Supplementary Material

Fluorescent Metal Nanoshells: Lifetime-Tunable Molecular Probes in Fluorescent

Cell Imaging

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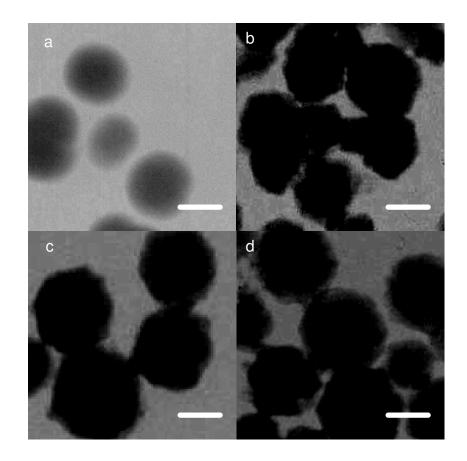


Figure S1. TEM images of (a) metal free silica spheres and metal nanoshells with (b) $Ru(phen-NH_2)_3^{2+}$, (c) $Ru(bpy)_3^{2+}$, and (d) $Ru(dpp)_3^{2+}$ -complex encapsulations in the cores. The scale bar is 50 nm.

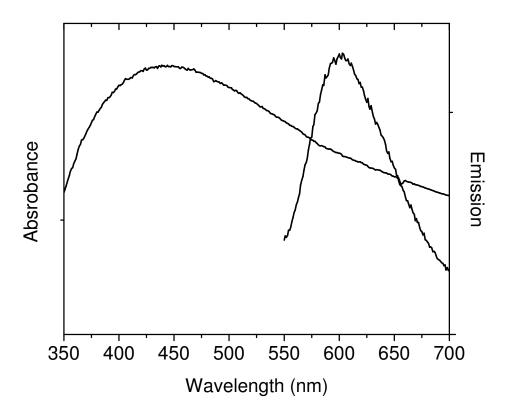


Figure S2. Absorbance and ensemble fluorescence spectra of metal nanoshells with the $Ru(phen-NH_2)_3^{2+}$ complex encapsulations in 10 mM PBS solution. The emission spectrum was determined upon the excitation at 450 nm.

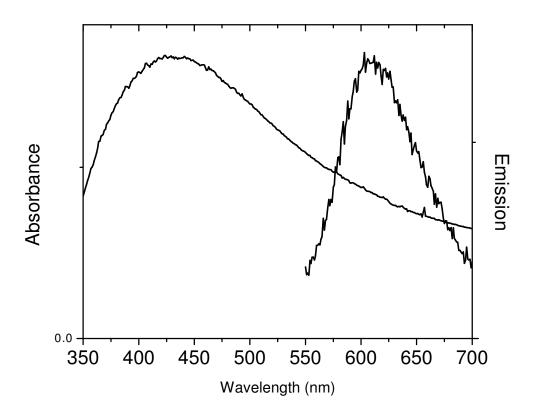


Figure S3. Absorbance and ensemble fluorescence spectra of metal nanoshells with the $Ru(bpy)_3^{2+}$ complex encapsulations in 10 mM PBS solution. The emission spectrum was determined upon the excitation at 450 nm.

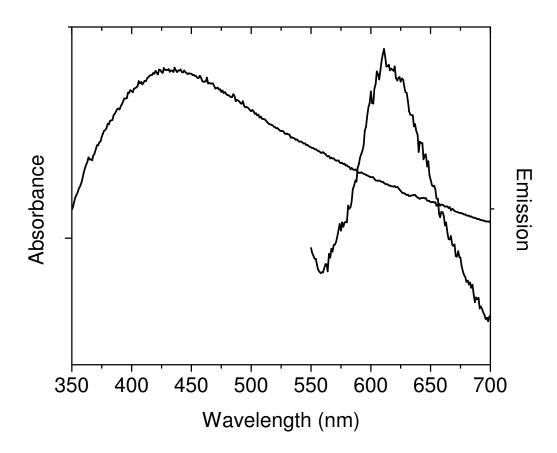


Figure S4. Absorbance and ensemble fluorescence spectra of metal nanoshells with the $Ru(dpp)_3^{2+}$ complex encapsulations in 10 mM PBS solution. The emission spectrum was determined upon the excitation at 450 nm.