Supporting Information

Microfluidic formulation of curcumin loaded multi-responsive gelatin nanoparticles for anticancer therapy

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Figure S1. (a) FTIR spectra of gelatin (green) and folate conjugated gelatin (red). **(b)** ¹H NMR spectra of gelatin (A) and folate conjugated gelatin (B) in D₂O solvent.



Figure S2. Characterization of Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles. (a) Transmission electron microscopy image of Fe_3O_4 with the SEM image inserted. **(b)** XRD patterns of Fe_3O_4 . **(c)** FTIR spectrum of Fe_3O_4 . **(d)** Magnetization curve of superparamagnetic Fe_3O_4 NPs.



Figure S3. Effect of curcumin concentration on drug entrapment efficiency, particle size, PDI and Zeta potential. (a) EE%. (b) LC %. (c) Particle size and PDI. (d) Zeta potential.



Figure S4. Effect of CuS concentration on CuS entrapment efficiency, particle size, PDI and Zeta potential. (a) EE%. (b) LC %. (c) Particle size and PDI. (d) Zeta potential.



Figure S5. Effect of Fe_3O_4 concentration on Fe_3O_4 entrapment efficiency, particle size, PDI and Zeta potential. (a) EE%. (b) LC %. (c) Particle size and PDI. (d) Zeta potential.



Figure S6. Size distribution of (a) CuS@GNPs-FA and (b) Fe₃O₄/CuS@GNPs-FA.