

# Magnetic Nanoparticle-based Dianthin Targeting for Controlled Drug Release using the Endosomal Escape Enhancer SO1861

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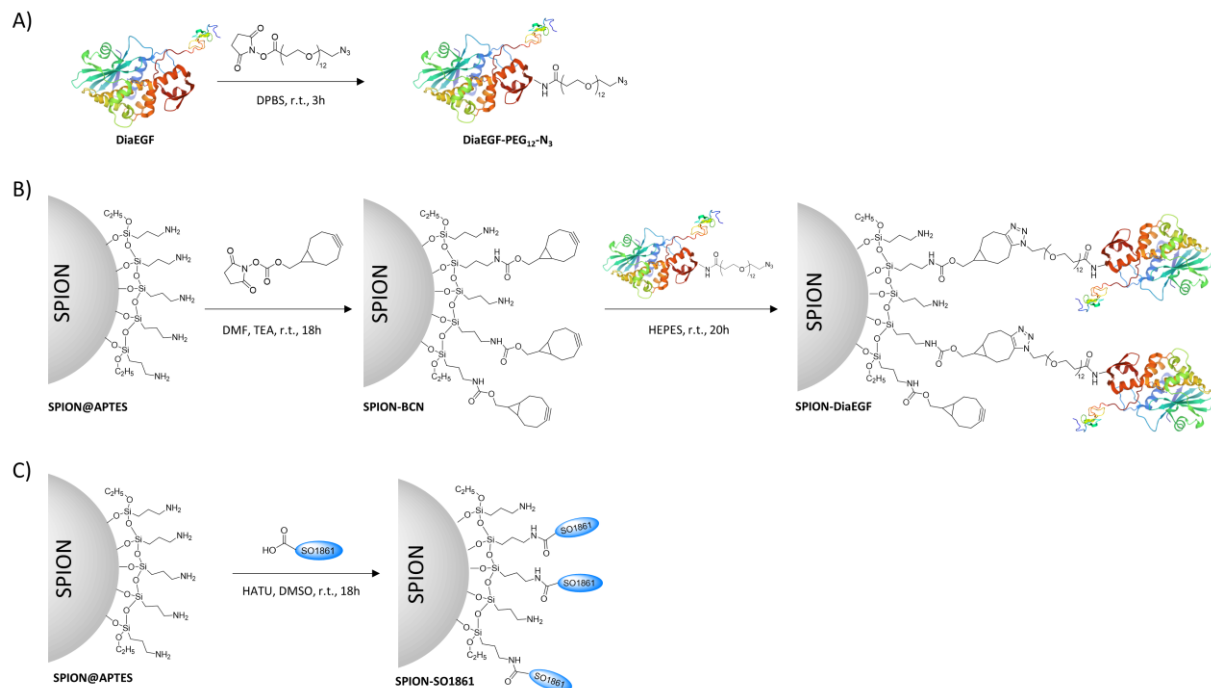
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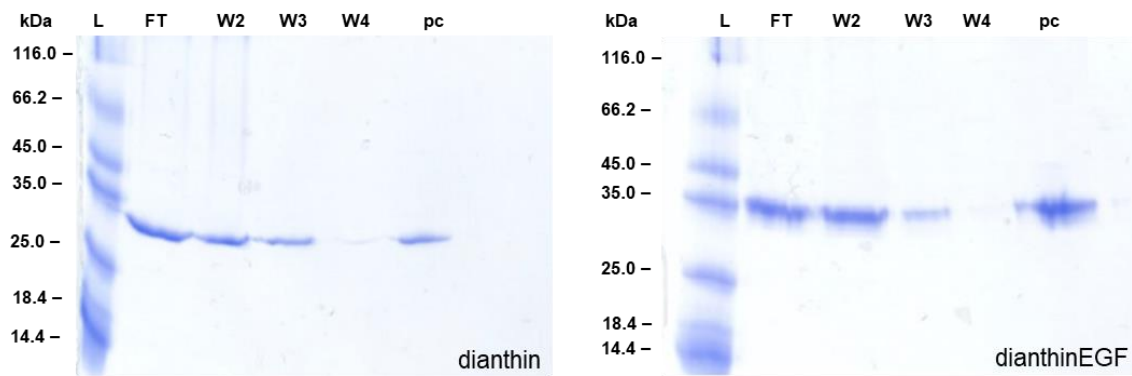
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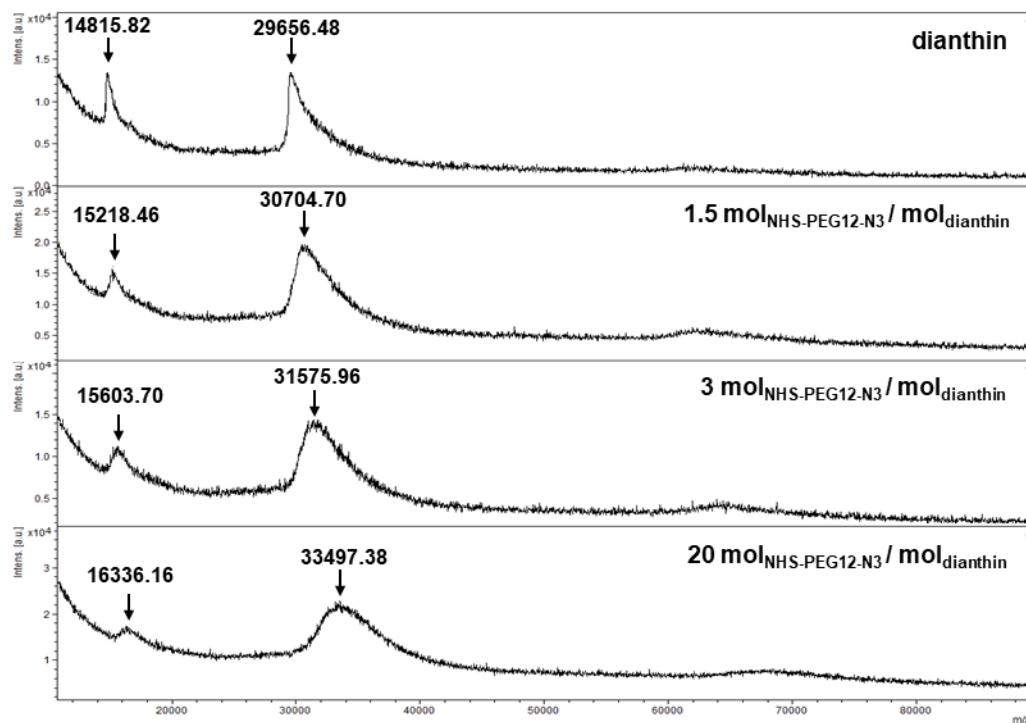
**X-ray diffraction (XRD)** was performed on an Empyrean system from Malvern Panalytical with Cu K $\alpha$  radiation on a Si sample holder in a range of  $2\theta$  from 20 to 90° and a step size of 0.05°. Evaluation was accomplished by database research using the Inorganic Crystal Structure Database (ICSD).



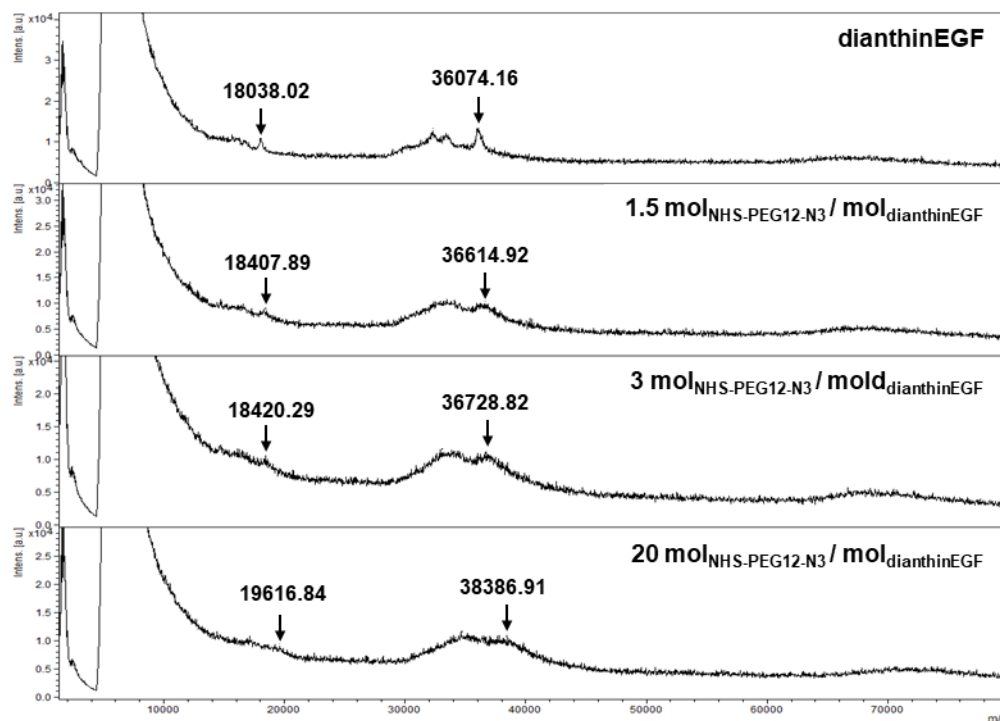
**Figure S1.** Schematic representation of the respective modification steps: A) Conjugation of the NHS-PEG<sub>12</sub>-N<sub>3</sub> linker to DiaEGF; B) functionalization of APTES-modified SPIONs (SPION@APTES) with NHS-BCN followed by DiaEGF-PEG<sub>12</sub>-N<sub>3</sub>; C) Coordination of SO1861 on SPION@APTES.



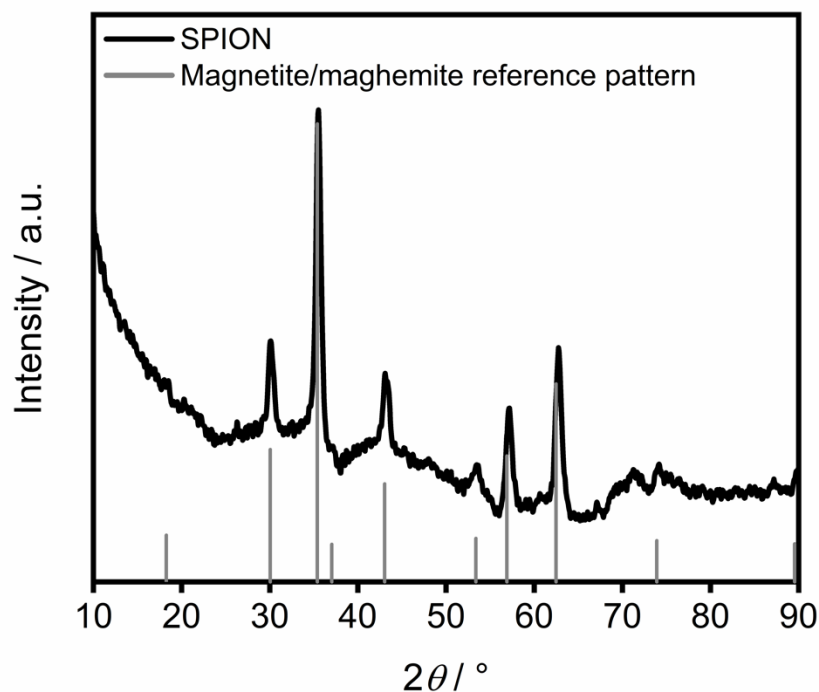
**Figure S2.** SDS/PAGE (12%) of the purified fractions of Dia and DiaEGF obtained after Ni-NTA and chitin column tandem affinity chromatography. L, Ladder; FT, flow-through; W, washout; pc, positive control (confirmed previous batch).



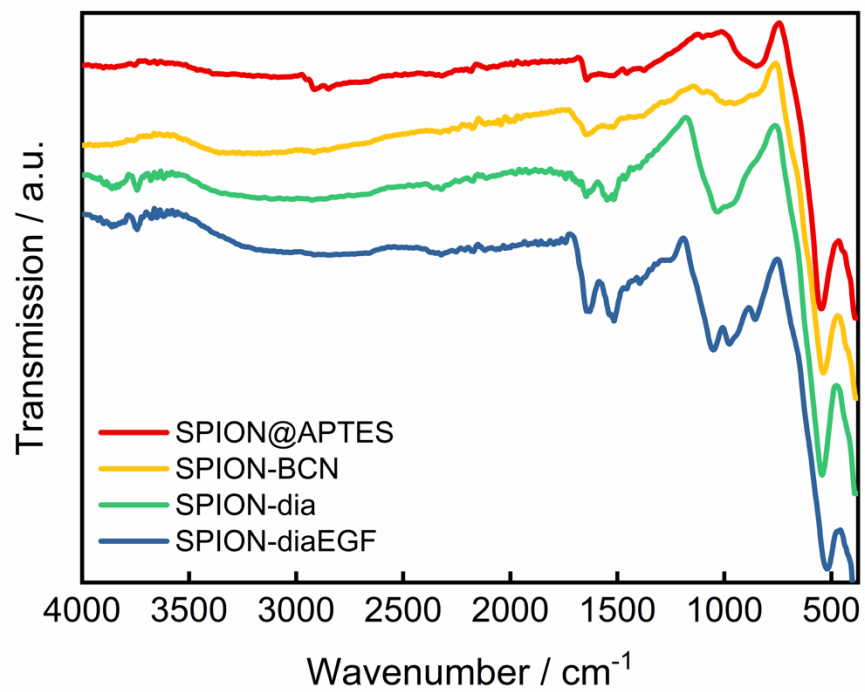
**Figure S3.** MALDI-TOF-MS spectra of Dia and conjugates with different molar ratios of linker:Dia.



**Figure S4.** MALDI-TOF-MS spectra of DiaEGF and conjugates obtained from different initial molar ratios of linker:DiaEGF in the reaction mixture. The peaks appearing at approximately 32730 g/mol are attributable to degradation products of DiaEGF.

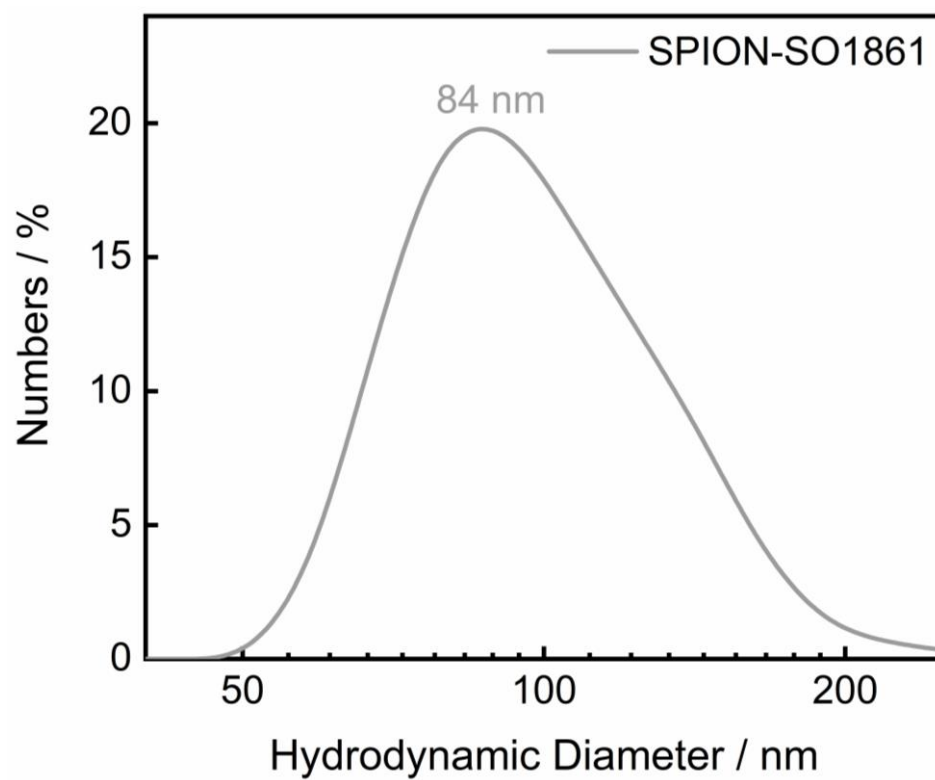


**Figure S5.** X-ray diffractogram of synthesized SPIONs and reference pattern of magnetite/maghemite. The initial decrease in the curve implies an amorphous fraction on the particle surface. According to the inorganic crystal structure database (ICSD 98-002-0596), the reflections obtained at 30°, 35°, 43°, 57° and 62° are attributable to a mixed crystalline phase of magnetite and maghemite. Applying the Debye-Scherrer equation to the highest intensity reflection at 35.5° with a full width at half maximum (FWHM) of 0.7°,  $K_S$  of 0.9 and wavelength  $\lambda$  of 0.154 nm, a crystallite size of 12.8 nm was determined.

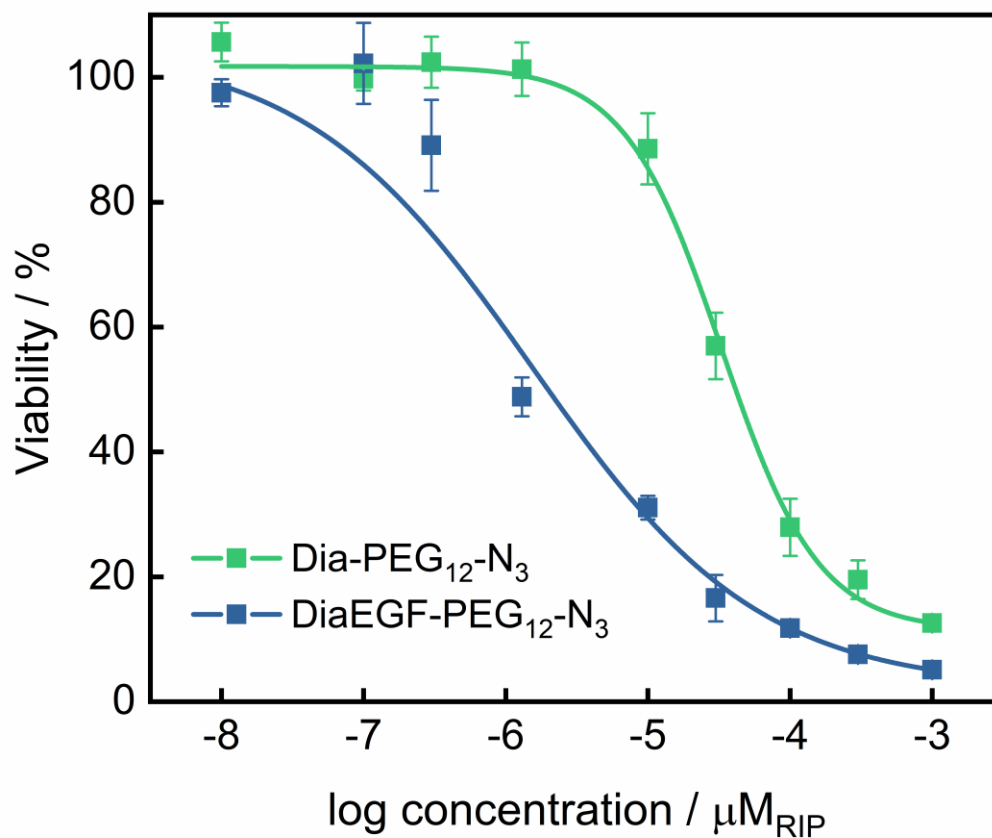


**Figure S6.** FTIR spectra of SPIONs after each functionalization step.

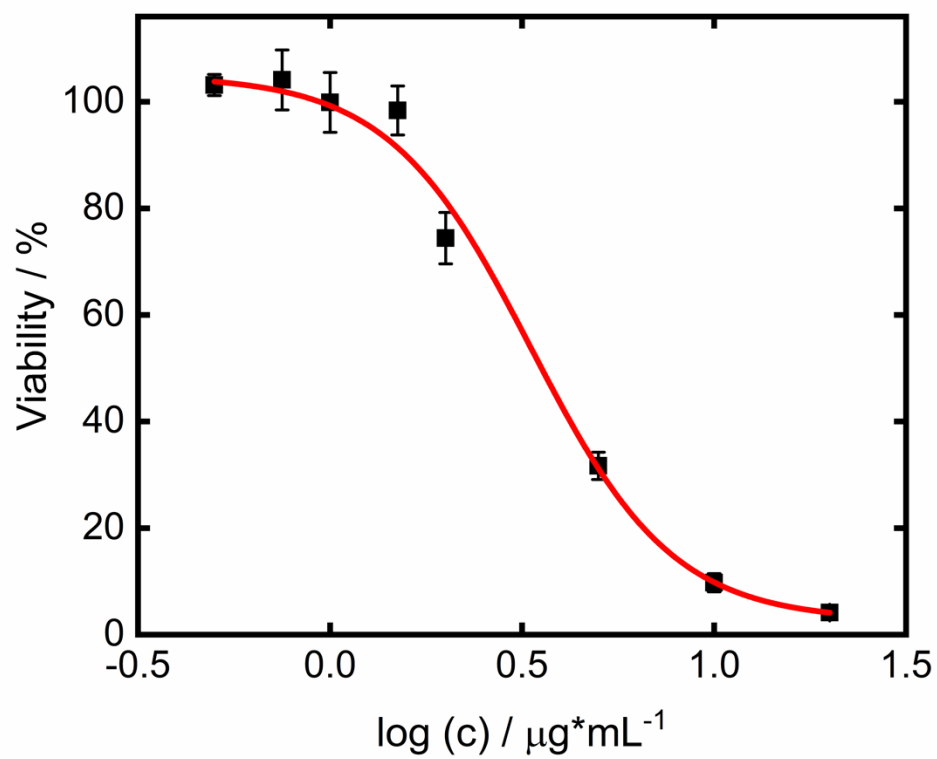




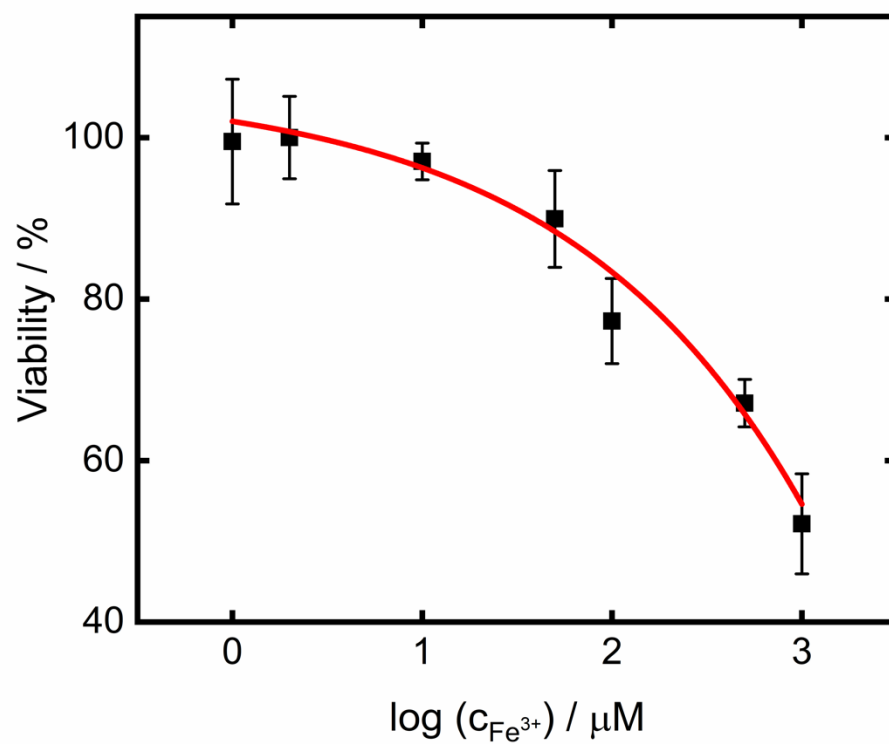
**Figure S7.** DLS measurement of SPION-SO1861 revealing a median size of 84 nm.



**Figure S8.** Cytotoxicity studies of Dia and DiaEGF conjugates on EGFR-overexpressing HCT-116 cells. Cell viability was assessed after 48 h by MTT-assay and plotted as a function of the RIP concentration. The experiment was performed in quadruplicates. Accordingly, Dia-PEG<sub>12</sub>-N<sub>3</sub> and DiaEGF-PEG<sub>12</sub>-N<sub>3</sub> have an IC<sub>50</sub> value of  $4.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$  M and  $1.2 \cdot 10^{-6}$   $\mu\text{M}$ , respectively.



**Figure S9.** Self-cytotoxicity of SO1861 on HCT-116. The derived IC<sub>50</sub> value accounts for 3.3 μg/mL.



**Figure S10.** Self-cytotoxicity of SPION-SO1861 on HCT-116. The IC<sub>50</sub> value is determined as  $> 1 \text{ mM Fe}^{3+}$ .