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Supplementary tables

Table S1. XPS analysis. Binding energies of C, N, O, P, Ca and S in AlgS-Ca^{2+}-pDNA NPs vs. complexes of Ca^{2+}-pDNA

Sample	Binding energy [eV]					
	C1s	N1s	O1s	P2p	Ca2p	S2p
Ca^{2+}-pDNA complex	284.8	399.3	532.7	133.6	348.0	N/A
AlgS-Ca^{2+}-pDNA NPs	284.7	399.7	532.5	134.5	348.0	168.8

Supplementary figures

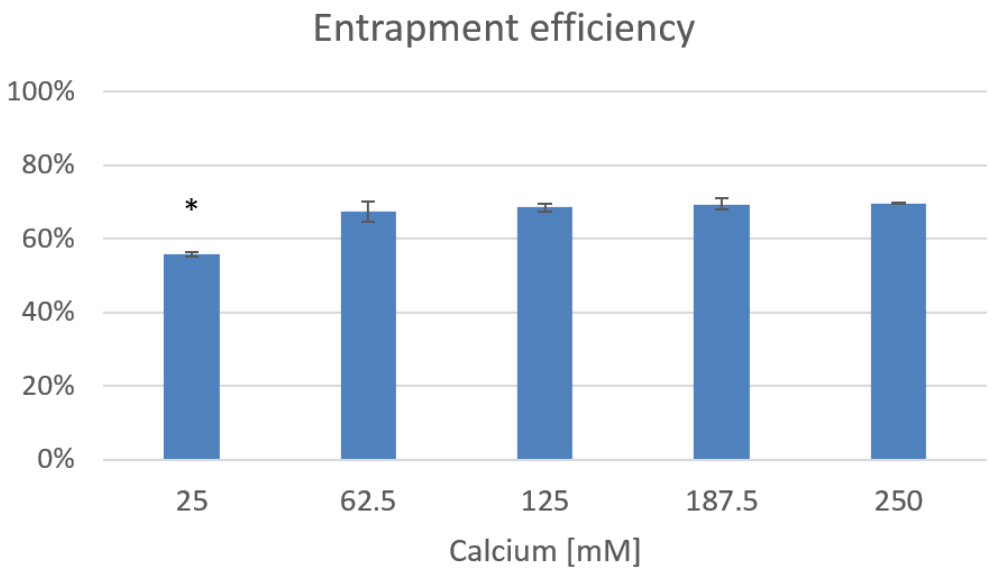

Fig. S1. The entrapment efficiencies of AlgS-Ca^{2+}-pDNA NPs with different calcium ion concentrations in the particle. The entrapment efficiency in NPs with 25 mM is statistically-significant lower than in NPs with greater Ca^{2+} concentrations ($p<0.05$). There is no change in efficiency for concentrations higher than 62.5 mM. Error bars represent SEM (n = 3)

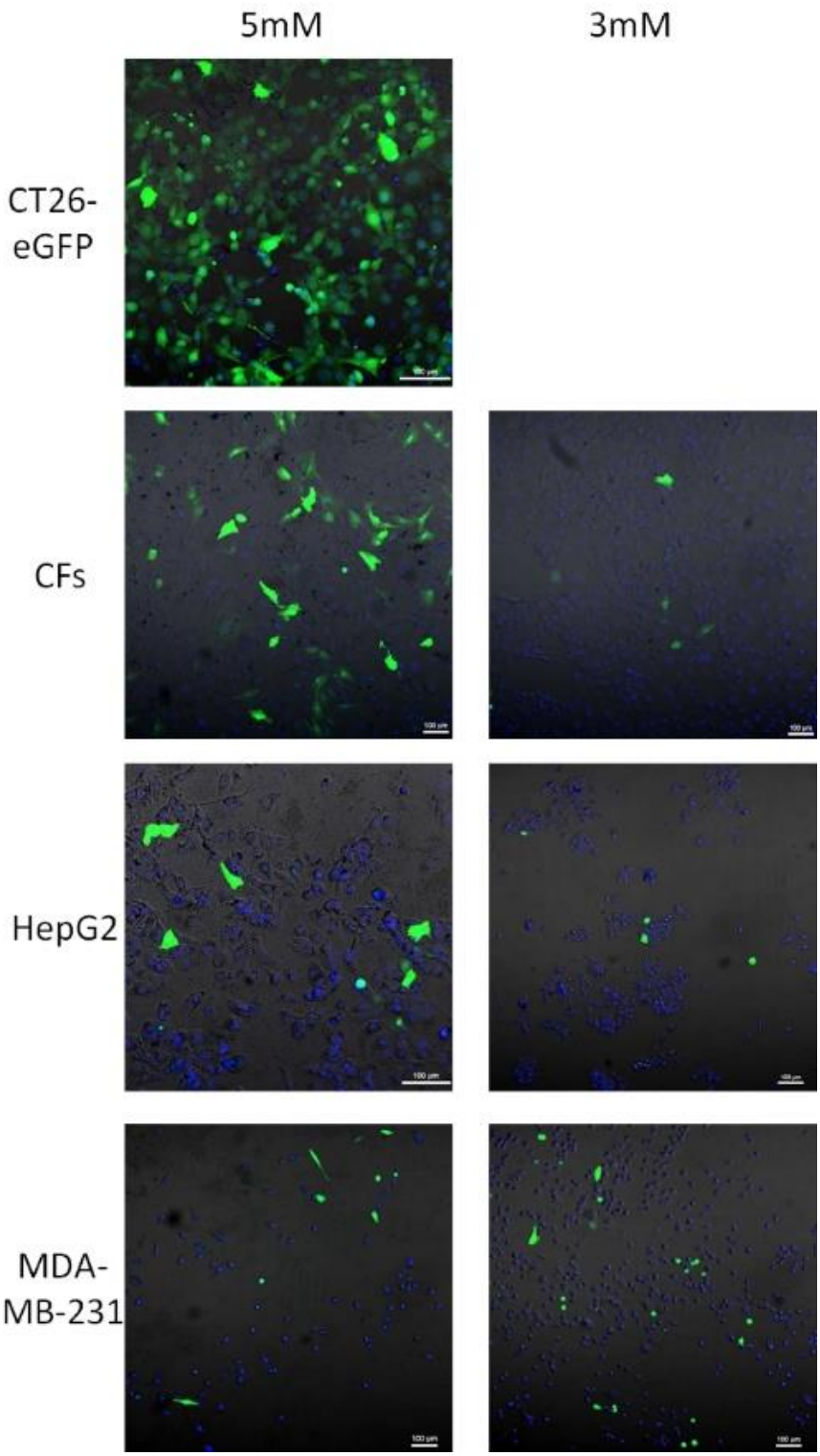

Figure S2. LSCM images of GFP expression by different cells transfected with different Ca^{2+} concentration based pDNA nanoparticles. Nuclei are in blue and GFP is in green.