## **Supporting Information**

## Constructing Cu<sub>7</sub>S<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>/DOX multifunctional nanoplatforms for synergistic photothermal-chemo therapy on melanoma tumors

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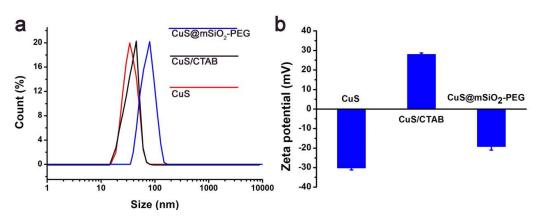


Figure S1. The size (a) and zeta potential (b) of CuS, CuS/CTAB and CuS@mSiO2-PEG nanoparticles.

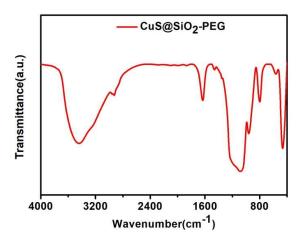
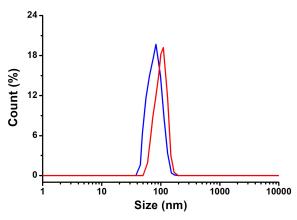


Figure S2. FTIR spectra of CuS@SiO<sub>2</sub>-PEG.

The sample shows a broad band at 3432 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to OH stretching; the band at 2931 cm<sup>-1</sup> are corresponding to CH<sub>2</sub> symmetric stretching, respectively; the band at 1635 cm<sup>-1</sup> are assigned to C=O symmetric stretching; the band at 1471 cm<sup>-1</sup> corresponds to CH<sub>2</sub> scissoring vibrations; In addition, the band at 1082 cm<sup>-1</sup> is contributed to C-O stretching vibration coordinating to metal cations. These results indicated that the surface polymer coated on CuS@SiO<sub>2</sub> was PEG.



**Figure S3**. Dynamic light scattering (DLS) data of as-prepared (blue line) and stored (in water for 7 days)  $Cu_7S_4@SiO_2$  core-shell nanoparticles.

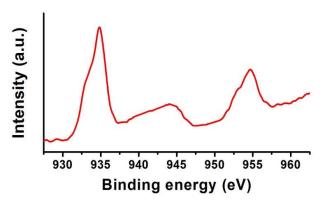


Figure S4. XPS spectra of Cu 2p in the  $Cu_7S_4@SiO_2$  nanoparticles.

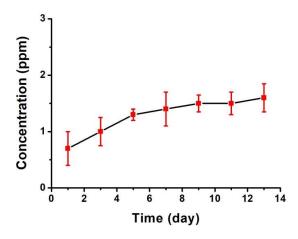


Figure S5. The Cu<sup>2+</sup> release of Cu<sub>7</sub>S<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles (2 mg/mL) in PBS.

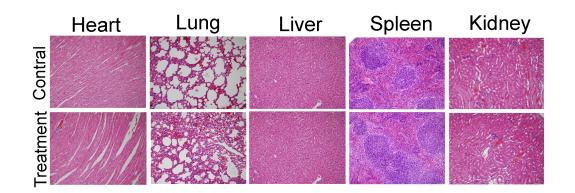


Figure S6. H&E stained slices of main organs. Magnification: 200 times.