Supplementary Material for

Size dependent kinetics of gold nanorods in EPR mediated tumor delivery

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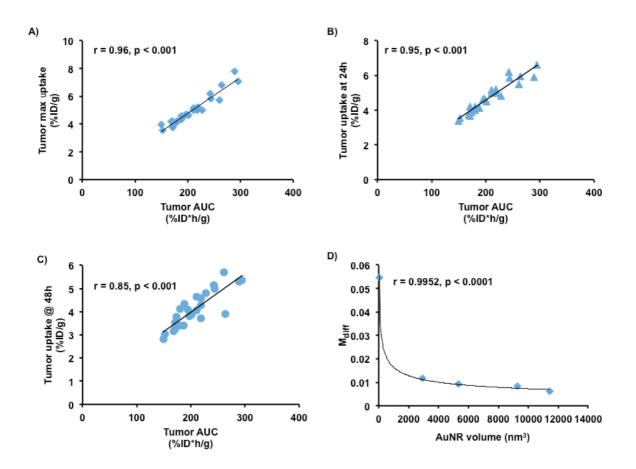


Figure S1: A-C): The correlation between the tumor AUC with the tumor maximum uptake (A), the tumor uptake at 24 h (B) and the tumor uptake at 48 h (C). D) The power regression of diffusion parameter (M_{diff}) as a function of AuNR volume. The Pearson correlation coefficient r and the significance p values are shown for each correlation and regression.

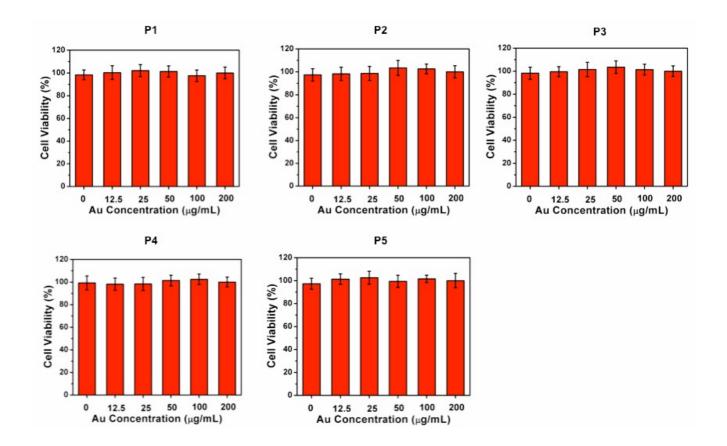


Figure S2: The cytotoxicity of the five AuNRs (P1 to P5) in U87MG cells. Closed to 100% viability indiates no cytotoxicity of these AuNRs.

Biodistribution at 48h

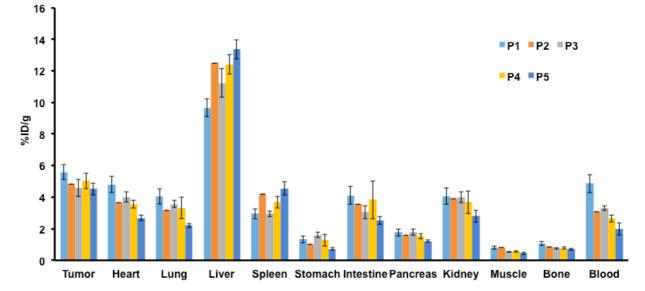


Figure S3: The biodistribution of the five AuNRs (P1 to P5 represented by different colors) at 48 h postinjection of ⁶⁴Cu-AuNR. The ⁶⁴Cu remained in major organs (weighted) and tissues were measured and expressed in %ID/g.

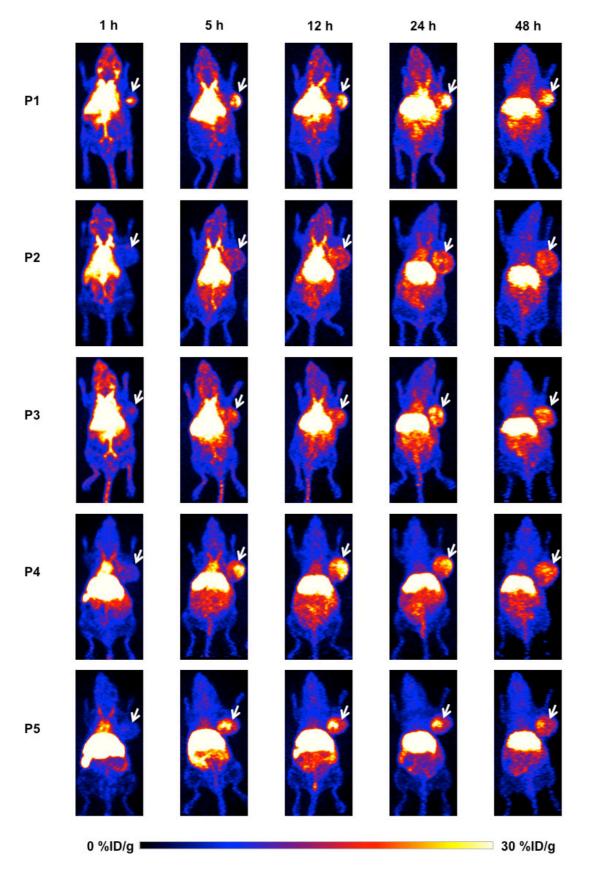


Figure S2 : Maximum intensity projection (MIP) PET images of U87MG tumor-bearing mice at different time points (from left to right) after intravenous injeciton of ⁶⁴Cu-AuNRs (from top to botton: P1 to P5). Tumors were indicated with white arrows.

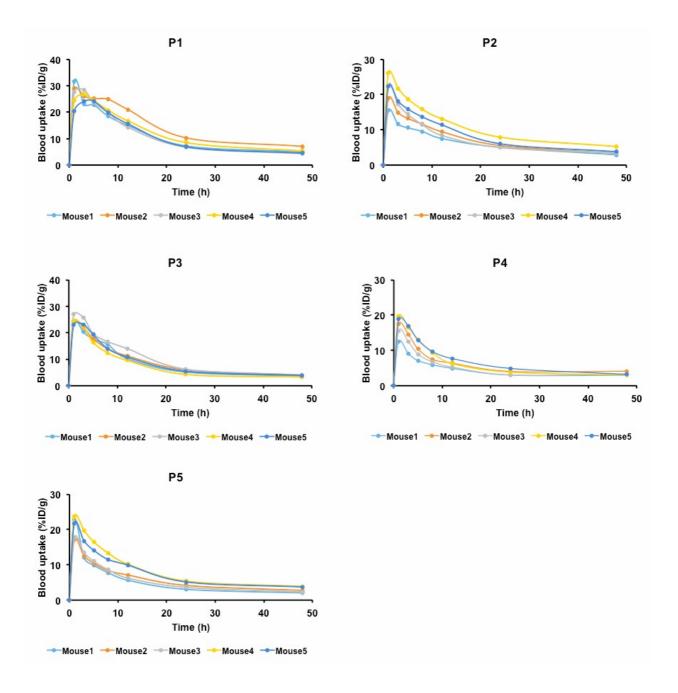


Figure S3 : Blood time activity curves (TAC) of all mice used for each size of AuNR (P1 to P5). The uptake was expressed in %ID/g.

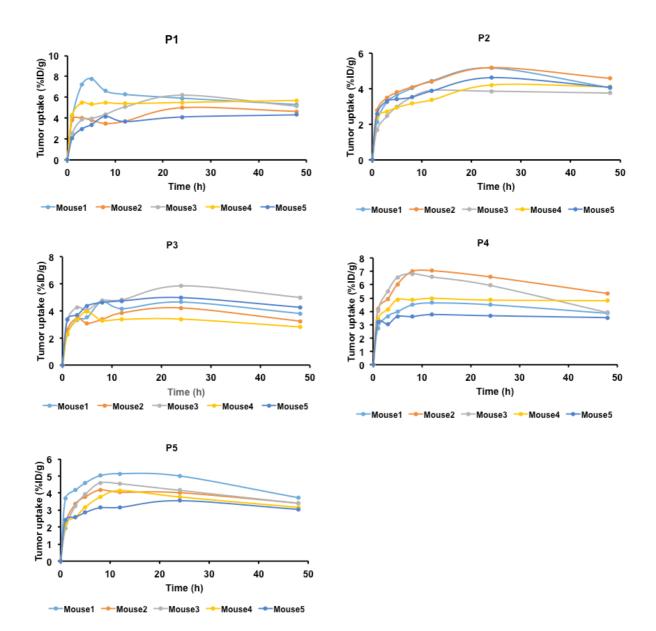


Figure S4: Tumor time activity curves (TAC) of all mice used for each size of AuNR (P1 to P5). The uptake was expressed in %ID/g.

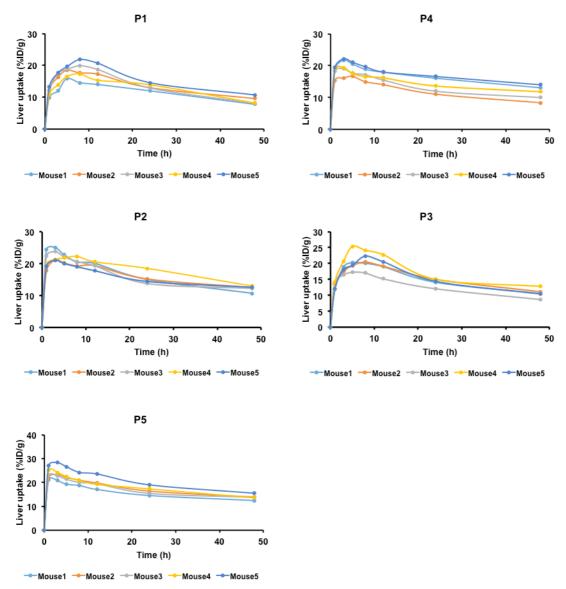


Figure S5: Liver time activity curves (TAC) of all mice used for each size of AuNR (P1 to P5). The uptake was expressed in %ID/g.

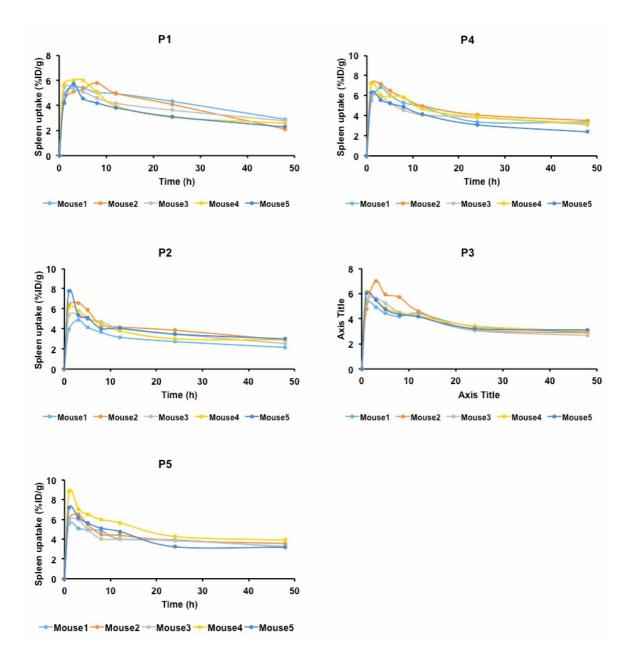


Figure S6: Spleen time activity curves (TAC) of all mice used for each size of AuNR (P1 to P5). The uptake was expressed in %ID/g.

Table S1: Mann-Whitney U test of the mean tumor uptake (mean tumor TAC of Figure 4B) at each time point between the neighboring size of AuNR. The significance p values of the U test are shown here in this table, where p < 0.05 (marked in red color) indicates significant difference between the tumor uptakes of the two sizes.

Time(h)	1	3	5	8	12	24	48
P1 vs P2	0.2113	0.0601	0.0601	0.09492	0.4009	0.2113	0.02144
P1 vs P3	0.4009	0.2113	0.2113	0.5287	0.5287	0.2113	0.03662
P1 vs P4	1	1	0.67448	0.4009	0.4009	0.83366	0.2113
P1 vs P5	0.1443	0.1443	0.2113	0.5287	0.5287	0.0601	0.01208
P2 vs P3	0.29834	0.29834	0.2113	0.4009	0.67448	1	0.67448
P2 vs P4	0.02144	0.0601	0.03662	0.03662	0.09492	0.67448	1
P2 vs P5	1	1	0.5287	0.29834	0.5287	0.1443	0.01208
P3 vs P4	0.09492	0.29834	0.09492	0.2113	0.1443	0.5287	0.4009
P3 vs P5	0.29834	0.5287	0.83366	0.83366	1	0.4009	0.4009
P4 vs P5	0.0601	0.1443	0.09492	0.29834	0.2113	0.2113	0.02144