# Near-Infrared Heptamethine Cyanine Based Iron Oxide Nanoparticles for Tumor Targeted Multimodal Imaging and Photothermal Therapy

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## **Supplementary**

## In vivo MR imaging of DSPE-SPION



**Figure S1.** In vivo MR imaging of SCC7 tumor. (A) T2-weighted MR imaging of DSPE-SPION. (B) The signal intensity change of T2-weighted MR imaging measured at different time point ( pre, 2hr, 4hr, 1day, 2day, 3day) by 10 mg/kg[Fe]DSPE-SPION (in PBS) injected through tail vein. \*P <0.05 relative to the pre injection T2 contrast (n=3).

## Ex vivo Prussian blue staining



**Figure S2.** Prussian blue staining in *ex vivo* SCC7 tumor at 1 day. (A) MHI-DSPE-SPION intravenously injected at 10 mg/kg [Fe] concentration in 200  $\mu$ l PBS. (B) DSPE-SPION intravenously injected at 10 mg/kg [Fe] concentration in 200  $\mu$ l PBS. The uptake of SPION in SCC7 tumor cell shows blue color in Prussian blue staining (arrows).

#### **Photothermal studies of DSPE-SPION**



**Figure S3.** Photothermal studies of DSPE-SPION (a) Temperature rise after laser irradiation of different concentrations of DSPE-SPION. (b) Quantification of temperature rise after laser irradiation of different concentrations of DSPE-SPION. 2W/cm2 laser was used for this experiment.



#### In vivo PTT intra-tumoral injection of MHI-DSPE-SPION and DSPE-SPION

**Figure S4.** Temperature increasing profiles in SCC7 tumour tissue after *in vivo* photothermal treatment. (A) Infrared photothermal images of partial mice measured after intra tumor injection and laser irradiation. The intratumoral injection with 100  $\mu$ L MHI-DSPE-SPION at 10mg/kg [Fe] concentration in PBS and 100  $\mu$ L DSPE-SPION at 10mg/kg [Fe] plus further laser irradiation. (B) Maximum temperature profiles of SCC7 subcutaneous tumors after tail vein post injection plus further laser irradiation. (C) Temperature change of tumor area upon laser irradiation.