

Figure S1. Molecular structure of PLGA-PEG-PLGA copolymer. a, the CH₂ of PEG; b, the CH₂ of GA; c, the CH of D,L-LA; d, the CH₃ of D,L-LA; e, the CH₂ of PEG near the PLGA.

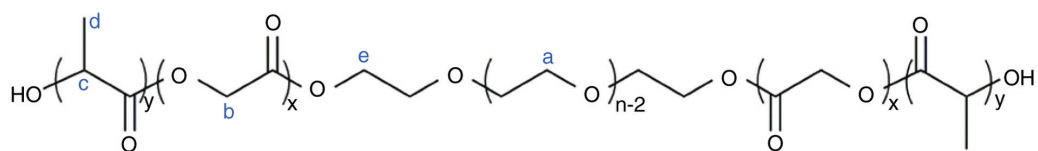


Figure S2. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectrum of PLGA-PEG-PLGA copolymer in CD_3Cl . a, CH_2 of PEG; b, CH_2 of GA; c, CH of D,L-LA; d, CH_3 of D,L-LA; e, CH_2 of ester bond.

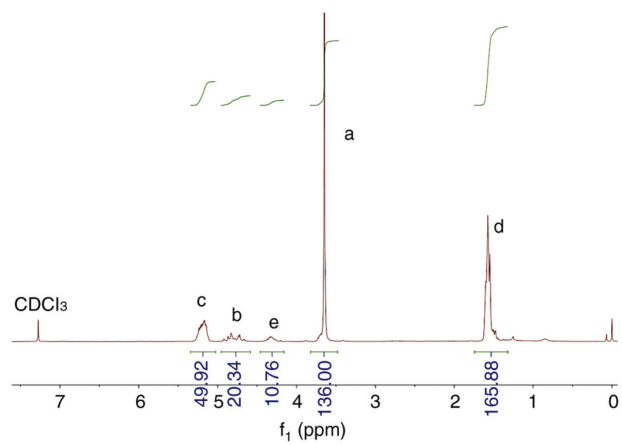


Figure S3. Scanning electron microscopy image of CD-CUR inclusion complex, native CUR and β -CD. CD-CUR, β -cyclodextrin curcumin.

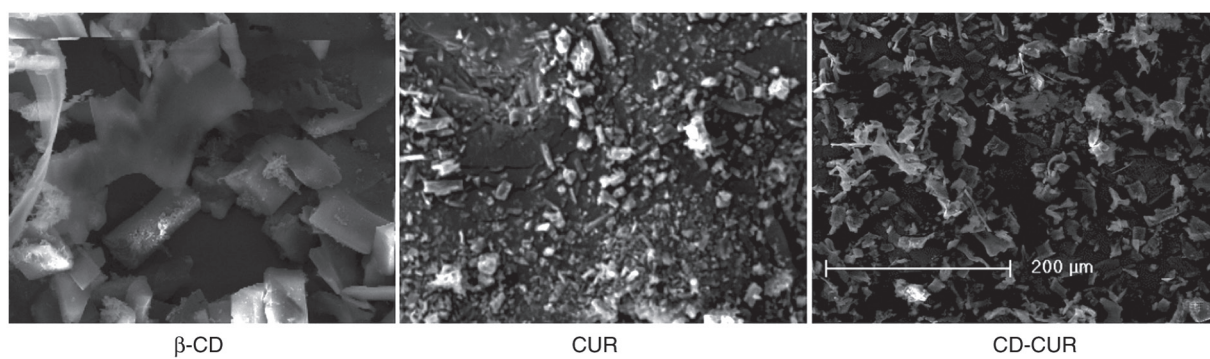


Figure S4. Stability of CD-CUR and native CUR in neutral medium (PBS pH 7.4). CD-CUR, β -cyclodextrin curcumin.

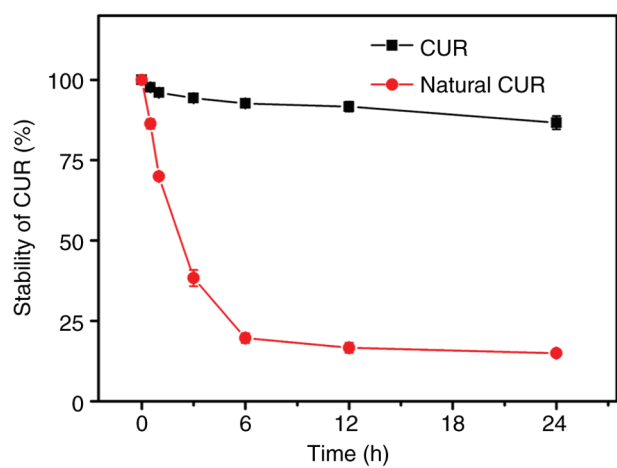


Figure S5. *In vitro* antitumor efficiencies of different strategies in (A) K-7 and (B) Saos-2 cells at 48 h. The CD-CUR inclusion complex was dissolved in PBS, and native CUR was dispersed in PBS and DMSO. The final concentration of DMSO was 0.5% (v/v). *P<0.05; **P<0.01; n=3. CD-CUR, β -cyclodextrin curcumin.

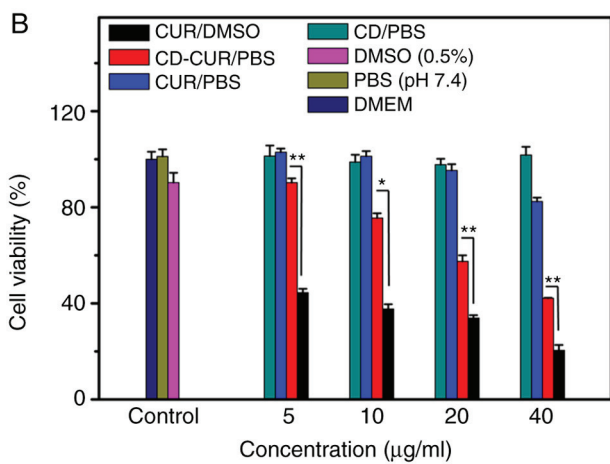
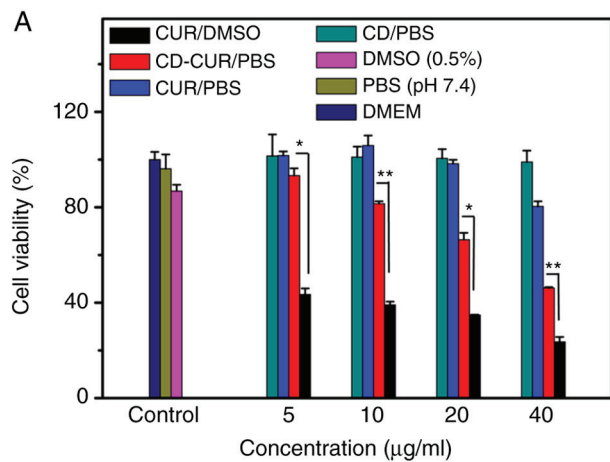


Figure S6. Phase transition diagrams and storage moduli of different drug-loaded hydrogels. (A) Phase transition diagrams of DOX, CD-CUR, or DOX+CD-CUR loaded hydrogels (i.e. Gel+DOX, Gel+CUR, Gel+DOX+CD-CUR). (B) Phase transition diagrams of CD, CUR loaded hydrogels or free Gel (i.e. Gel+CD, Gel+CUR, Gel). (C) Storage moduli of different drug-loaded hydrogels, including Gel, Gel+CD, Gel+CUR, Gel+DOX, Gel+CUR, Gel+DOX+CD-CUR. The concentration of hydrogel selected for rheology analysis was 20% wt. CD-CUR, β -cyclodextrin curcumin; DOX, doxorubicin.

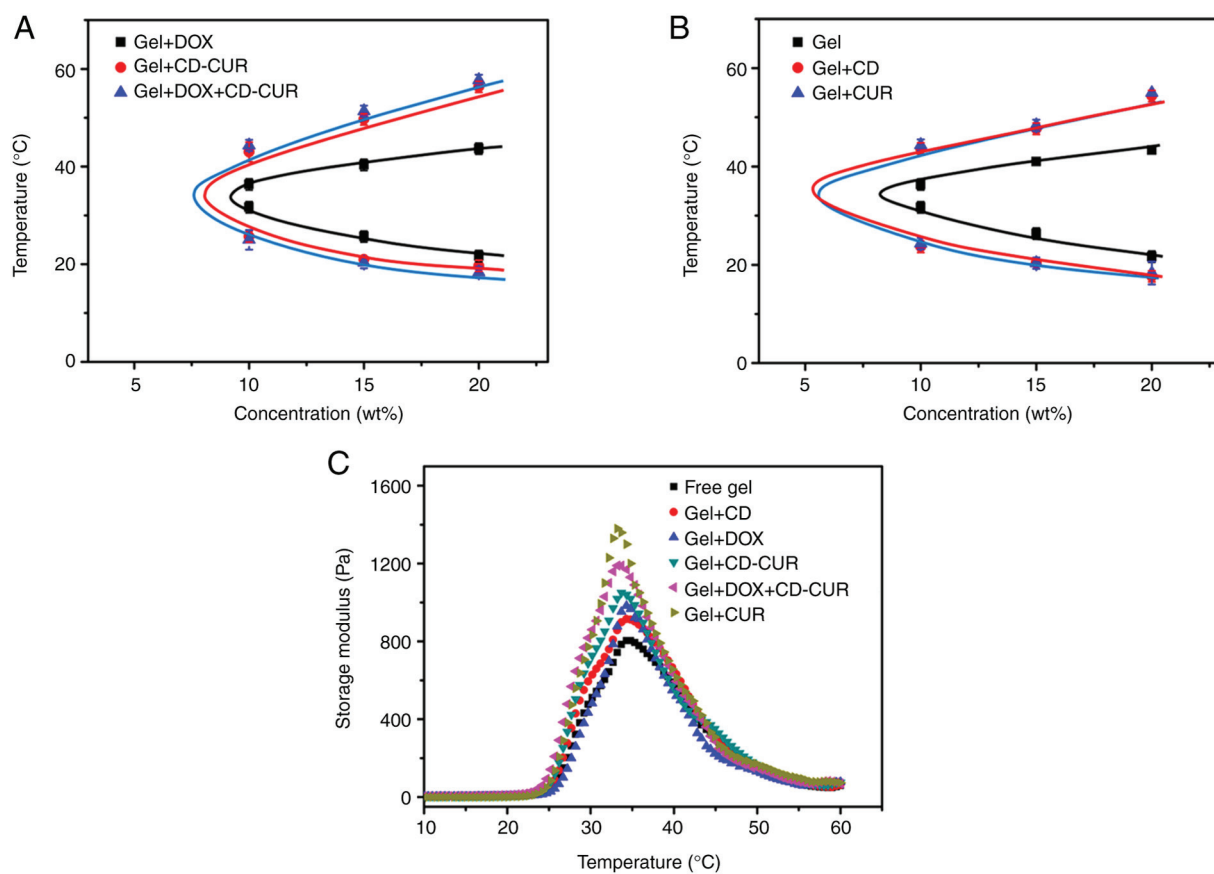


Figure S7. Histological analysis of major organs in different treated groups, including PBS, free gel, CD-CUR loaded gel, free DOX, DOX loaded gel, free DOX+CD-CUR and DOX+CD-CUR co-loaded gel. Magnification, x100. NC, negative control.

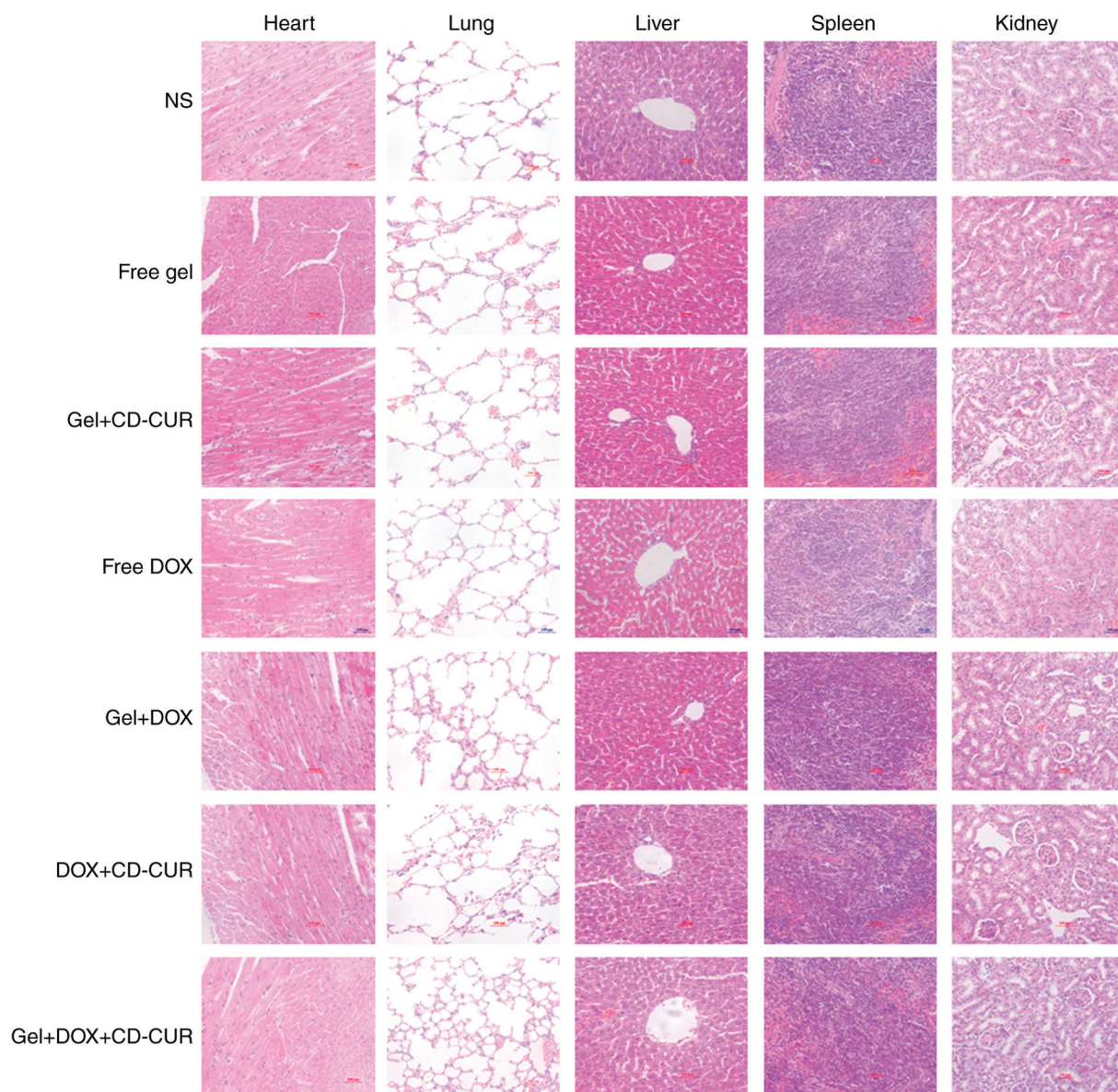


Table SI. IC₅₀ of different strategies in K-7 and Saos-2 cells.

Strategies	IC ₅₀ (μ g/ml) in K-7 cells	IC ₅₀ (μ g/ml) in saos-2 cells
Free DOX	0.35 \pm 0.12	0.39 \pm 0.06
Gel+DOX	0.59 \pm 0.25	0.47 \pm 0.13
Free DOX+CD-CUR	0.24 \pm 0.06	0.29 \pm 0.02
Gel+DOX+CD-CUR	0.34 \pm 0.14	0.40 \pm 0.07

Data presented as the mean \pm SD. The concentration of DOX in all strategies was equal, and the concentration of CUR was equivalent in both combination therapies. CD-CUR, β -cyclodextrin curcumin; DOX, doxorubicin.