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Software and code

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Data collection	Zeta potential and DLS data were collected using Zetasizer Software 8.01. FTIR data were collected using Omnic 9.11. Fluorescence data were collected using Andor SOLIS. Absorbance data were collected using Shimadzu LabSolutions. ESR data were collected using WinEPR 4.4. HPLC data were collected using Agilent ChemStation 32.1. Cell fluorescence imaging data were collected using fluorescent microscopy EVOS FL Auto 2. Cryo-TEM cell imaging data were collected using TEM microscopy Talos L120C. Mice bioluminescence and fluorescence imaging data were collected using PerkinElmer IVIS® Lumina LT. Histopathological data were collected using Nanozoomer S60. MR imaging data were collected using 3.0 T MR system. Colony-forming data were collected using BioRadGel DocXR+.
Data analysis	ImageJ was used for image analysis. GraphPad Prism 8.0.1 and Origin 2018 was used to plot the figures and conduct statistical analysis. MestReNova 6.1 was used for H-NMR analysis. MDI Jade 6 was used for XRD analysis. Image Lab 6.0.1 was used for western blot data. FlowJo 10.4 was used to analyze flow cytometry data. Living Image 4.7.3 was used for mice bioluminescence and fluorescence images.

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All data generated or analyzed during this study are included in this published article (and its Supplementary Information files). All other data are available from the corresponding authors upon request.

Human research participants

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Reporting on sex and gender	N/A
Population characteristics	N/A
Recruitment	N/A
Ethics oversight	N/A

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	Details regarding the sample size of all experiments are provided in the figure legends. Sample size was estimated to achieve about 90% power for detection of significant differences in tumor volume between groups based on means and standard deviations in preliminary studies. All available samples passing the quality control were included.
Data exclusions	No data were excluded from analysis.
Replication	Experiments were repeated at least three times with similar results. All attempts at replication were successful.
Randomization	In vitro cell experiments were seeded identically at the onset of the experiments and randomized into the various treatment groups prior to the beginning of treatment protocols. For in vivo studies, once mice were implanted with tumor tissues/cells, they were randomized into experimental groups of 5 mice prior to treatment administration.
Blinding	The investigators and authors have been consistently blinded to the group allocation during data collection and analysis.

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Antibodies

Antibodies used	Western blotting: Rabbit monoclonal anti-HER2 (Abcam, EP1045Y, Catalog no.ab134182, 1:1000 dilution), Mouse monoclonal anti-GAPDH (Abcam, 6C5, Catalog no.ab8245, 1:5000 dilution), Rabbit monoclonal anti-NFκB p65 (Abcam, E379, Catalog no.ab32536, 1:10000 dilution), Rabbit monoclonal anti-NFκB p50 (Abcam, E381, Catalog no.ab32360, 1:10000 dilution), Mouse monoclonal anti-beta actin (Abcam, 8226, Catalog no.ab8226, Use a concentration of 1 µg/ml) and Rabbit polyclonal anti-Lamin B1 (Abcam, Nuclear Envelope Marker, Catalog no.ab16048; Use a concentration of 0.1 µg/ml) were obtained from Abcam. Immunohistochemistry staining: Rabbit monoclonal anti-Ki67 (Abcam, EPR3610, Catalog no.ab92742, 1:1000 dilution) was obtained from Abcam.
Validation	Antibodies used were commercially available and all antibodies were validated by manufacturers, with related data shown on the manufacturer website. Anti-HER2, anti-GAPDH, anti-NFκB p65, anti-NFκB p50, anti-beta actin and anti-Lamin B1 were used for relative mechanism validation by western blot experiments on human gallbladder carcinoma cell lines GBC-SD and EH-GB1. Anti-Ki67 were used for validation of nanoparticles tumor-killing effect by immunohistochemistry experiments on orthotopic tumor tissues of mice.

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	Human gallbladder carcinoma cell line GBC-SD was obtained from the Shanghai Institute for Biological Science, Chinese Academy of Science (Shanghai, China) and human gallbladder carcinoma cell lines EH-GB1 was supplied by Prof. Ying-Bin Liu's lab at Xinhua Hospital Affiliated to Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine, China. GBC-SD was derived from the gallbladder cancer tissues of a 61-year-old Chinese man. EH-GB1 was derived from the gallbladder cancer tissues of a 53-year-old Chinese woman.
Authentication	Both GBC-SD and EH-GB1 have STR certificates.
Mycoplasma contamination	All cell lines we use are free from mycoplasma contamination.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	No commonly misidentified cell lines were used in this study.

Animals and other research organisms

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Laboratory animals	Female BALB/c nude mice (4 weeks old) were obtained from Shanghai SLAC Laboratory Animal Co., Ltd. All animals were bred in a pathogen-free facility with a 12 h light/dark cycle at 20 ± 3 °C and 40-50% humidity and had ad libitum access to food and water.
Wild animals	This study did not involve wild animals.
Reporting on sex	Theoretically, the findings are applicable to both females and males. Female nude mice were used in this study design because gallbladder cancer is more likely to develop and grow in estrogen-high individuals. Female nude mice are used for better establishment of orthotopic tumor models
Field-collected samples	No field-collected samples were used in this research
Ethics oversight	All animal procedures were performed following the Guidelines for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals of Zhejiang University (Protocol No. 24417).

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Flow Cytometry

Plots

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- ☒ The axis labels state the marker and fluorochrome used (e.g. CD4-FITC).
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Methodology

Sample preparation

ROS assays: GBC-SD and EH-GB1 cells were seeded in 24-well plates at 100000 per well until adherent and replaced with different media for 12 h incubation. Each cell line was also divided into 8 groups and treated similarly as mentioned previously. 4 hours after irradiation, for flow cytometry analysis, adherent cells of all groups were harvested and washed with PBS 3 times; for observation of the fluorescence cell imager, adherent cells of all groups were washed with PBS 3 times. Next, each group was stained with 500 μ L (25 μ M) 2,7-dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate (Sigma-Aldrich, USA) for 30 min at 37°C in the dark and washed by PBS 3 times. The cells were then immediately analyzed by flow cytometry (BD LSRFortessa™, USA).

PI/Annexin V apoptosis assay: GBC-SD and EH-GB1 cells were seeded in 24-well plates at 100000 per well until adherent and replaced with different media for 12 h incubation. Each cell line was also divided into 8 groups and treated similarly as mentioned previously. After 48 h, all cells in each group, including attached and floating cells, were collected through trypsinization (0.25% Trypsin) without EDTA (Gibco), then washed with PBS. Annexin V-FITC and PI were used to identify apoptotic cells using the Annexin V-FITC Apoptosis Detection Kit I (BD Biosciences) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Viable and dead cells were detected via a flow cytometer (BD LSRFortessa™, USA).

Instrument

Flow cytometer (BD LSRFortessa™, USA).

Software

For collection: The software Diva that comes with LSRFortessa™ ; For analysis: Flowjo V10.8.1

Cell population abundance

No sorting was performed

Gating strategy

Gating strategy are referred to those described in the BD website. Gating was based on FSC/SCC together with viability dyes and singlet populations. The cell populations within the gate were further analysed based on the expression of markers.

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