

# Supplementary Materials for

## **A bioactivated *in vivo* assembly nanotechnology fabricated NIR probe for small pancreatic tumor intraoperative imaging**

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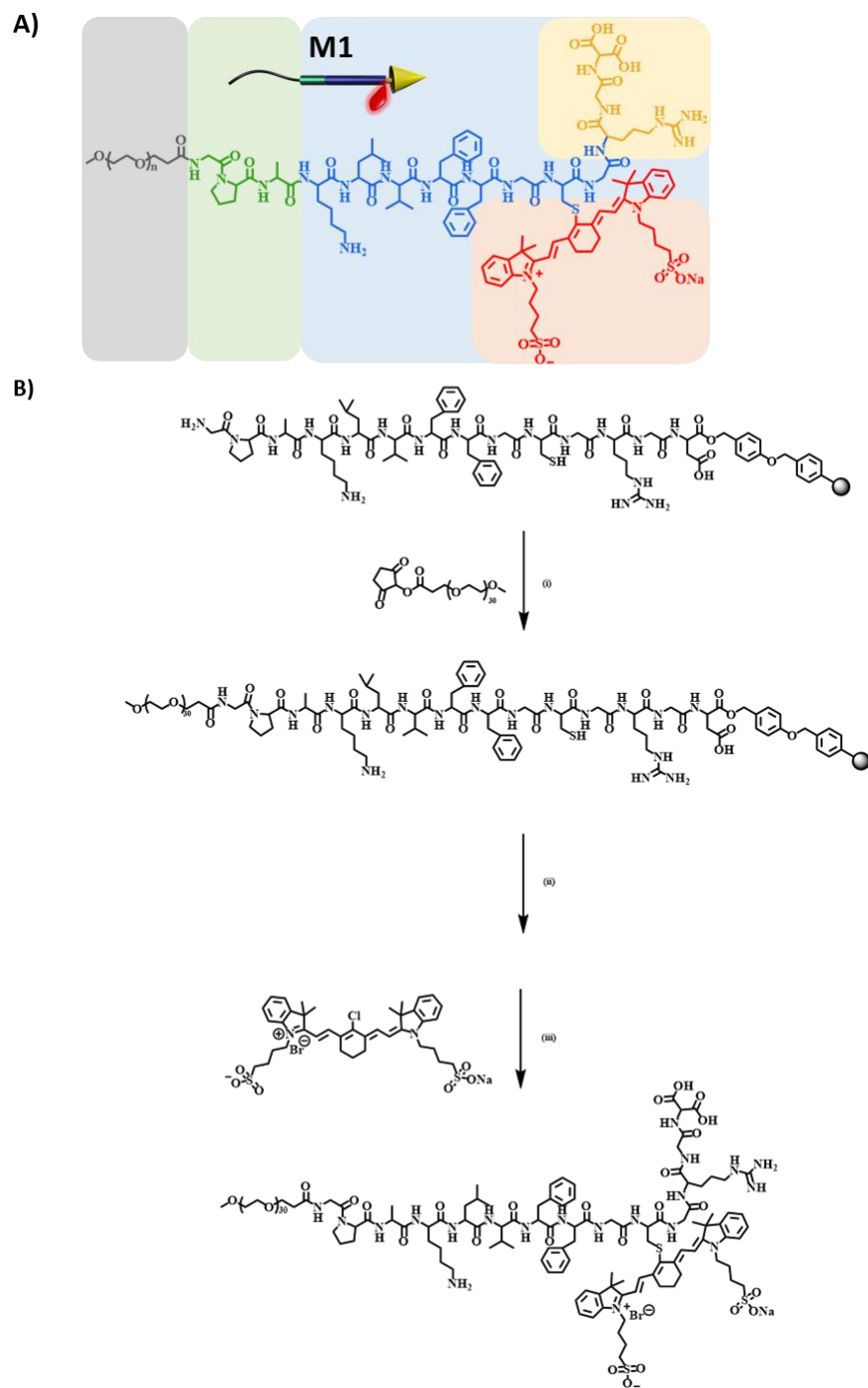
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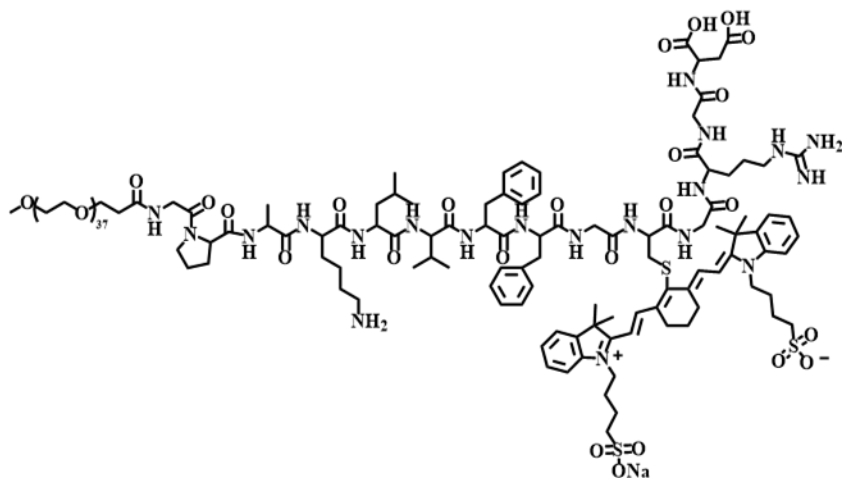
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**Supplementary Table 1** | Secondary structure proportions of **M1**, **M3** and **R-M1** calculated by Reed's Reference based on CD spectra.

	M1	M3	R-M1
Helix	0	45	0.5
Beta	32.2	38.7	72
Turn	1.7	0	27.5
Random	66.1	16.3	0
RMS	14.093	5.66	23.908



**Supplementary Fig. 1** | A) Chemical structure of **M1**: mPEG-GPAKLVFFGC(IR783)GRGD. B) Synthesis of **M1**: (i). 5% NMM/DMF, 10equiv. HBTU, pH9.0, 24h. (ii). TFA/TIPS/1,2-ethanedithiol/Diwater (92.5%/2.5%/2.5%/2.5%, v/v), stirring, ice bath, 3h. (iii). Tris buffer, pH8.5, 12h.



**M1** : mPEG-GPAKLVFFGC(IR783)GRGD

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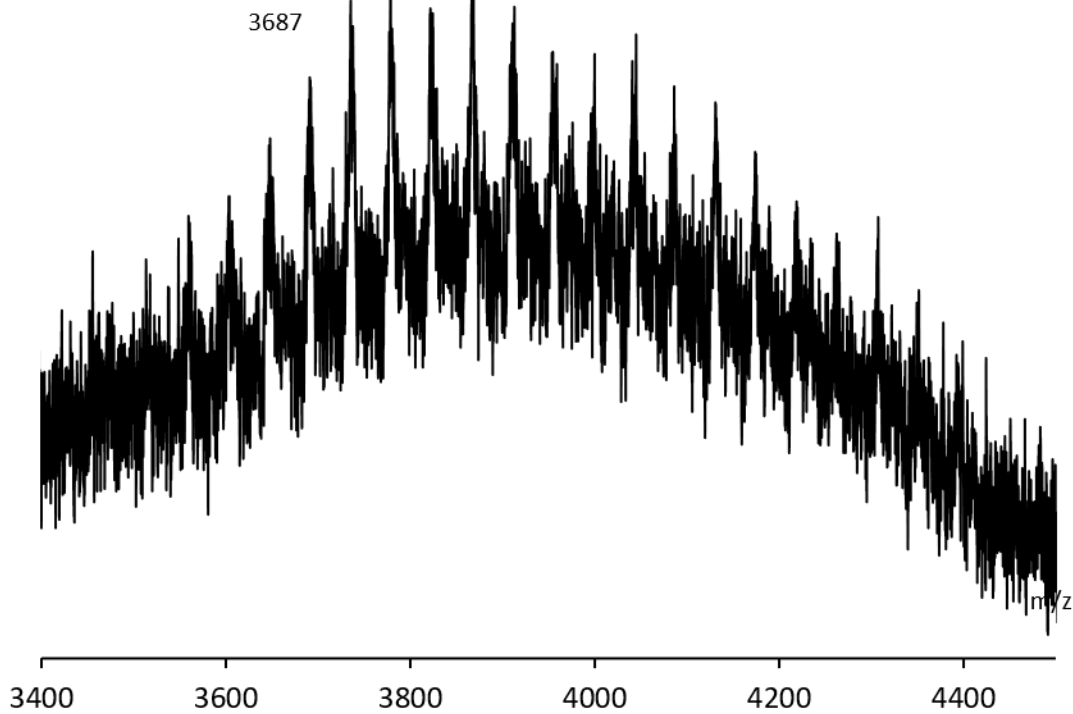
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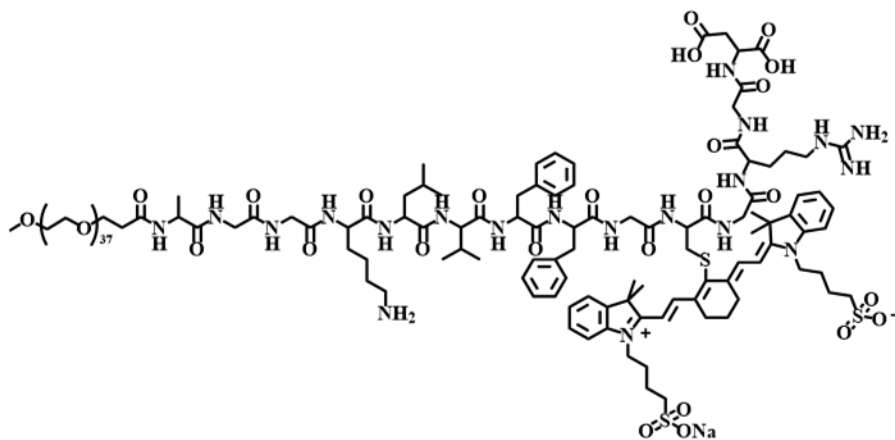
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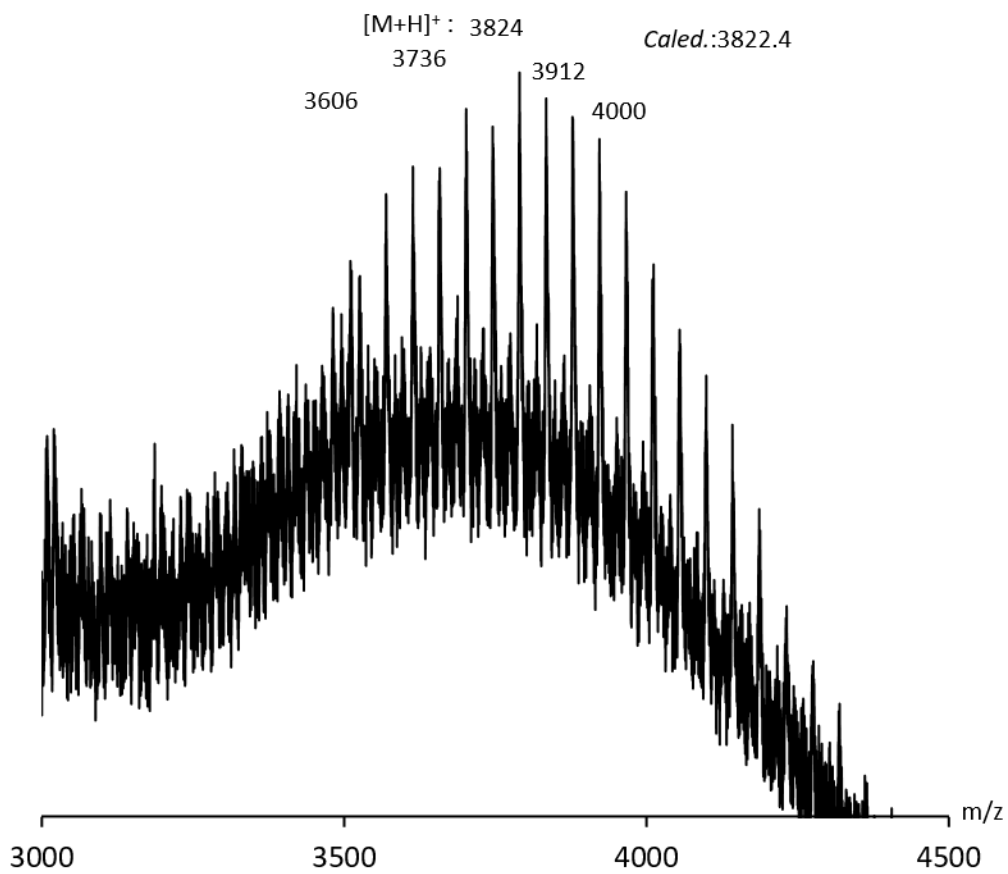
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**Supplementary Fig. 2** | Chemical structure and MALDI-TOF mass spectra of **M1**: mPEG-GPAKLVFFGC(IR<sub>783</sub>)GRGD.

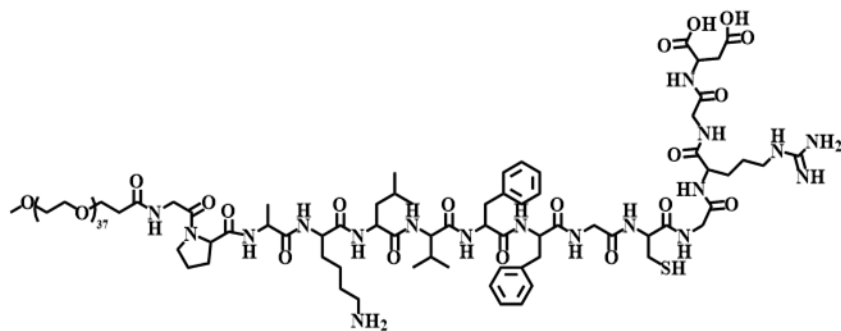


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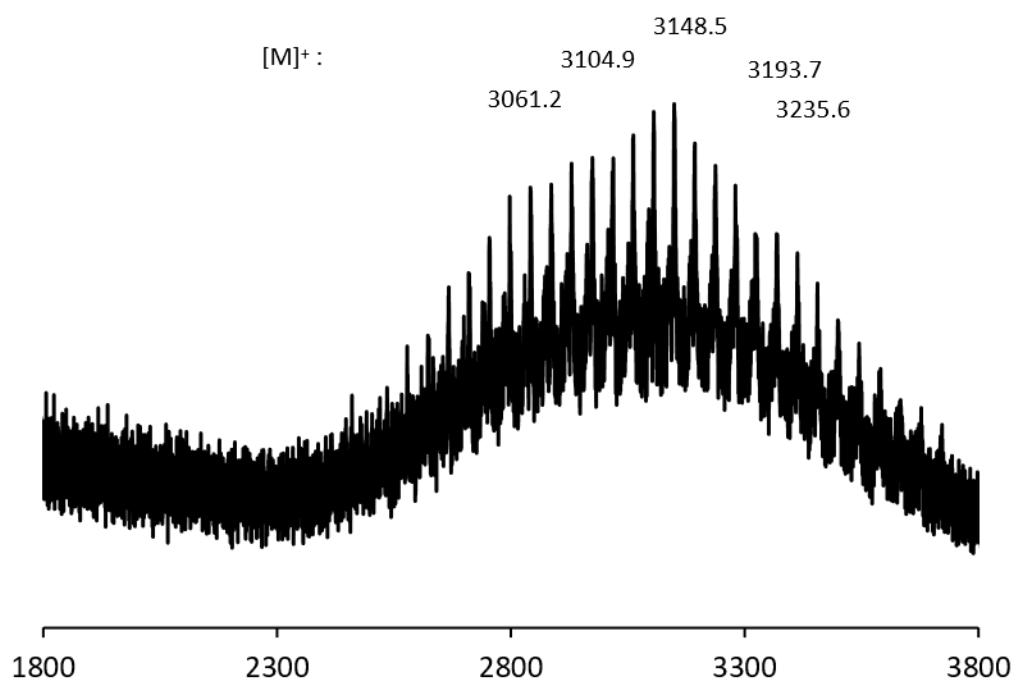
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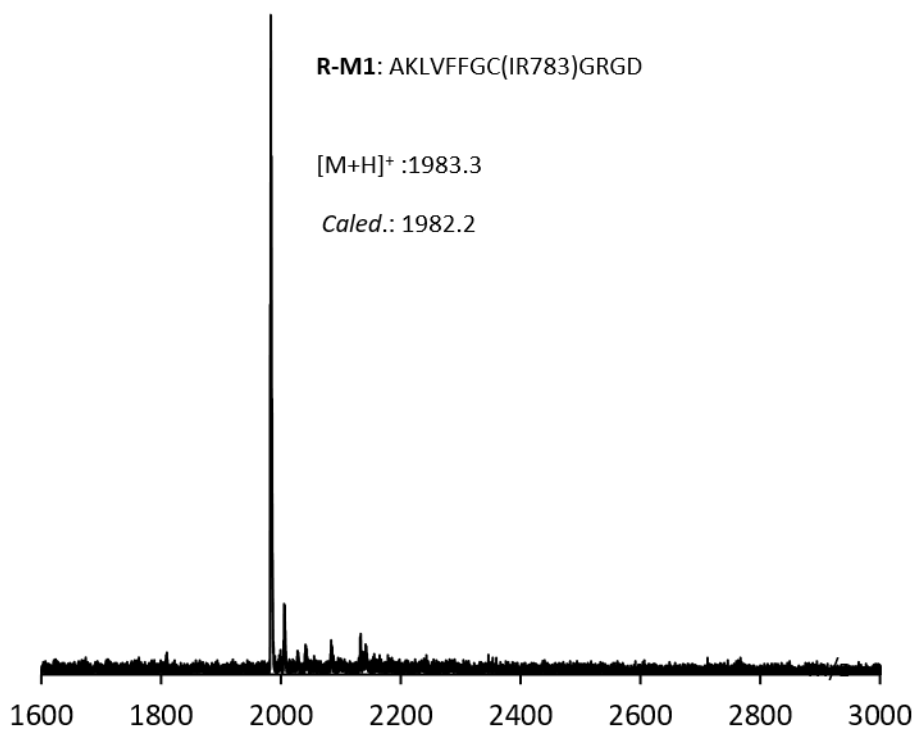
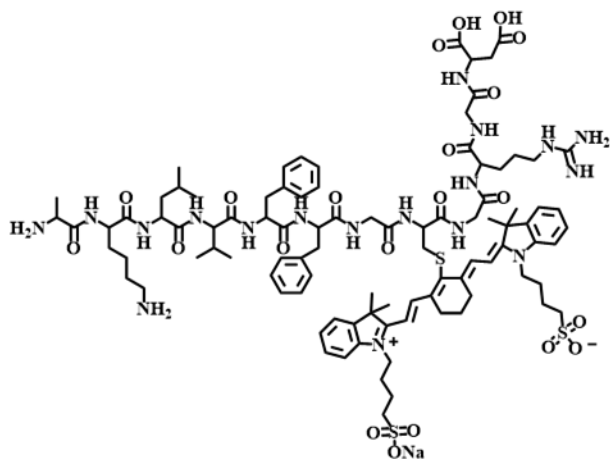


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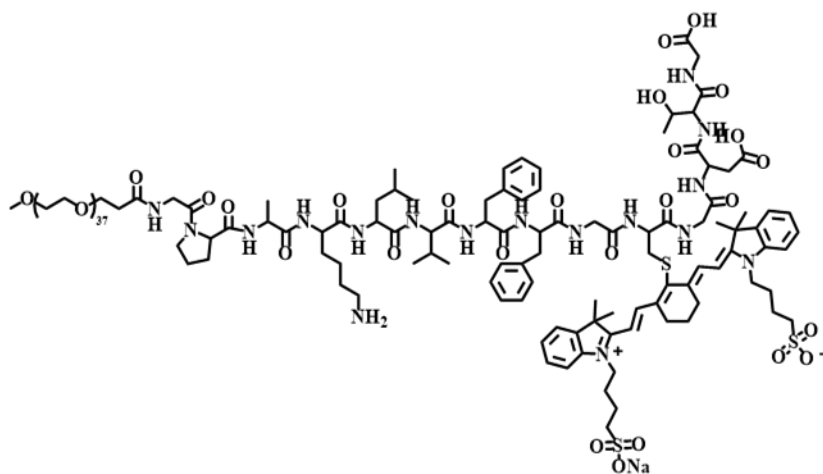
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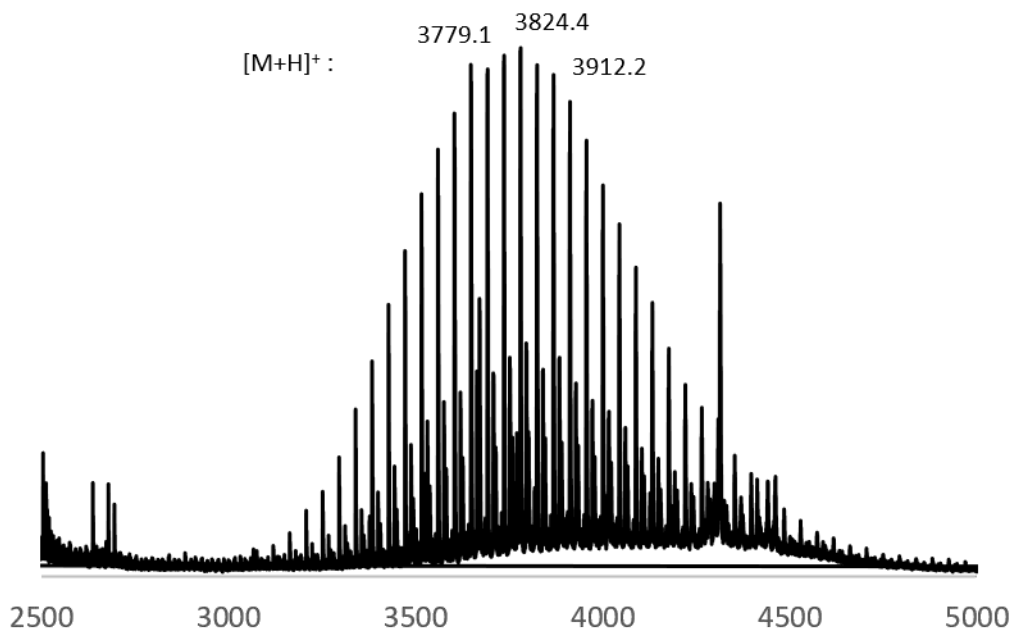


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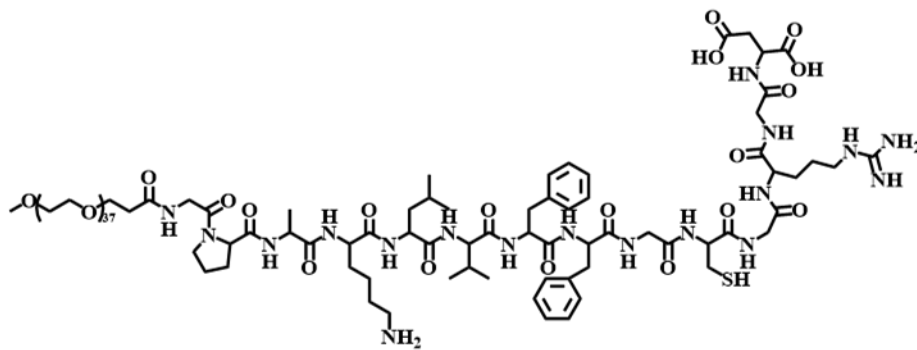


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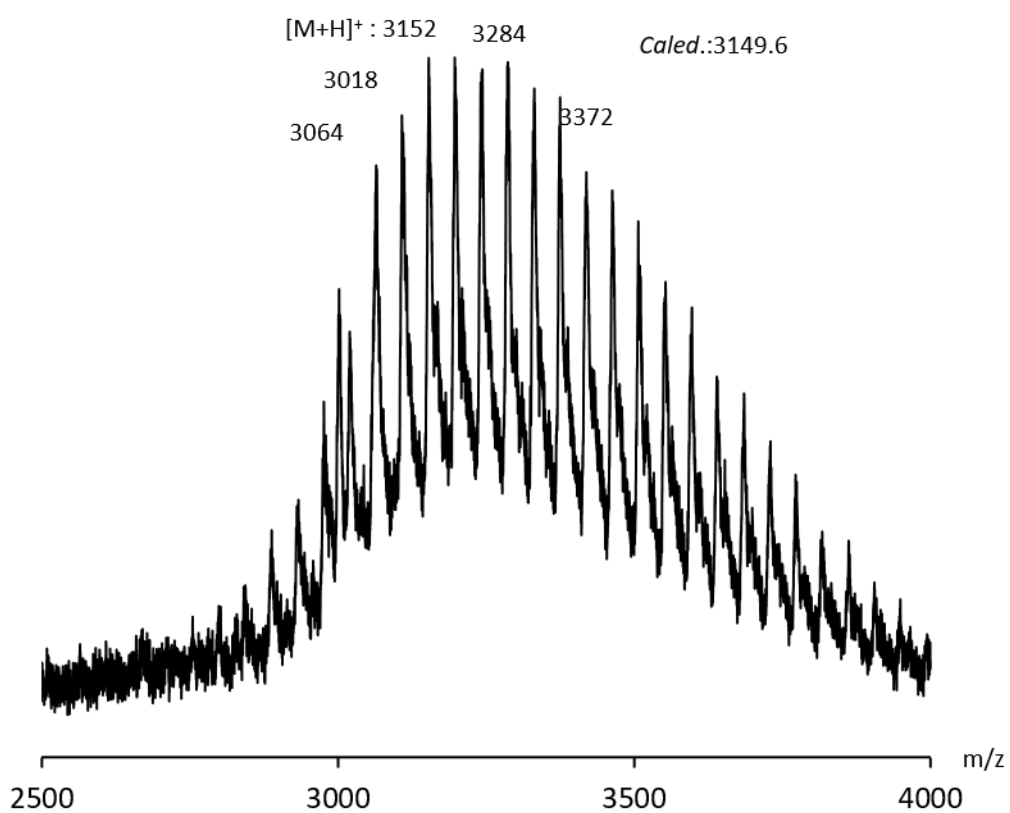
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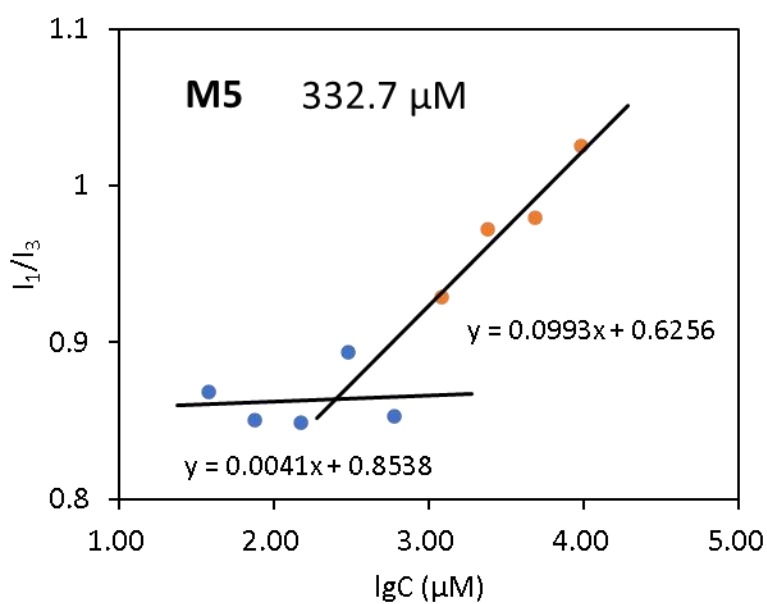
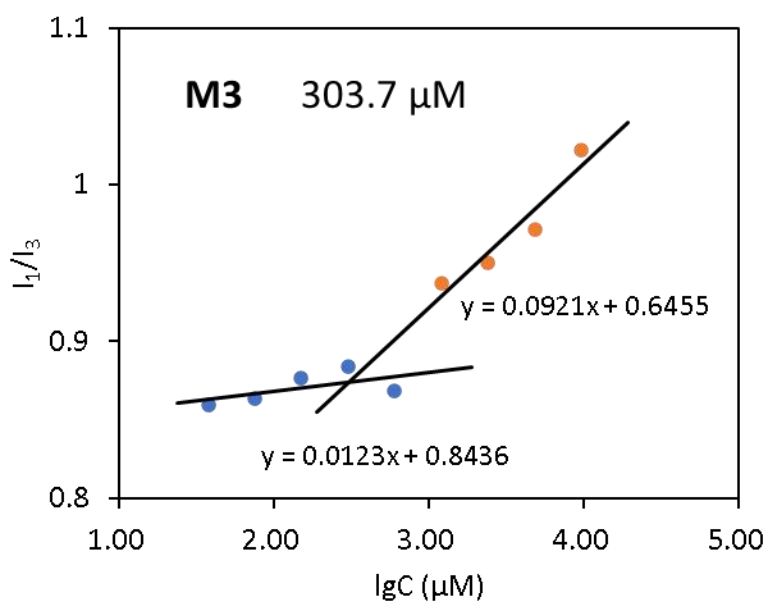


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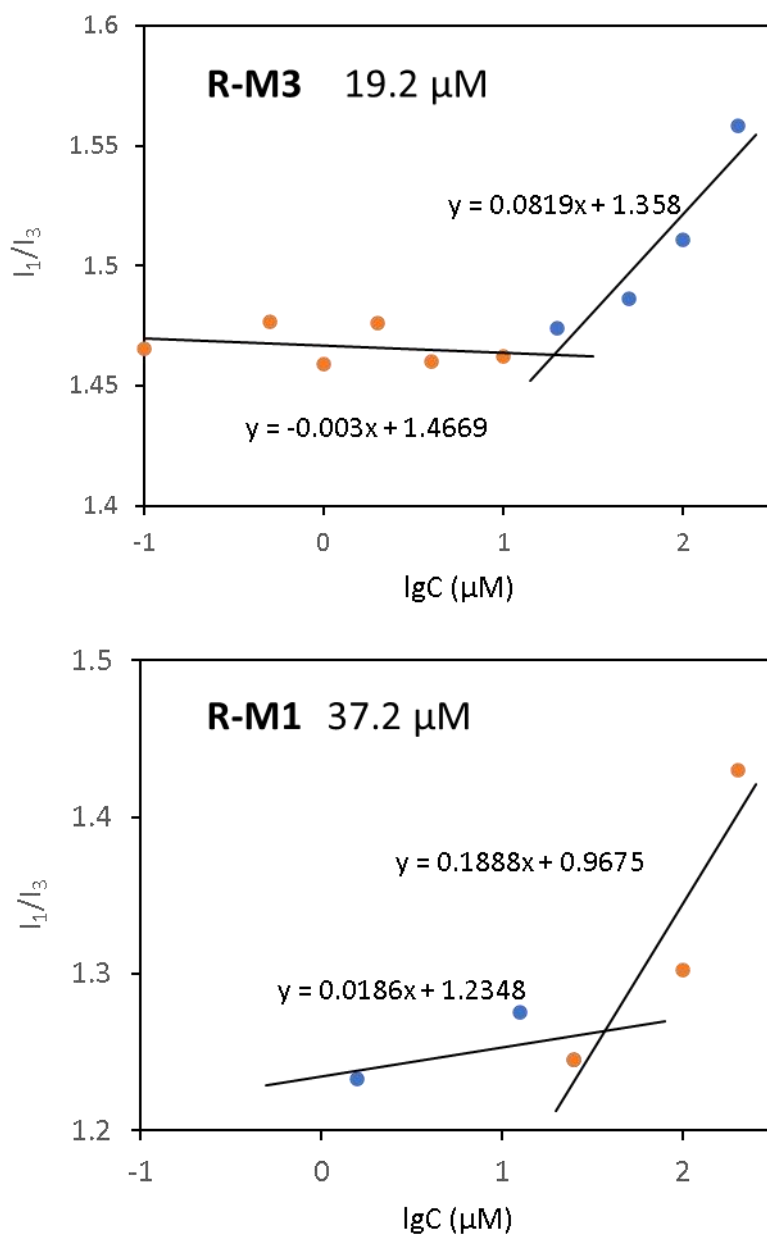


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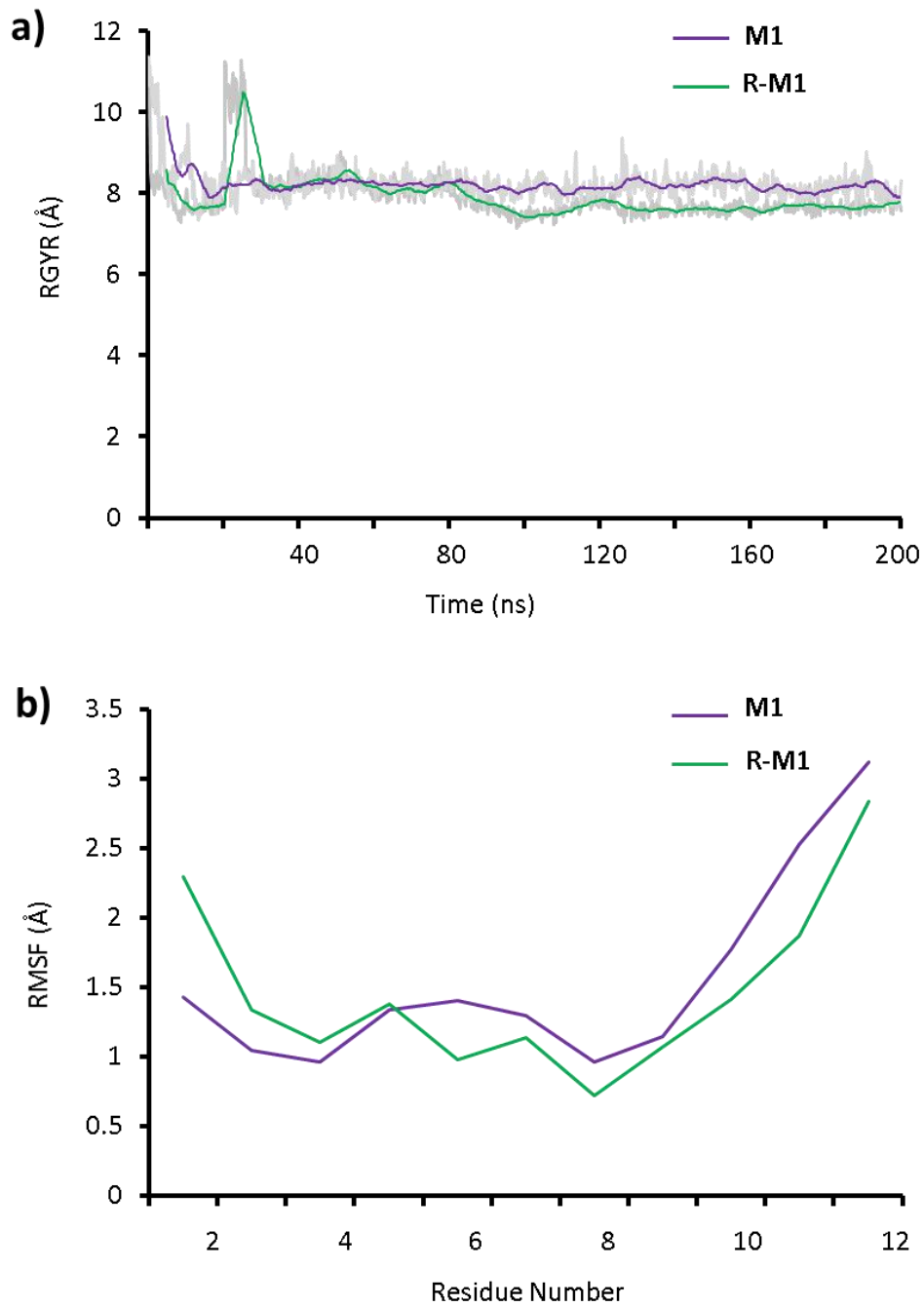




**Supplementary Fig. 9** | The critical aggregation concentration (CAC) of **M3** and **M5** was measured by using pyrene as a probe. The ratio of peak  $I_1$  to peak  $I_3$  can be obtained by measuring the fluorescence of pyrene in different concentrations of molecules. Experiments were repeated three times. The x axis is logarithm concentration and the y axis is the ratio of peak intensities of 374 nm and 383 nm. Ex= 334 nm.

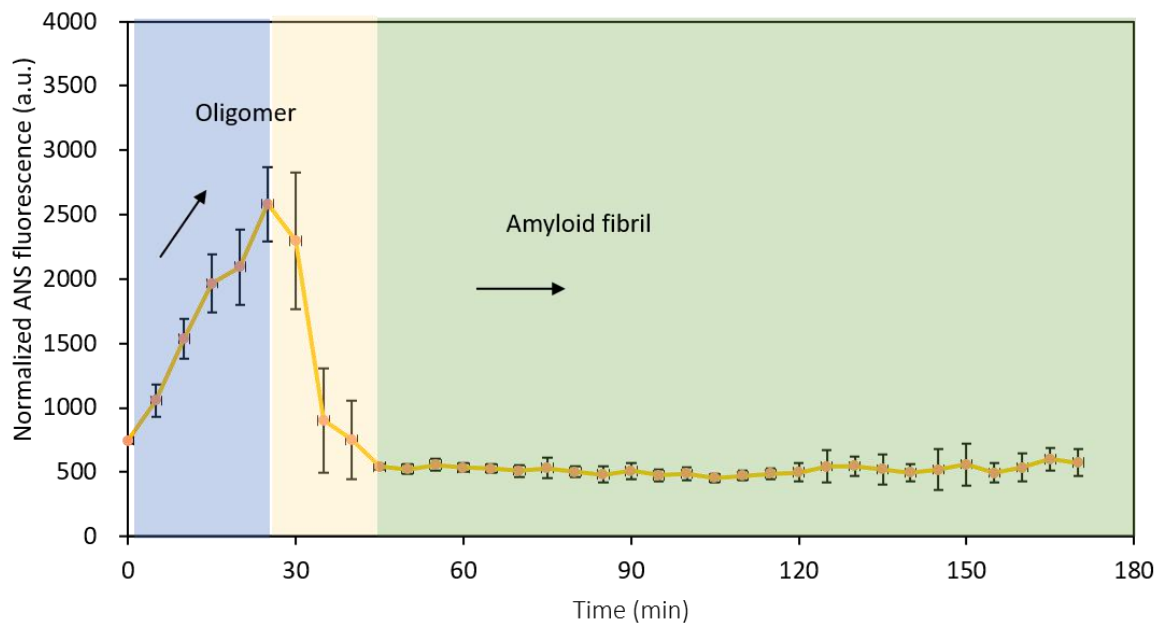


**Supplementary Fig. 10** | The critical aggregation concentration (CAC) of **R-M3** and **R-M1** was measured by using pyrene as a probe. The ratio of peak  $I_1$  to peak  $I_3$  can be obtained by measuring the fluorescence of pyrene in different concentrations of molecules. To figure out the CAC of the molecule. Experiments were repeated three times. The x axis is logarithm concentration and the y axis is the ratio of peak intensities of 374 nm and 383 nm.  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 334 \text{ nm}$ .

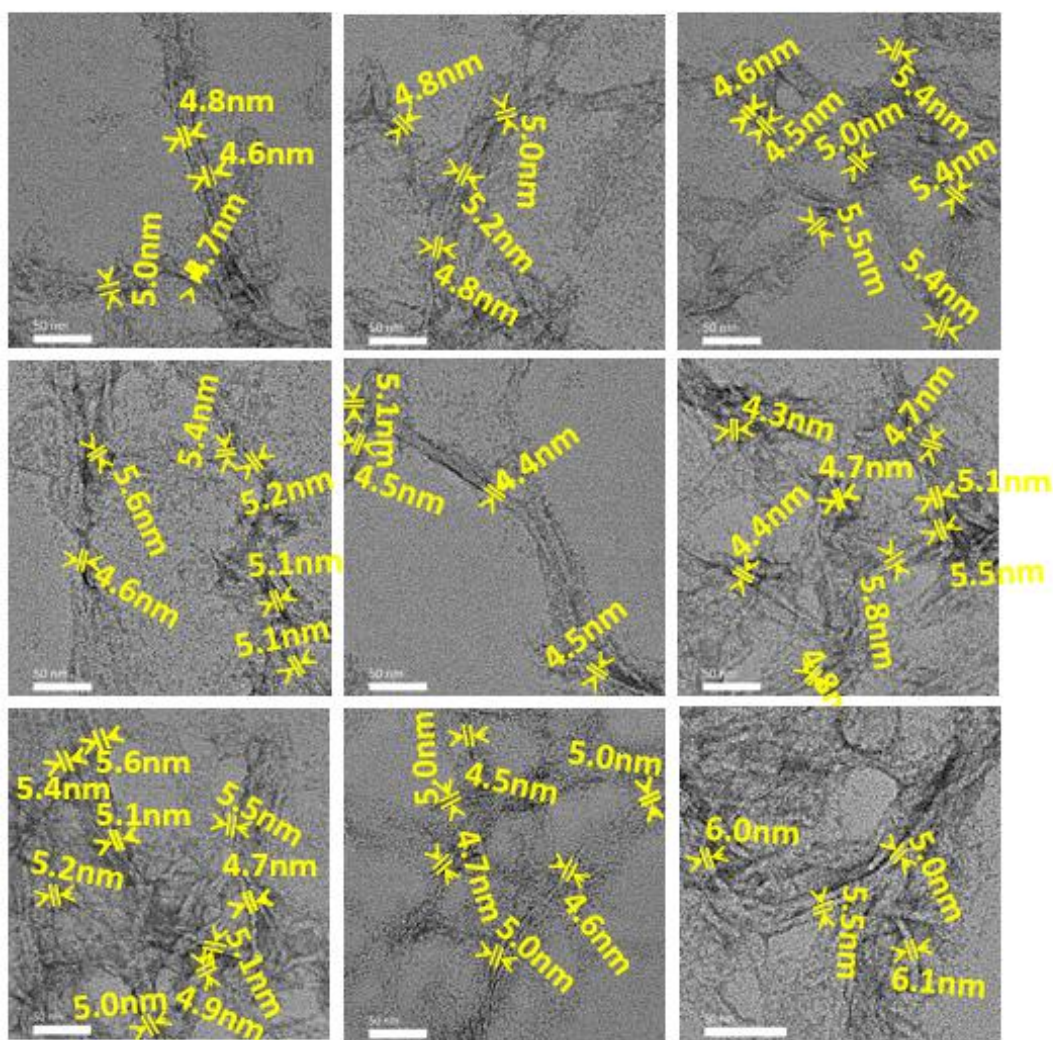


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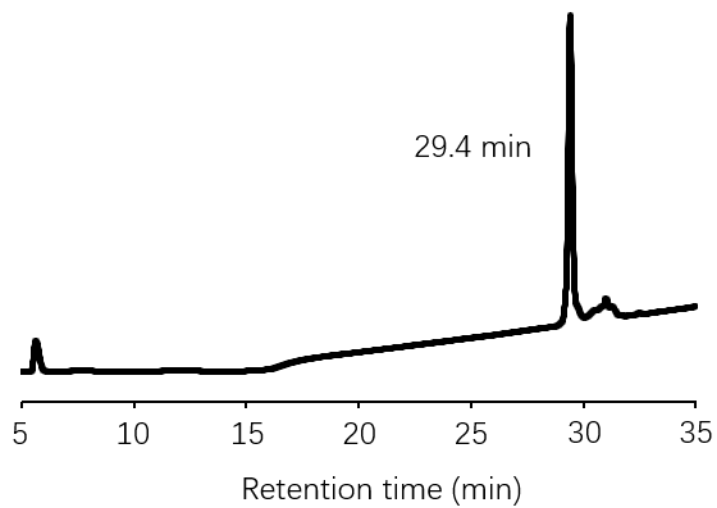




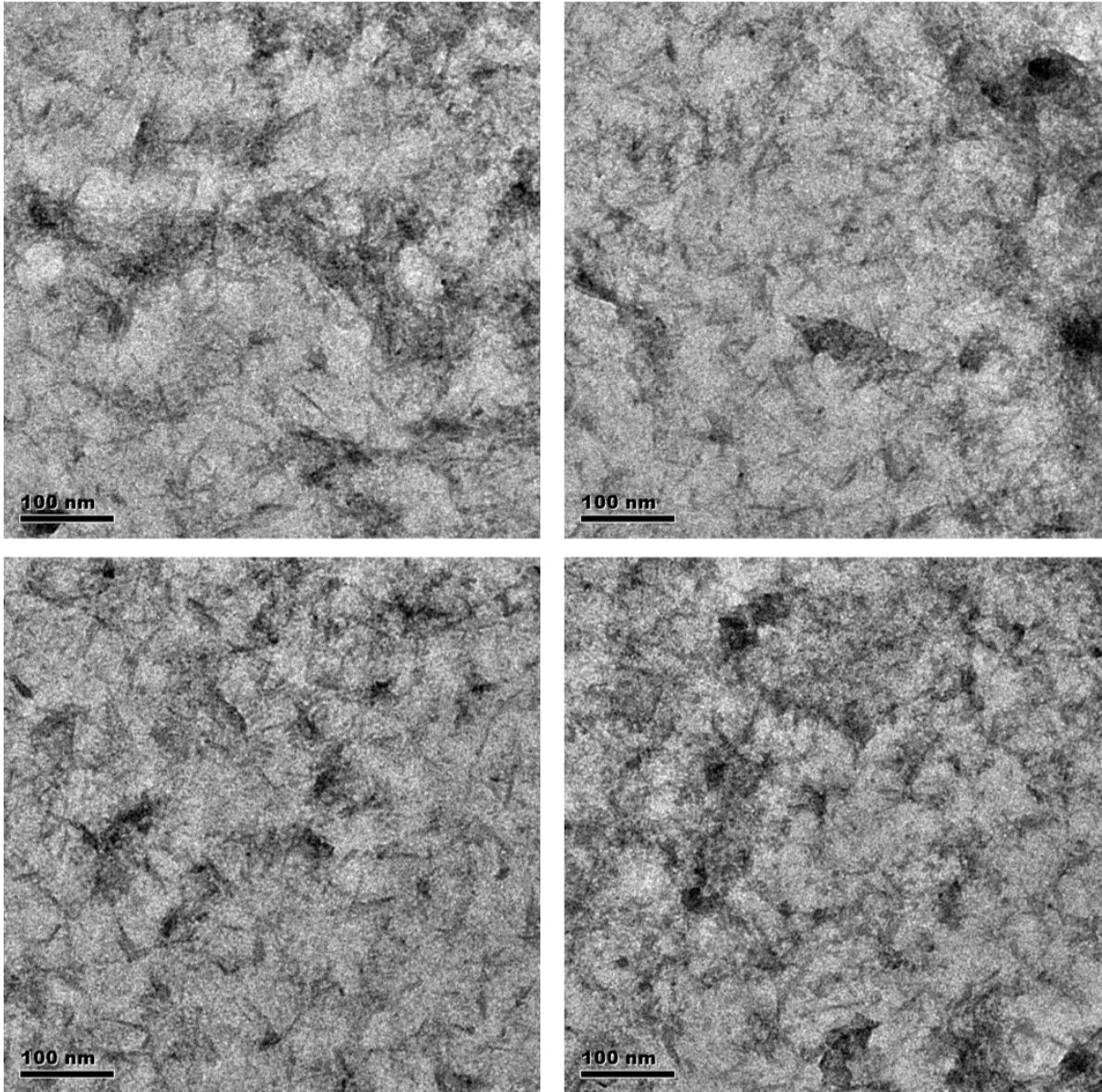
**Supplementary Fig. 12** | The ANS staining dynamic fibril growth curve of **R-M1**. ANS was added to an aqueous solution of **R-M1** (100  $\mu$ M) and fluorescence was measured immediately. The same experiment was carried out four times. The mean of results of four parallel experiments is shown and data were expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD (n=4).



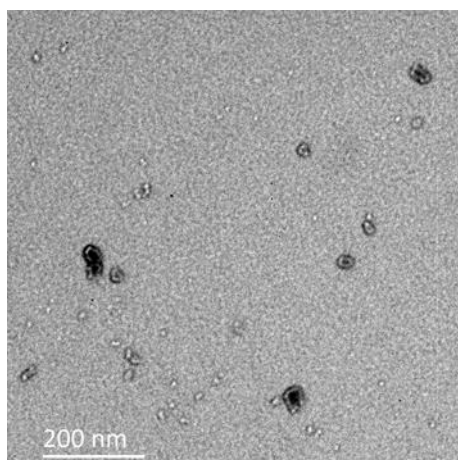
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**Supplementary Fig. 14** | HPLC curve of **M3** co-incubated with inactivated FAP- $\alpha$  for 12h. The FAP- $\alpha$  was heat to 1 h to inactivate in advanced. HPLC: C18 column and a linear gradient of acetonitrile/water with 0.1% TFA from 10 %/ 90 % to 50 %/ 50 % and a flow speed of 1 mL/min in 35 min at 25 °C.

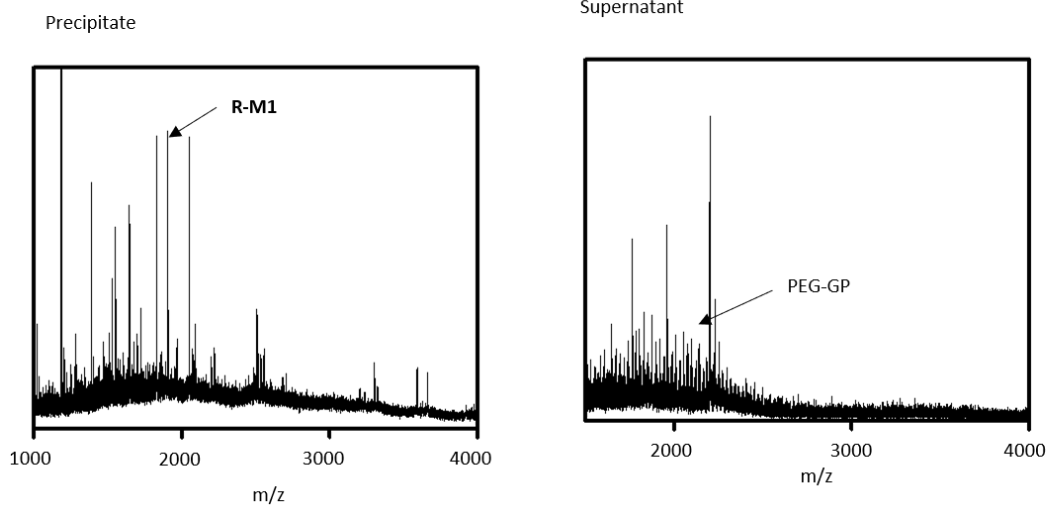


**Supplementary Fig. 15** | Representative TEM image of four independent experiments of **M1** (100  $\mu\text{M}$ ) co-incubated with Miapaca-2 cell lysis for 12 h. Scale bar: 100 nm.

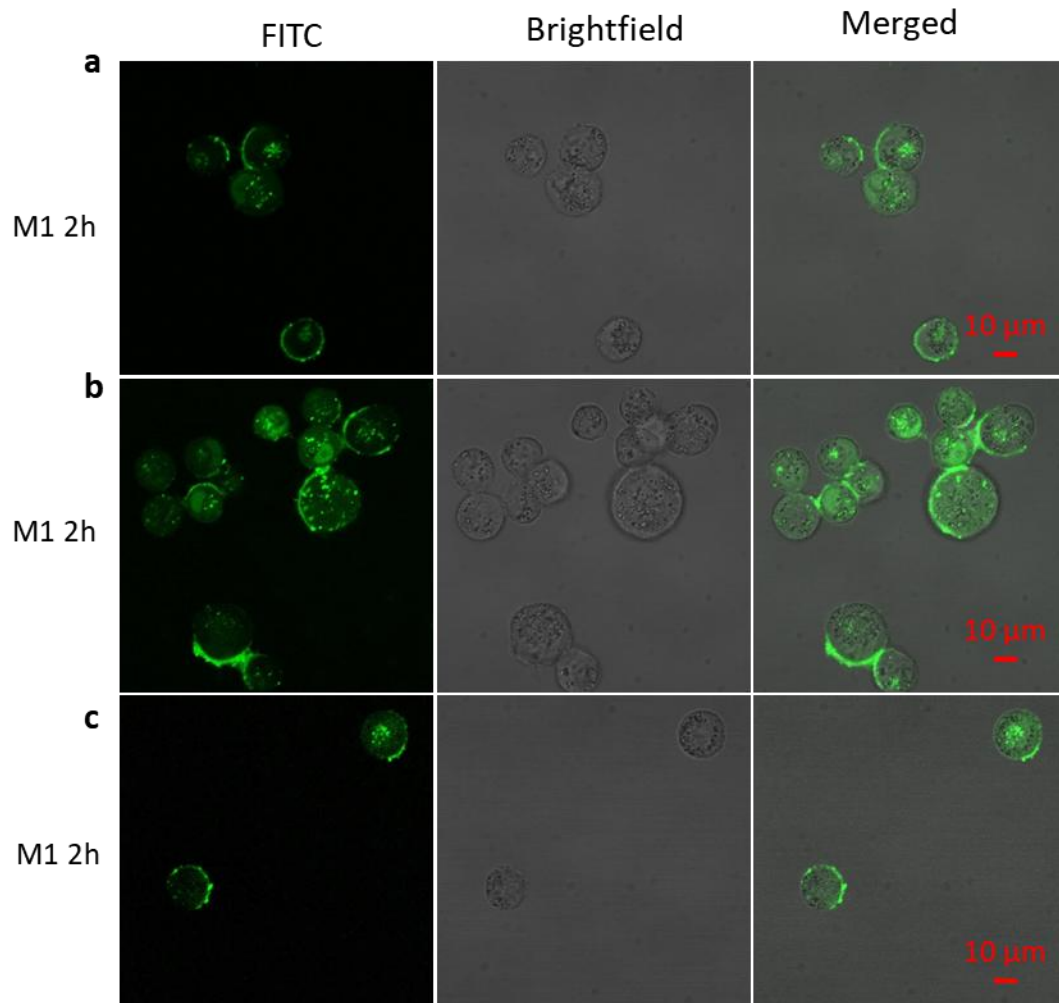


**Supplementary Fig. 16** | TEM image of **M1** (100  $\mu$ M) co-incubated with inactivated FAP- $\alpha$  (50  $\mu$ M) for 12h. The FAP- $\alpha$  was heat to 1 h to inactivate in advanced. Scale bar: 200 nm.

**M1+ Miapaca**

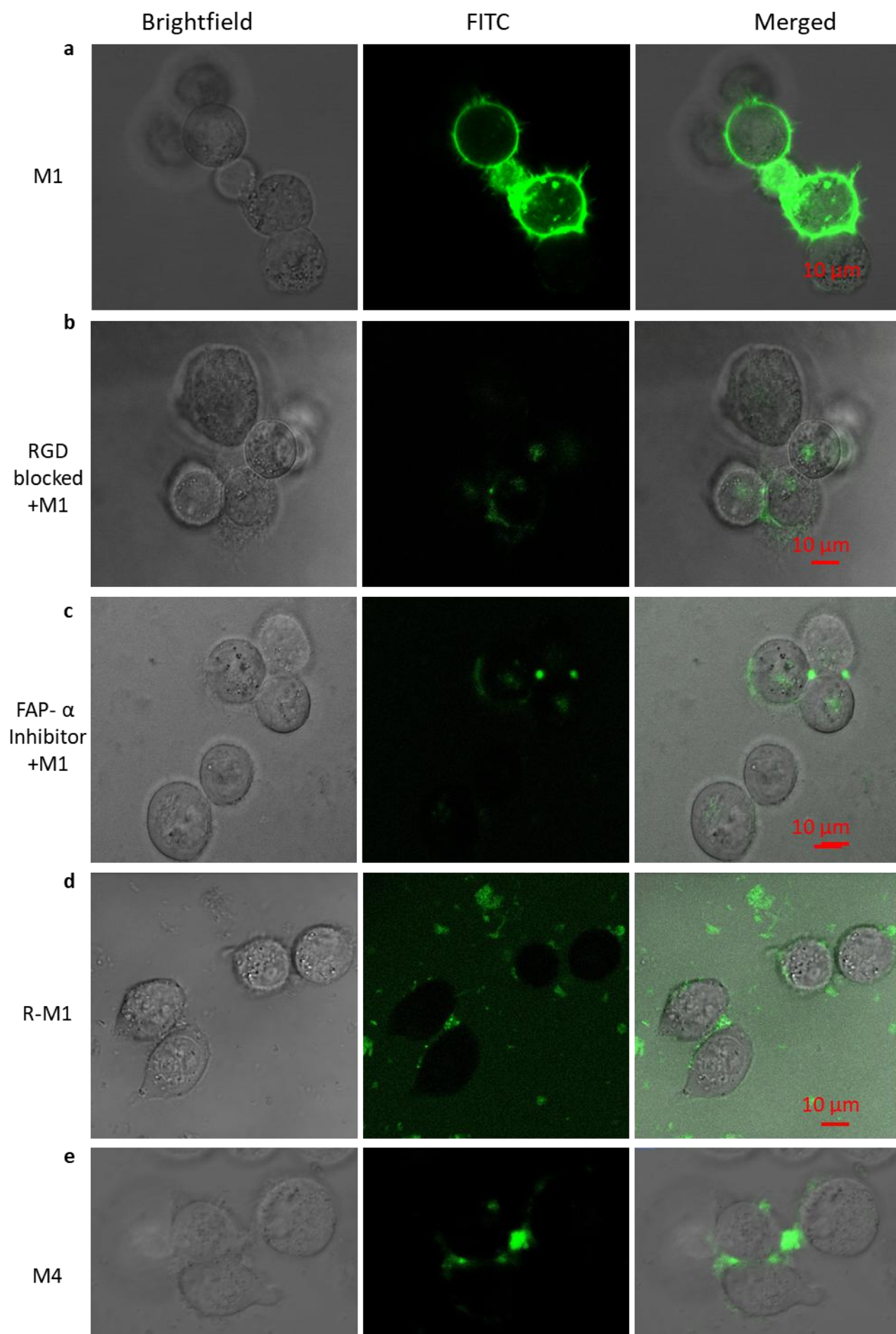


**Supplementary Fig. 17** | MALDI-TOF mass spectra of **M1** co-incubated with Miapaca-2 cell lysis for 2 h.



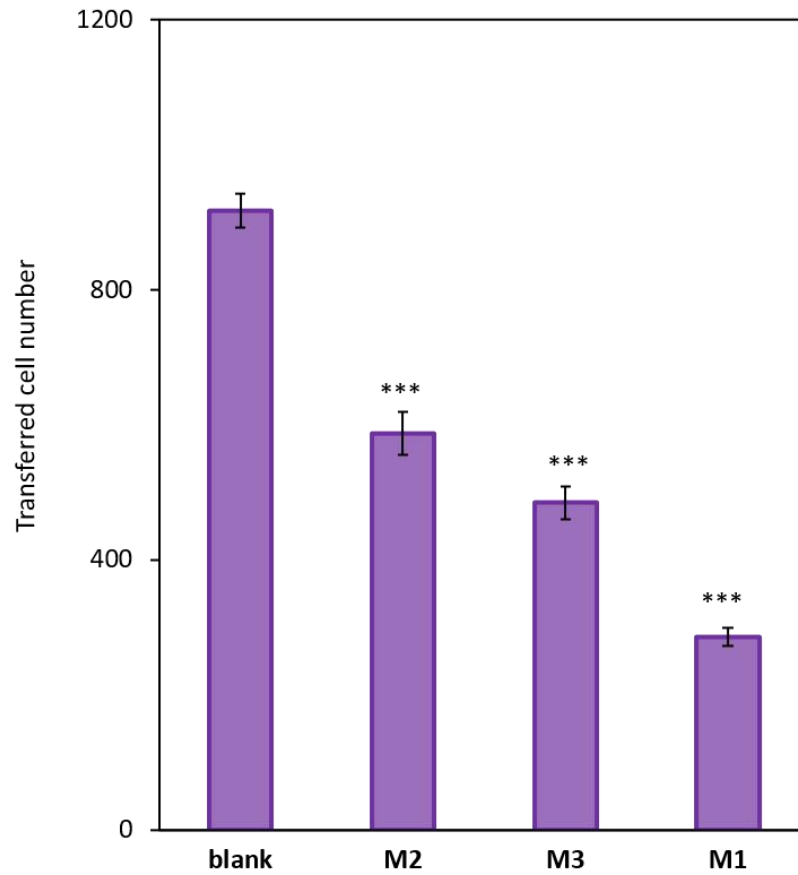
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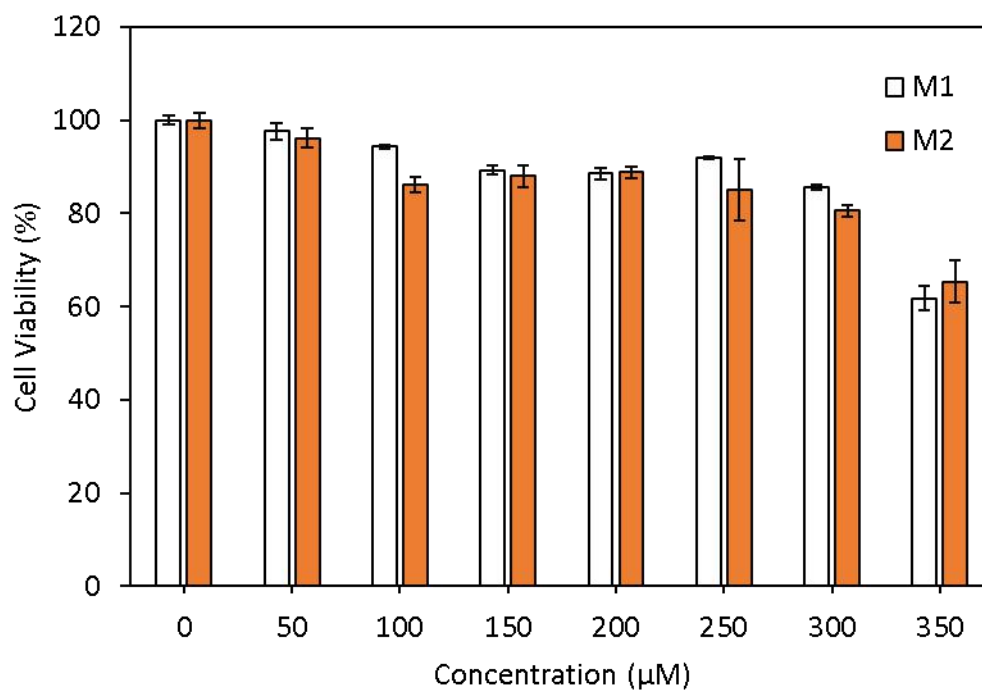




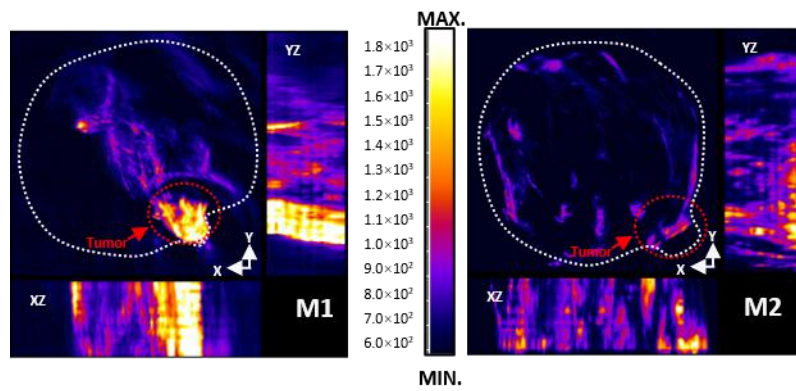
**Supplementary Fig. 19** | CLSM images of Miapaca-2 cells treated with different molecules or **M1** under different conditions. All the molecules are labelled with FITC. **a**, CLSM images of **M1** with BIVA effect on Miapaca-2 cells after incubation for 1 h. **b**, **M1** incubated on integrins blocked Miapaca-2 cells for 1 h and washed by fresh DMEM for three times (Miapaca-2 cells were treated by RGD for 1h at 50  $\mu$ M and washed by fresh DMEM for three times before adding **M1**). **c**, **M1** incubated on Fap- $\alpha$  inhibited Miapaca-2 cells for 1h and washed by fresh DMEM for three times (Miapaca-2 cells were treated by Fap- $\alpha$  inhibitor Ac-Gly-BoroPro for 1h at 50 nM and washed by fresh DMEM for three times before adding **M1**). **d**, **R-M1** incubated Miapaca-2 cells after incubation for 1 h without washing. **e**, **M4** incubated Miapaca-2 cells after incubation for 1 h and washed by fresh DMEM for three times. Green: FITC labelled molecules. Scale bar: 10  $\mu$ m.



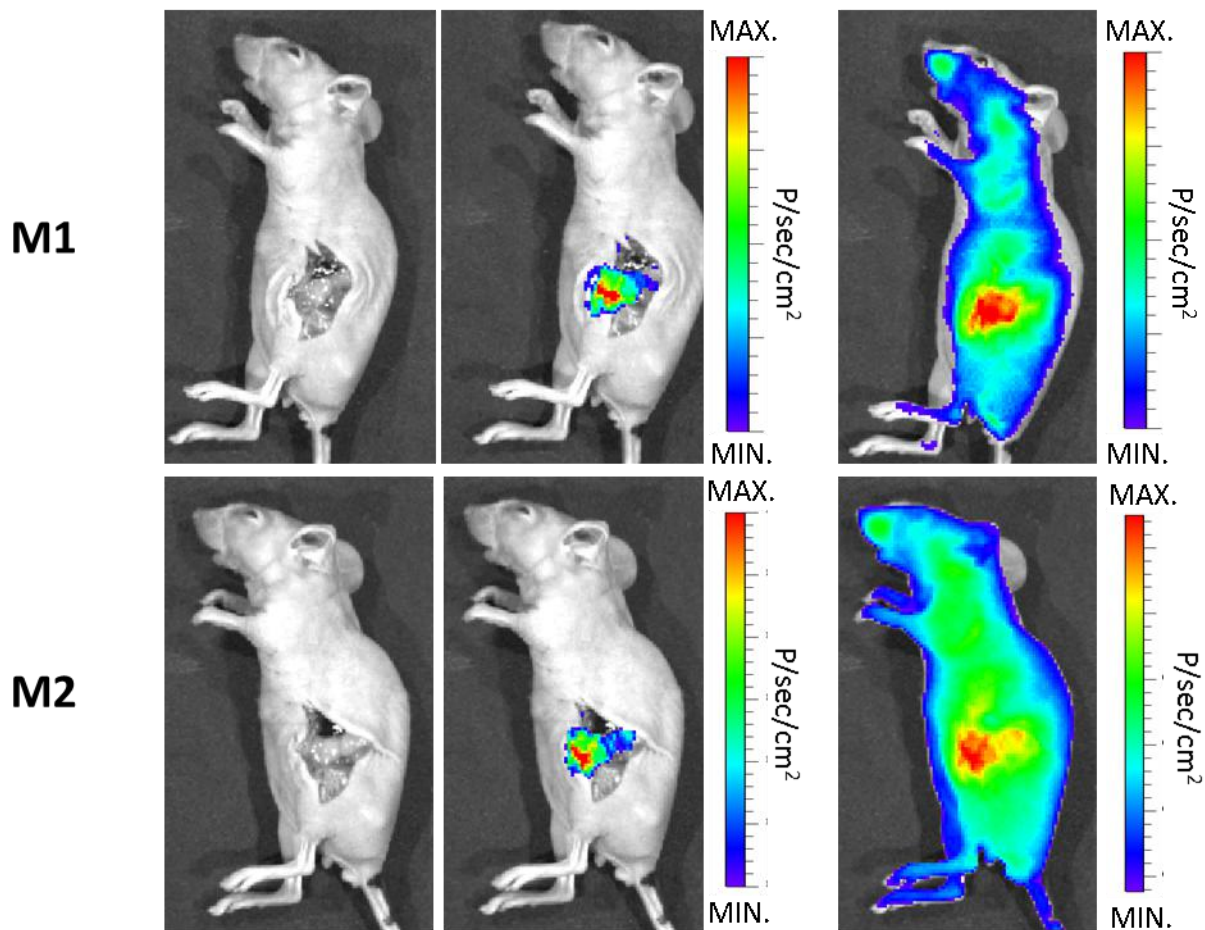
**Supplementary Fig. 20** | The quantitative results of the migrated cells after treatment of PBS (blank), **M2**, **M3** and **M1** (Fig 5g). The mean of results of five parallel experiments is shown and data were expressed as mean ± SD (n=5).  $p_{M1} = 5.85E-06$ ,  $p_{M2} = 5.94E-05$ ,  $p_{M4} = 3.16 E-04$ , Statistical analysis: one-way ANOVA followed by post hoc Tukey's test, \*\*\* $p < 0.001$ .



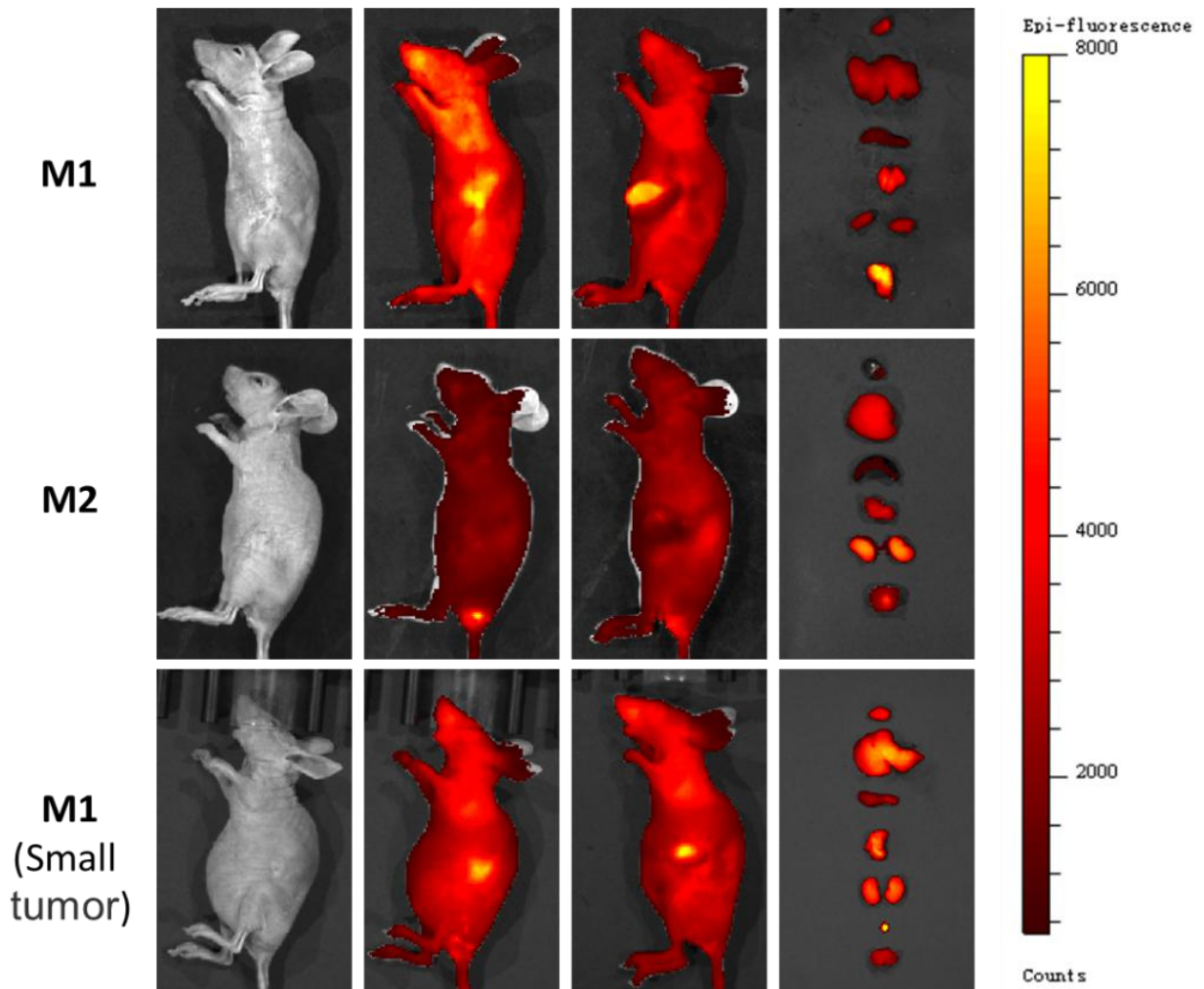
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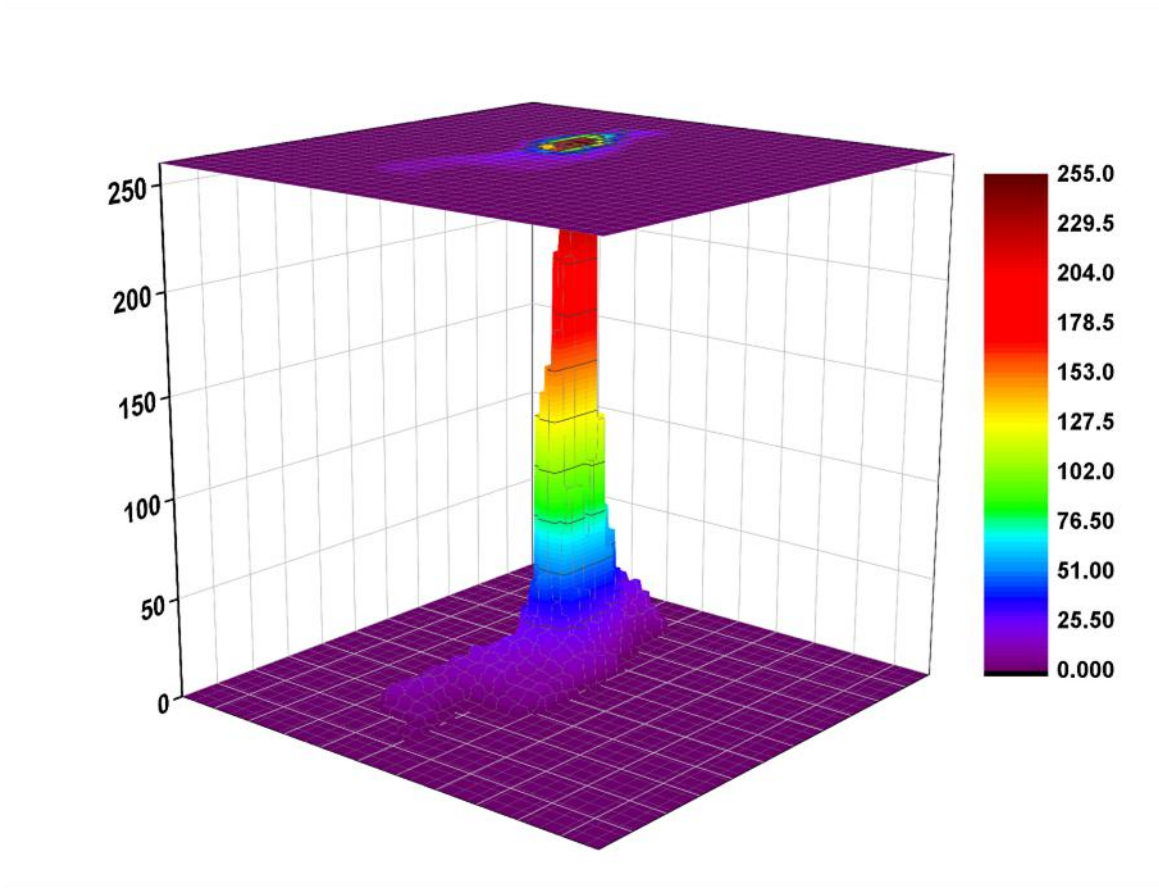
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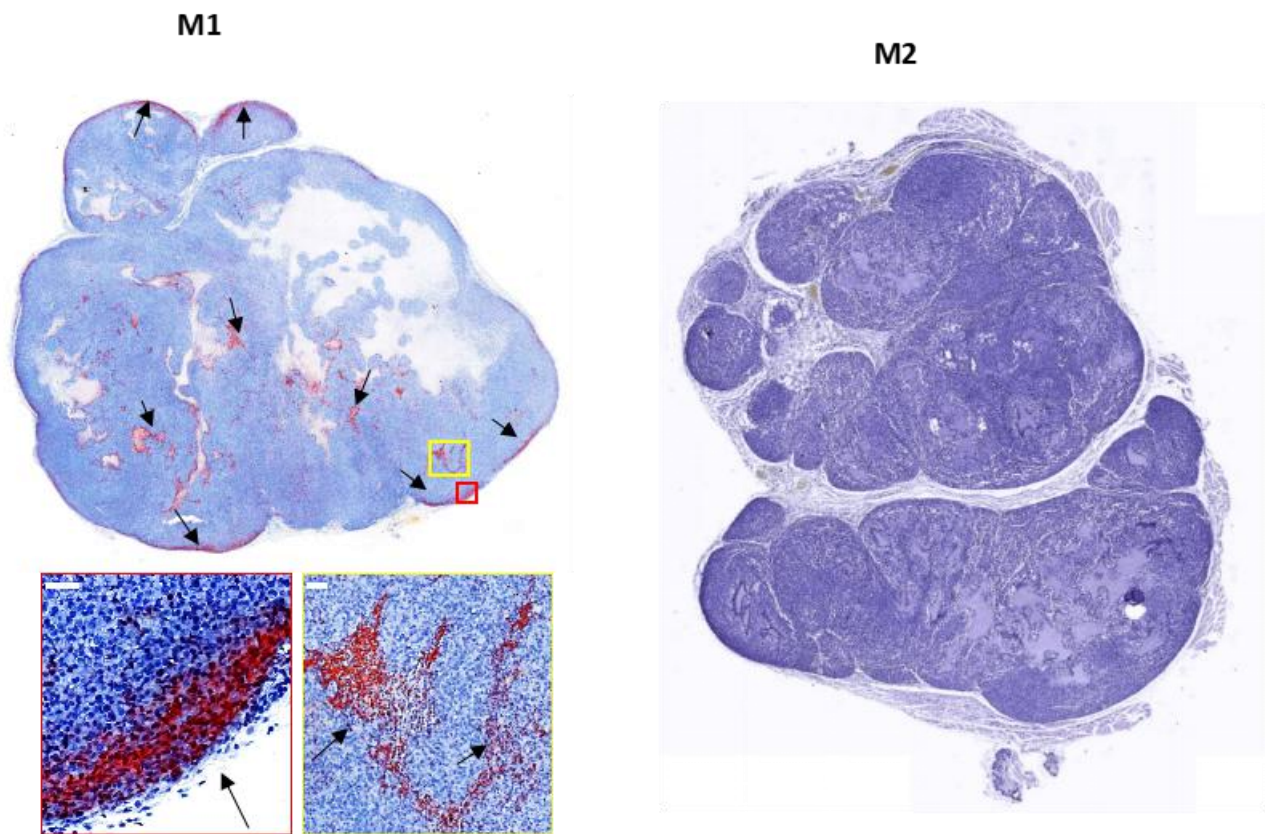
**Supplementary Fig. 23** | NIR fluorescence image of mice bearing MIA PaCa-2 cells after intravenous administration of ICG, M2 and M1 with a dose of 16 mg/kg (Fig. 7a).



**Supplementary Fig. 24** | The *in vivo* and *in situ* NIR images of orthotopic pancreatic tumors by **M1** and **M2**, and the *ex vivo* of organ biodistribution including heart, liver, spleen, lung, kidney, and tumor after vein injection at 16mg/kg for 48 h.

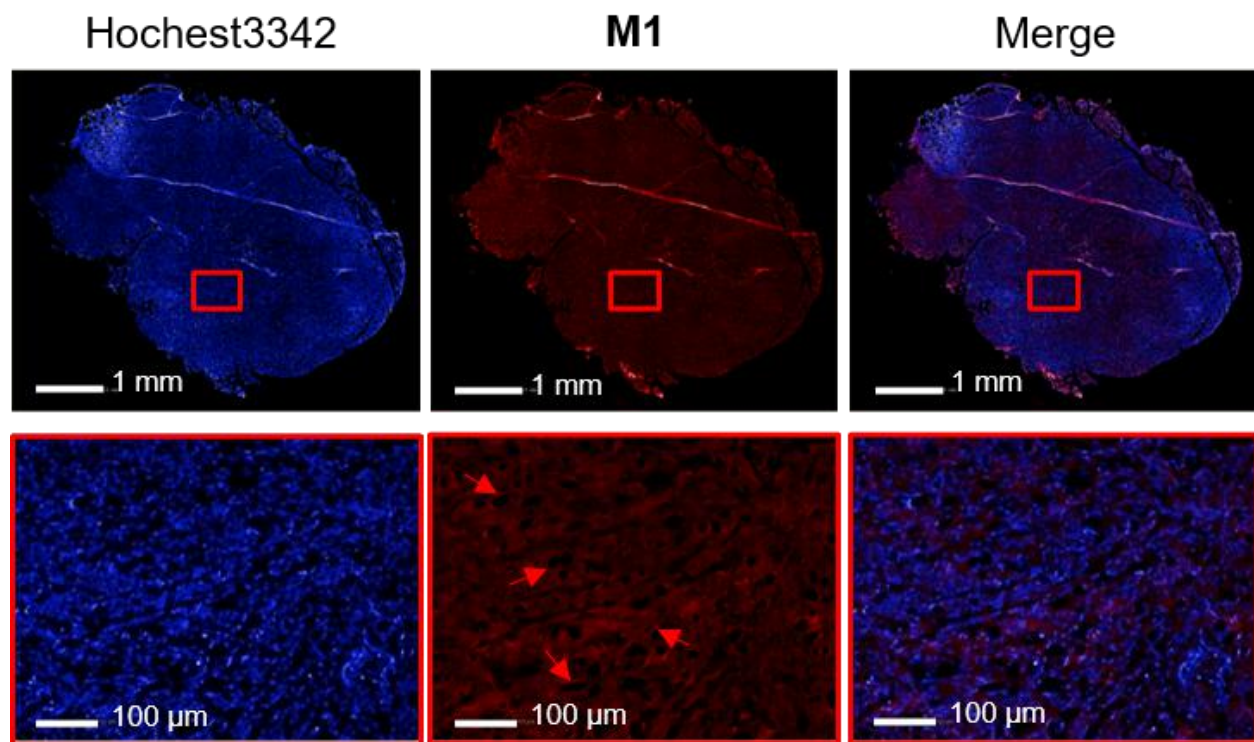


**Supplementary Fig. 25** | The 3D quantitative fluorescence intensity distribution of small size (~ 2 mm diameter) *ex vivo* orthotopic pancreatic tumor images of **M1** (Fig. 7d).

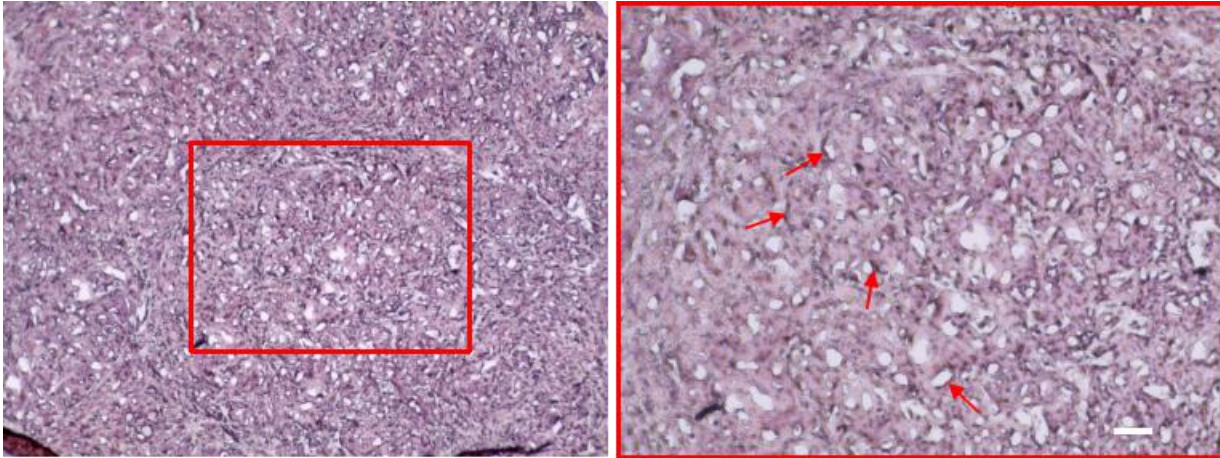


**Supplementary Fig. 26** | The whole tumor histologic section in mice treated with **M1** and **M2** (16 mg/kg) with congo red (red) stained assembled fibrils. Two enlarged images were respectively corresponded to the red and yellow box. Scale bar= 50  $\mu$ m.





**Supplementary Fig. 27** | Fluorescence images of tumor histologic section treated with **M1** (16 mg/kg) for 48 h. Blue: Hochest 33342, Red: Cy3 labeled **M1**. Scale bar: shown in figure.



**Supplementary Fig. 28** | The tumor histologic section in mice treated with **M1** (16 mg/kg) for 48 h with congo red (red) stained assembled fibrils. A enlarged images were respectively corresponded to the red box. Scale bar: 100  $\mu$ m