagrams of the precursor and LaPO<sub>4</sub>:Ce/Tb@Au (D).



Fig. S5 The absorption spectrum of gold nano-sphere solution.



**Fig. S6** Nitrogen adsorption/desorption isotherm (A) and DOX release efficiency (B) of LaPO<sub>4</sub>:Ce/Tb MMs with different initial pH values.



**Fig. S7** DOX release efficiency of LaPO<sub>4</sub>:Ce/Tb@Au MMs (A) and the release efficiency with and without the UV irradiation (B).



**Fig. S8** H&E stained images of mice heart, liver, spleen, lung, and kidney organs treated with different groups: control, pure DOX, and LaPO<sub>4</sub>:Ce<sup>/</sup>Tb@Au MMs-DOX with UV irradiation.