## **Supporting Information**

## Axial PEGylation of Tin Octabutoxy Naphthalocyanine Extends Blood Circulation for Photoacoustic Vascular Imaging

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Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PEG-Sn-ONc in benzene-D6.



Figure S3. IR spectra of ONc (black line), SnONc (red line) and PEG-Sn-ONc(blue line).



Figure S4. Cell viability of U-87 cells incubated with methylene blue, PEG-Sn-ONc or an equivalent amount of TWEEN surfactant alone.



Figure S5. Absorbance of PEG-Sn-ONc (red line) and ONc (black line) in TWEEN 20.



Figure S6. Signal-to-noise ratio of brain vessels photoacoustic photos, mice were injected with PEG-Sn-ONc (black bars) and ONc (grey bars), last two bars are control data at 900nm and 940nm respectively.