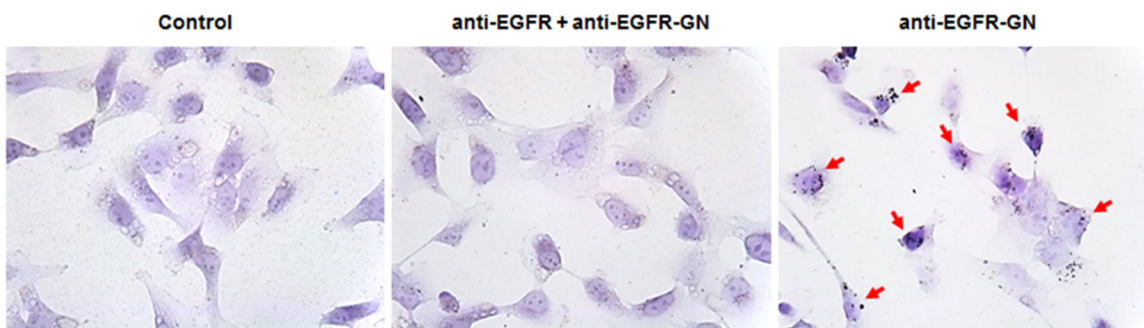
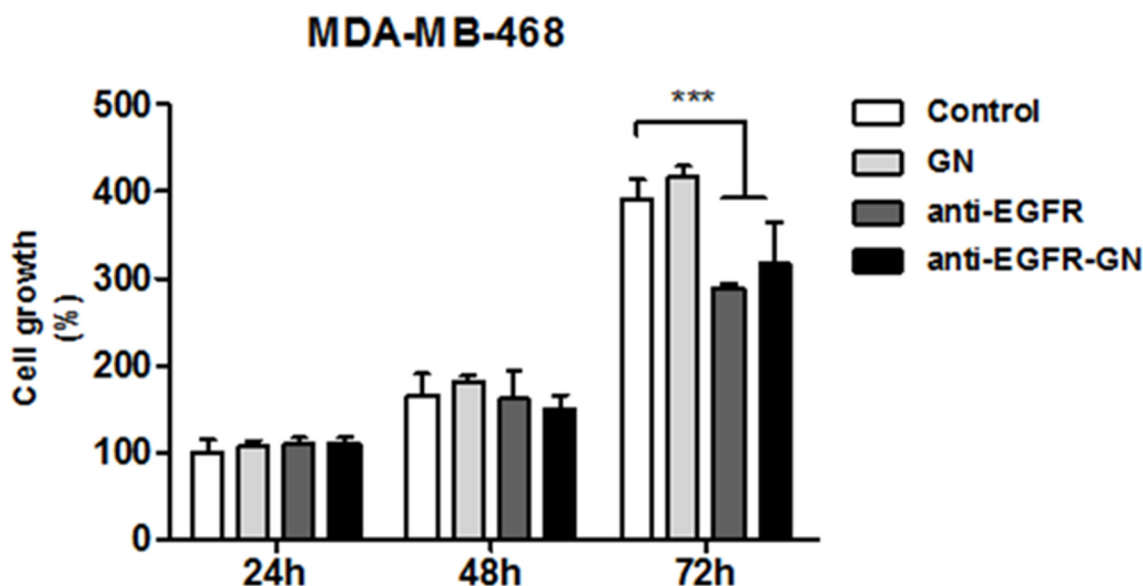


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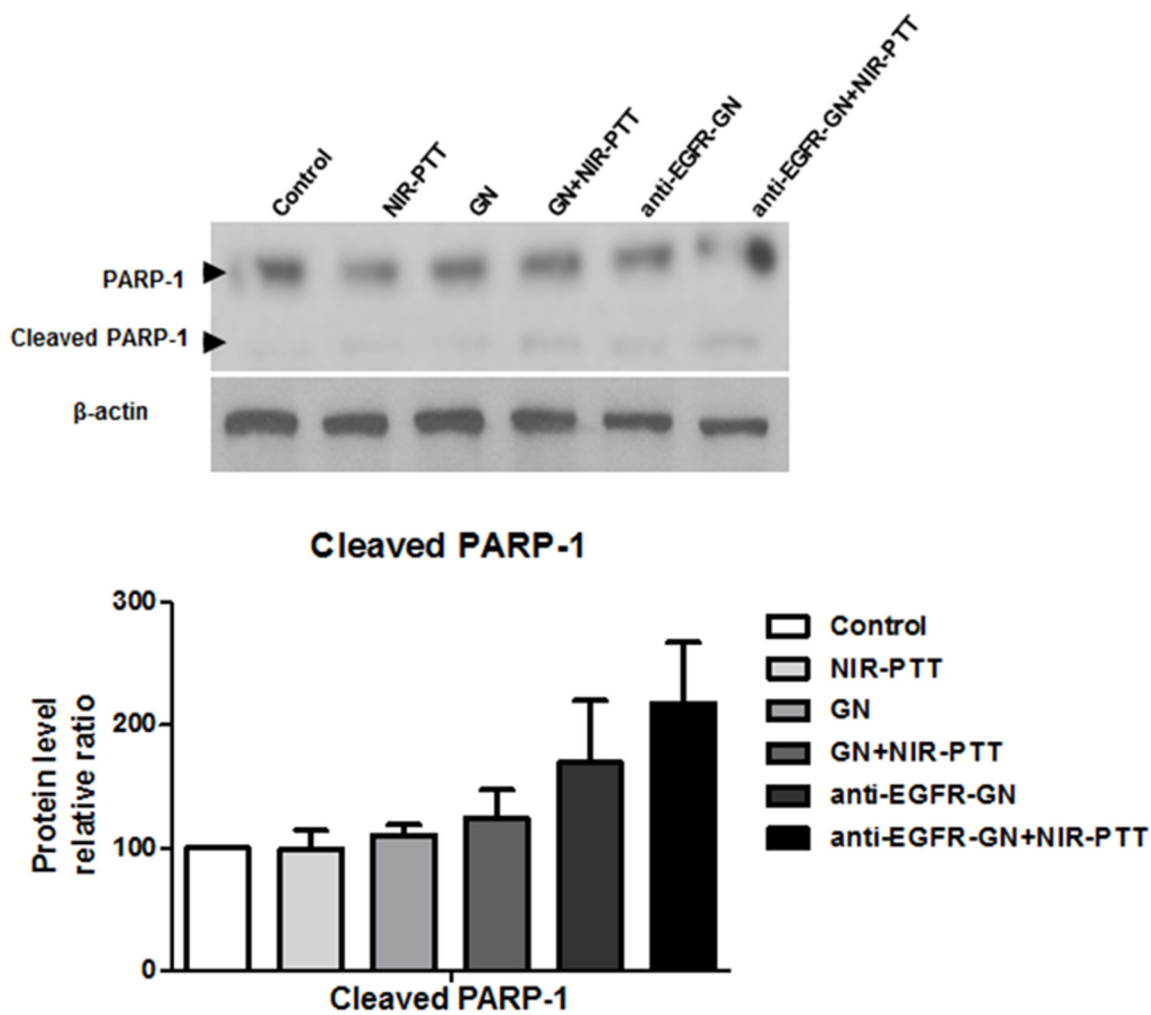
## SUPPLYMENTARY MATERIALS



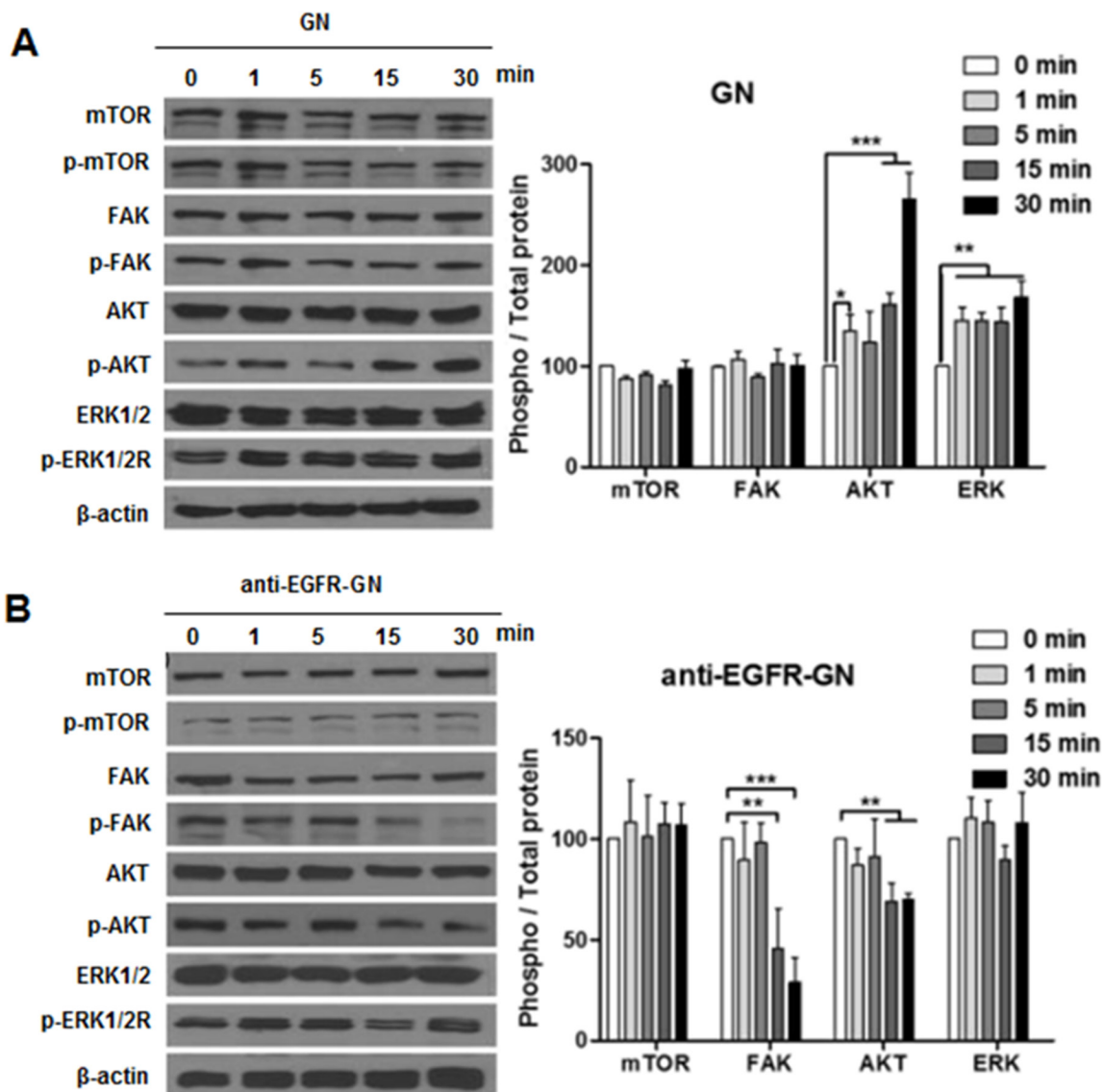
**Supplementary Figure 1:** *In vitro* competitive inhibition study for analyzing the specific anti-EGFR-GN targeting. MDA-MB-231 cells were pre-incubated with free anti-EGFR antibody (0.22  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) for 6 h, subsequently treated with anti-EGFR-GN (1.84  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  GN) for 20 h. The specific anti-EGFR-GN targeting was assessed using silver enhancement staining. Red arrows indicate the accumulated anti-EGFR-GNs.



**Supplementary Figure 2:** Anti-proliferative action caused by anti-EGFR-GN in MDA-MB-468 cells. Analysis of cell growth (mean $\pm$ S.E., n=3) assessed by MTT assay in MDA-MB-648 cells treated with 1.84  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  of GN and anti-EGFR-GN or 0.22  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  of anti-EGFR antibody for 24 h, 48 h and 72 h.



**Supplementary Figure 3: Effect of anti-EGFR-GN alone or combination with NIR-PTT on cleaved PARP-1.** Western blot analysis of PARP-1 in MDA-MB-231 cells treated with 1.84  $\mu$ g/ml of GN or anti-EGFR-GN for 24 h and subsequent NIR-PTT for 3 min.



**Supplementary Figure 4: Effect of GN and anti-EGFR-GN on phosphorylated mTOR, FAK, AKT, and ERK1/2.** Western blot analysis of phosphorylated mTOR, FAK, AKT and ERK1/2 in MDA-MB-231 cells treated with 1.84 µg/ml of GN or anti-EGFR-GN for 1 min, 5 min, 15 min, and 30 min.