



## Fluorescent Labeling of Hyaluronic Acid-Chitosan Nanocarriers by Protein-Stabilized Gold Nanoclusters

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## **Supplementary Materials**

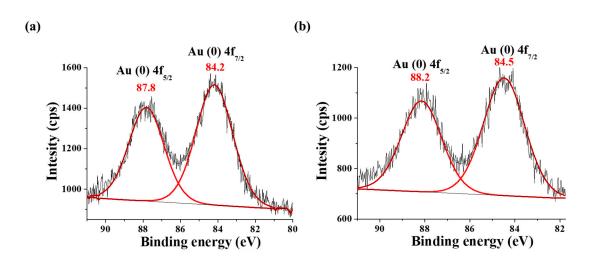
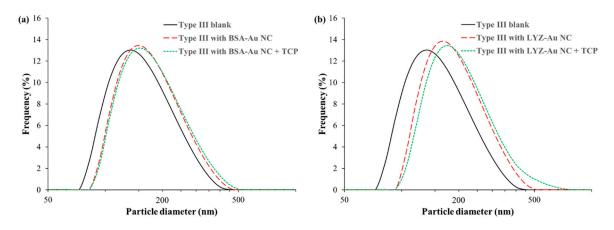
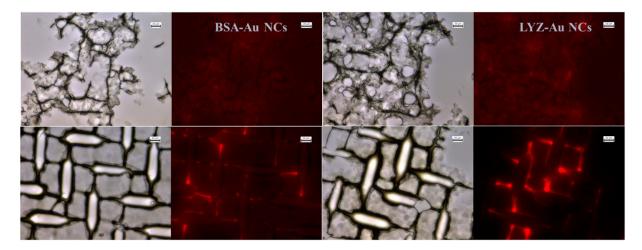


Figure S1. Representative XPS spectra of (a) LYZ-Au NC and (b) BSA-Au NC.

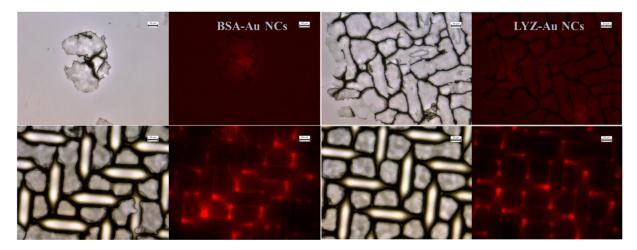


**Figure S2.** Representative DLS curves of type III NPs labeled with (a) BSA-Au NC or (b) LYZ-Au NC, with the blank (black), labeled (red) and labeled, drug-loaded carriers (green).

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**Figure S3.** Fluorescence microscopy images of BSA- (left) and LYZ-(right) Au NCs-labeled type III NPs with 10:1 mass ratio (upper: addition of 50  $\mu$ L NC dispersion; below: addition of 140  $\mu$ L NC dispersion  $c_{Au}$  = 0.0163 (upper) and 0.0615 (below)).



**Figure S4.** Fluorescence microscopy images of BSA- (left) and LYZ-(right) Au NCs-labeled type II NPs with 40:1 mass ratio (upper: addition of 50  $\mu$ L NC dispersion; below: addition of 350  $\mu$ L NC dispersion  $c_{Au}$  = 0.0215 (upper) and 0.1621 (below)).