

## Supplementary Material

# Redox-Responsive Lipidic Prodrug Nano-Delivery System Improves Antitumor Effect of Curcumin Derivative C210

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### Characterization of C210-R-OA prodrugs

**2-methoxy-4-((E)-3-oxo-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2-((E)-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl) acryloyl)pent-4-en-1-yl)phenyl 2-((2-(((E)-octadec-9-en-1-yl)oxy)-2-oxoethyl)thio)acetate. (C210-S-OA)**

**TOF MS (ES-):** calcd. for [C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>74</sub>O<sub>13</sub>S-H]<sup>-</sup> 973.4772, found 973.4774.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.69 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 2H), 6.93 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (s, 3H), 5.35 (dq, J = 7.9, 4.6, 4.0, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 3.93 – 3.82 (m, 19H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.62 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 2.06 – 1.97 (m, 4H), 1.64 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.58 (s, 2H), 1.35 – 1.22 (m, 24H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 183.56, 169.82, 168.05, 153.44, 151.27, 140.40, 140.20, 138.17, 130.72, 130.01, 129.76, 122.79, 119.92, 111.82, 108.68, 105.92, 105.40, 65.75, 61.00, 56.24, 56.19, 55.90, 33.39, 33.23, 31.91, 31.78, 29.77, 29.72, 29.53, 29.40, 29.32, 29.20, 28.53, 27.22, 27.18, 25.81, 22.69, 14.13.

**2-methoxy-4-((E)-3-oxo-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2-((E)-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)acryloyl)pent-4-en-1-yl)phenyl 2-((2-(((E)-octadec-9-en-1-yl)oxy)-2-oxoethyl)disulfaneyl)acetate. (C210-SS-OA)**

**TOF MS (ES-):** calcd. for [C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>74</sub>O<sub>13</sub>S<sub>2</sub>-H]<sup>-</sup> 1005.4493, found 1005.4497.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.69 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 2H), 6.93 – 6.80 (m, 4H), 6.67 (s, 3H), 5.39 – 5.30 (m, 2H), 4.13 (dd, J = 7.3, 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 3.91 – 3.76 (m, 23H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 2.06 – 1.92 (m, 4H), 1.68 – 1.60 (m, 3H), 1.36 – 1.23 (m, 24H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 183.56, 169.38, 167.68, 153.44, 151.33, 142.26, 140.45, 140.19, 138.18, 130.72, 130.00, 129.77, 122.82, 119.93, 119.89, 111.85, 108.69, 105.40, 65.90, 61.02, 61.00, 56.19, 55.90, 55.86, 41.44, 41.03, 31.91, 29.77, 29.73, 29.53, 29.41, 29.33, 29.21, 29.18, 28.51, 27.22, 27.19, 25.81, 22.69, 14.13.

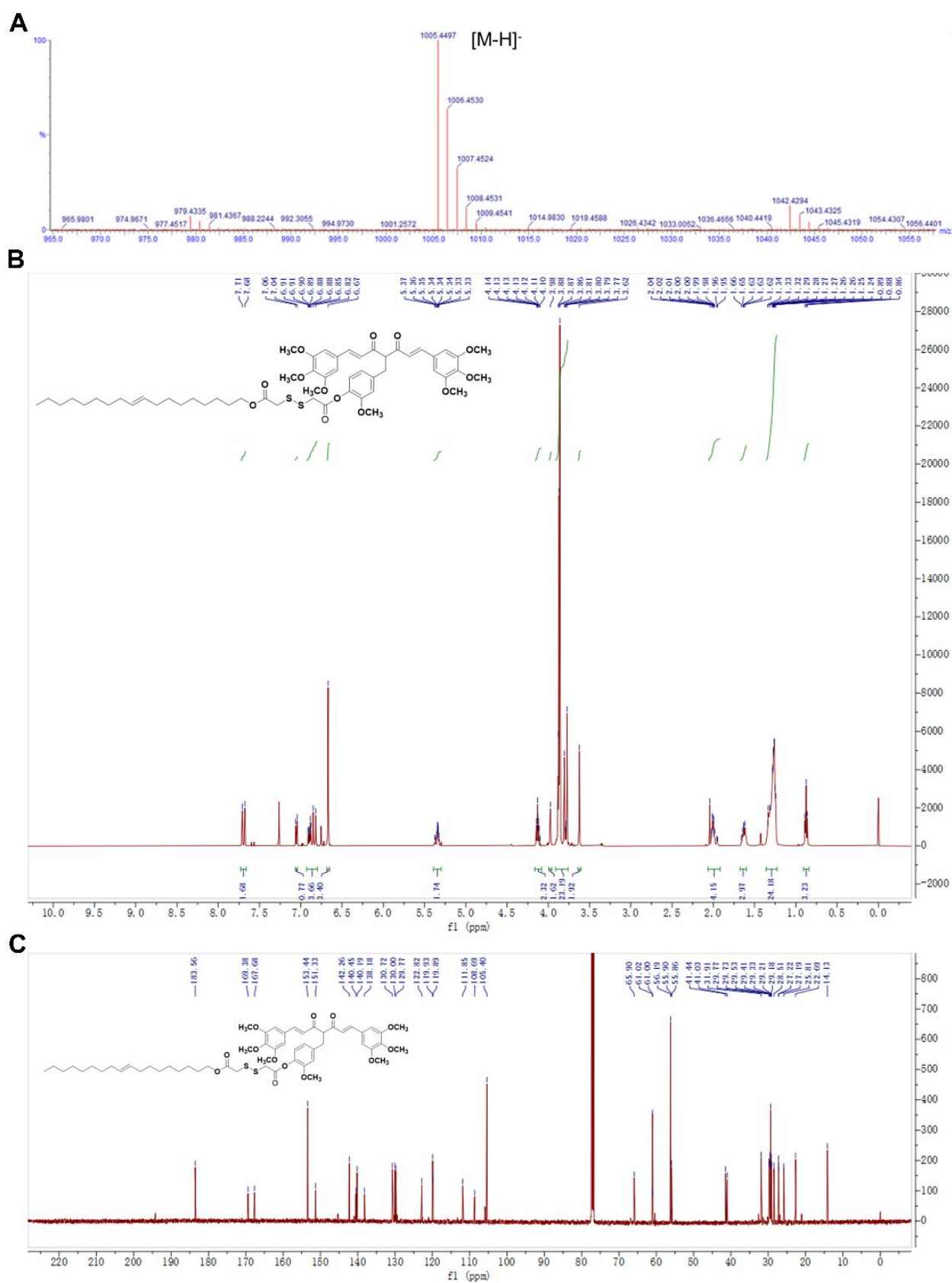
**2-methoxy-4-((E)-3-oxo-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2-((E)-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)acryloyl)pent-4-en-1-yl)phenyl ((E)-octadec-9-en-1-yl) glutarate. (C210-C-OA)**

**TOF MS (ES-):** calcd. for  $[\text{C}_{56}\text{H}_{76}\text{O}_{13}\text{-H}]^-$  955.5208, found 955.5206.

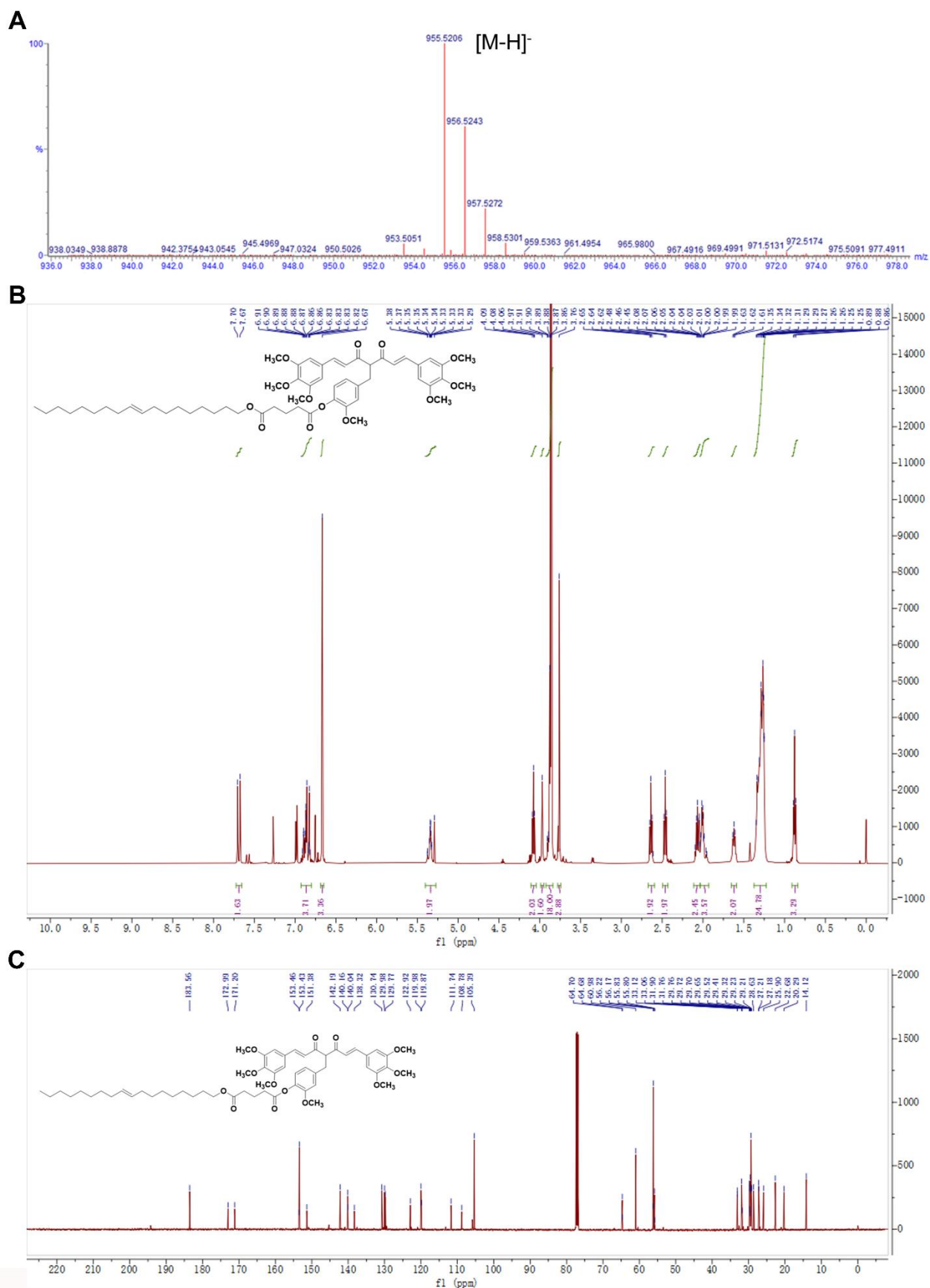
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.69 (d,  $J = 15.3$  Hz, 2H), 6.93 – 6.80 (m, 4H), 6.67 (s, 3H), 5.40 – 5.27 (m, 2H), 4.08 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 3.86 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 18H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.64 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.46 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.11 – 2.03 (m, 2H), 2.03 – 1.93 (m, 4H), 1.62 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.37 – 1.22 (m, 25H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  183.56, 172.99, 171.20, 153.46, 153.43, 151.38, 142.19, 140.16, 140.04, 138.32, 130.74, 129.98, 129.77, 122.92, 119.98, 119.87, 111.74, 108.78, 105.39, 64.70, 64.68, 60.98, 56.22, 56.17, 55.83, 55.80, 33.12, 33.06, 31.90, 31.76, 29.76, 29.72, 29.70, 29.65, 29.52, 29.41, 29.32, 29.23, 29.21, 28.63, 27.21, 27.18, 25.90, 22.68, 20.29, 14.12.

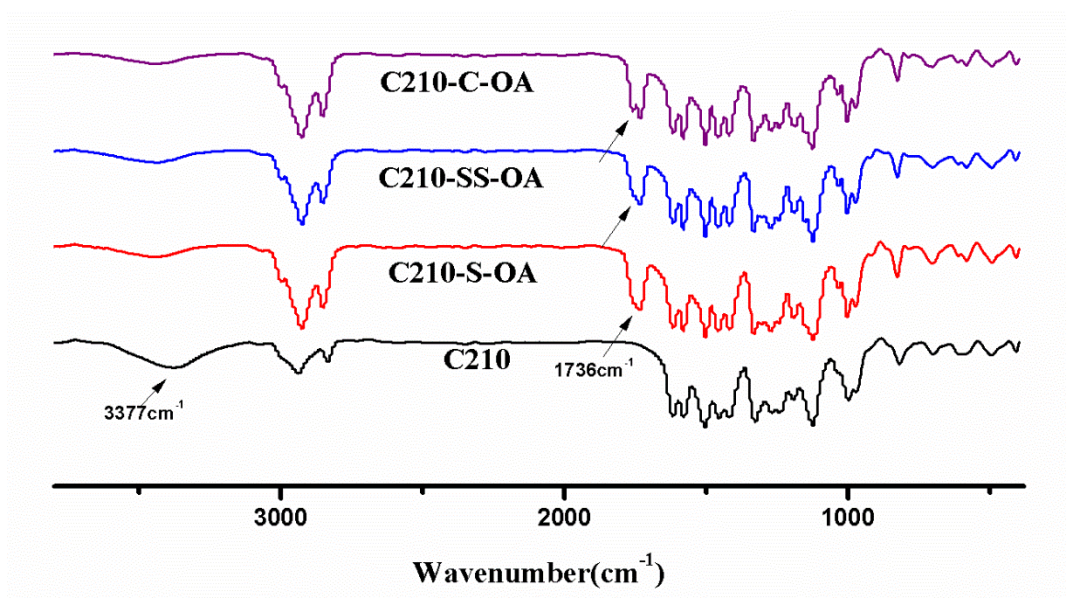




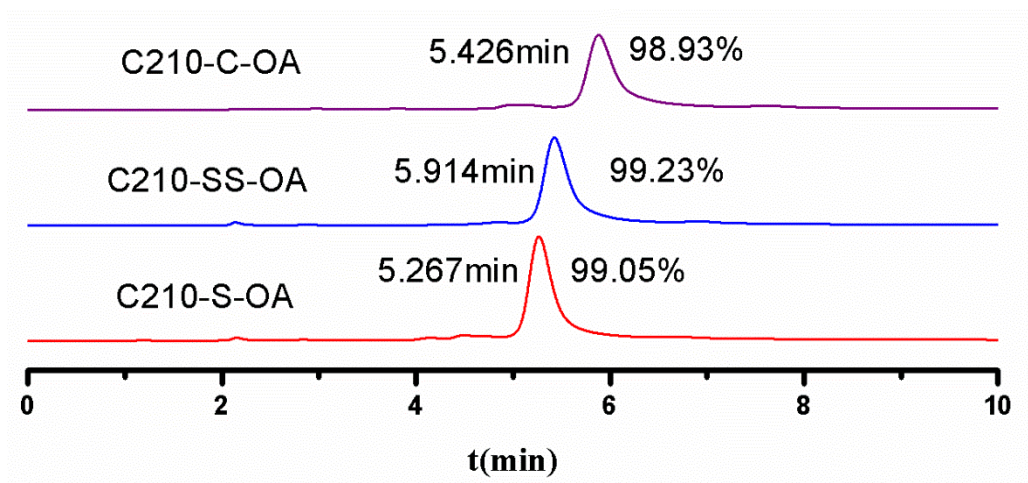
**Figure S2.** Characterization of C210-SS-OA (A) TOF-MS (B)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (C)  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR



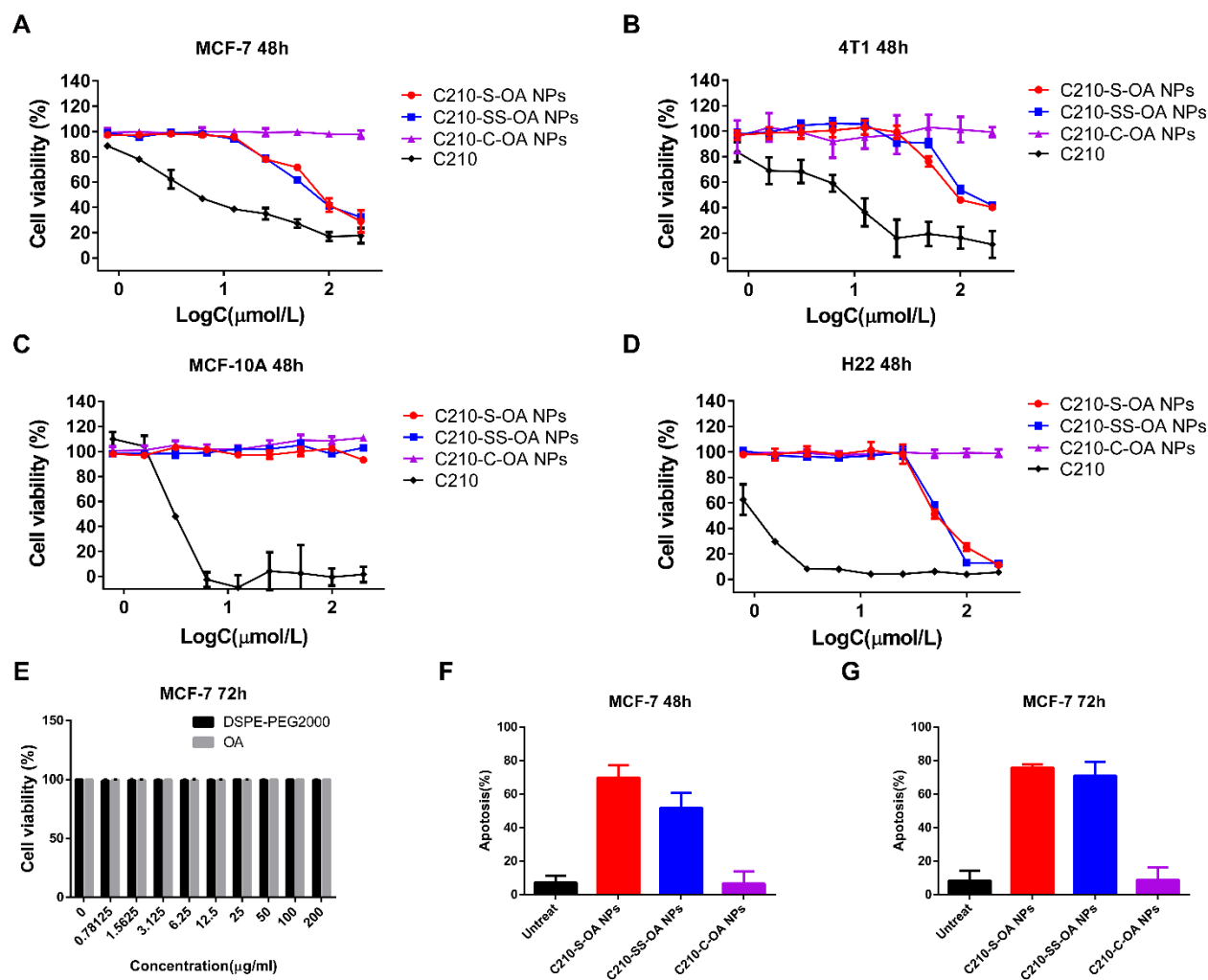
**Figure S3.** Characterization of C210-C-OA (A) TOF-MS (B)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (C)  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR



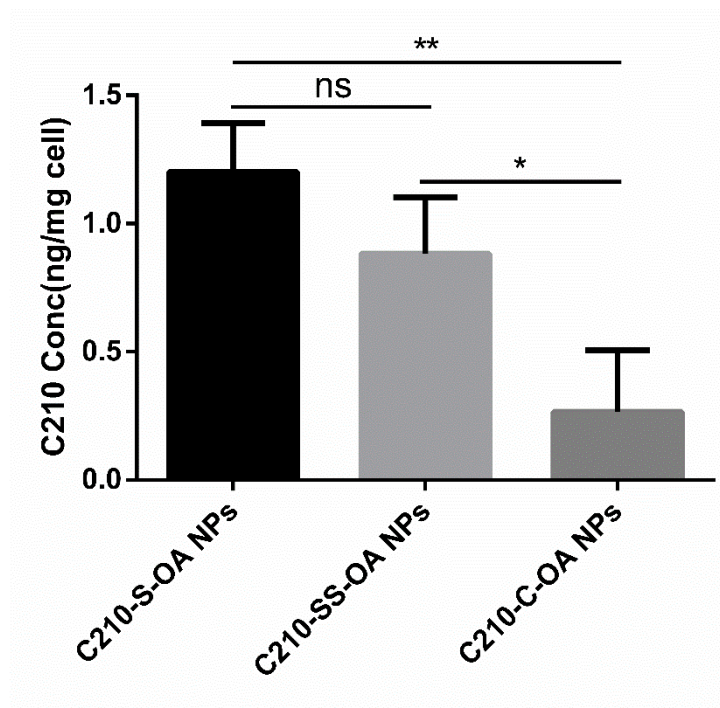
**Figure S4.** Infrared spectra of C210 and its prodrugs



**Figure S5.** Purity of C210 prodrugs using HPLC

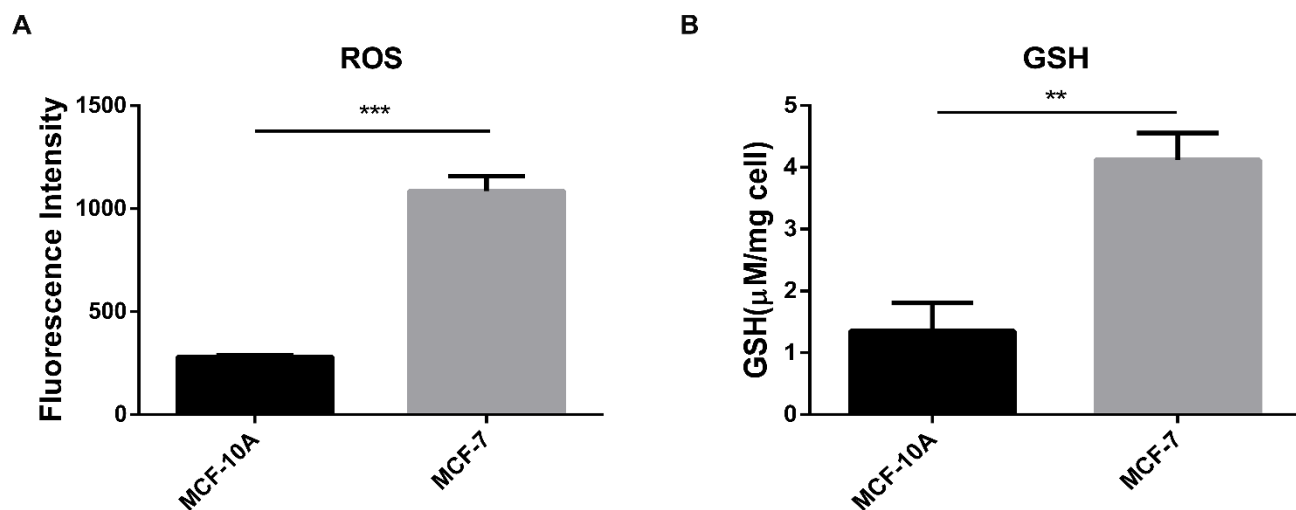


**Figure S6.** Cell viability and apoptosis induction of C210 prodrugs nanoparticles on tumor cell lines. Cell viability of tumor cells treated with the prodrugs nanoparticles and C210 for 48 h. (A) MCF-7 (B) 4T1 (C) MCF-10A (D) H22 (E) Cytotoxicity assay of DSPE-PEG2k and oleyl alcohol. Apoptosis rate of MCF-7 cells after incubation with different formulations. (F)48 h (G) 72h. Data are presented as mean  $\pm$  SD ( $n=3$ ).



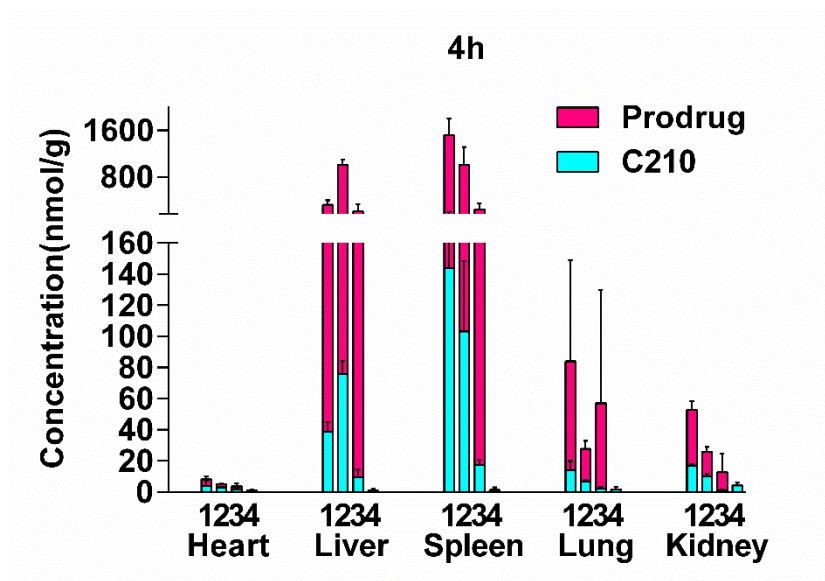
**Figure S7.** C210 release from prodrugs nanoparticles in MCF-7 cells. Data are presented as mean  $\pm$  SD ( $n=3$ ).

\* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$ , ns mean not significant.

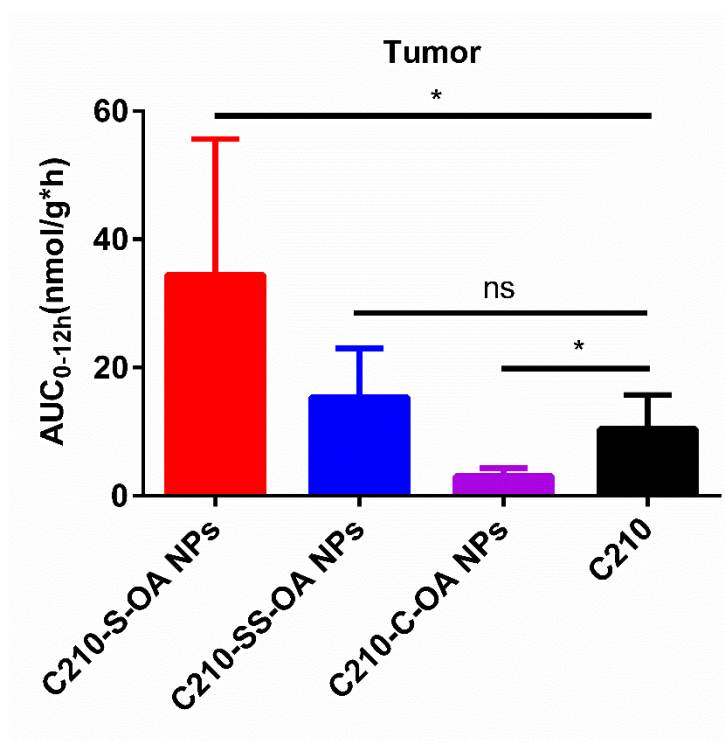


**Figure S8.** Redox levels between normal cells (MCF-10 A) and tumor cells (MCF-7) (A) ROS (B) GSH. Data

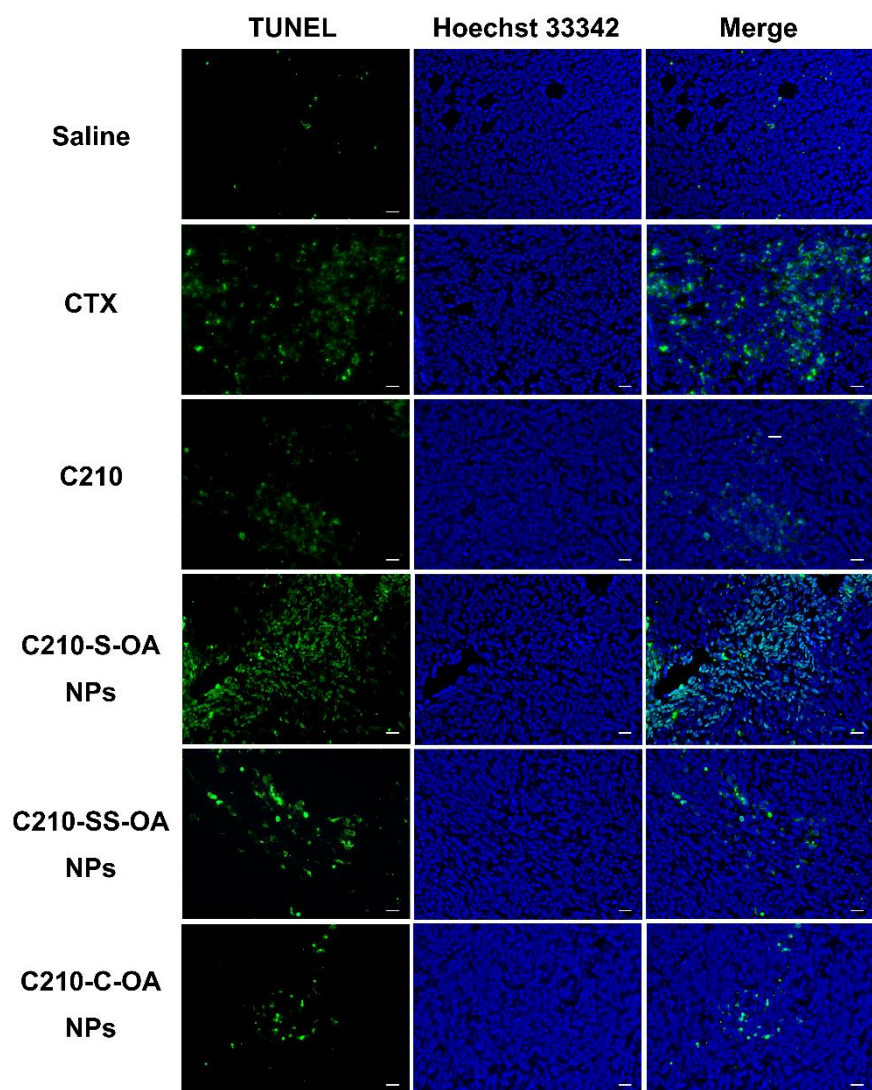
are presented as mean  $\pm$  SD ( $n=3$ ). \*\* $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $p < 0.001$ .



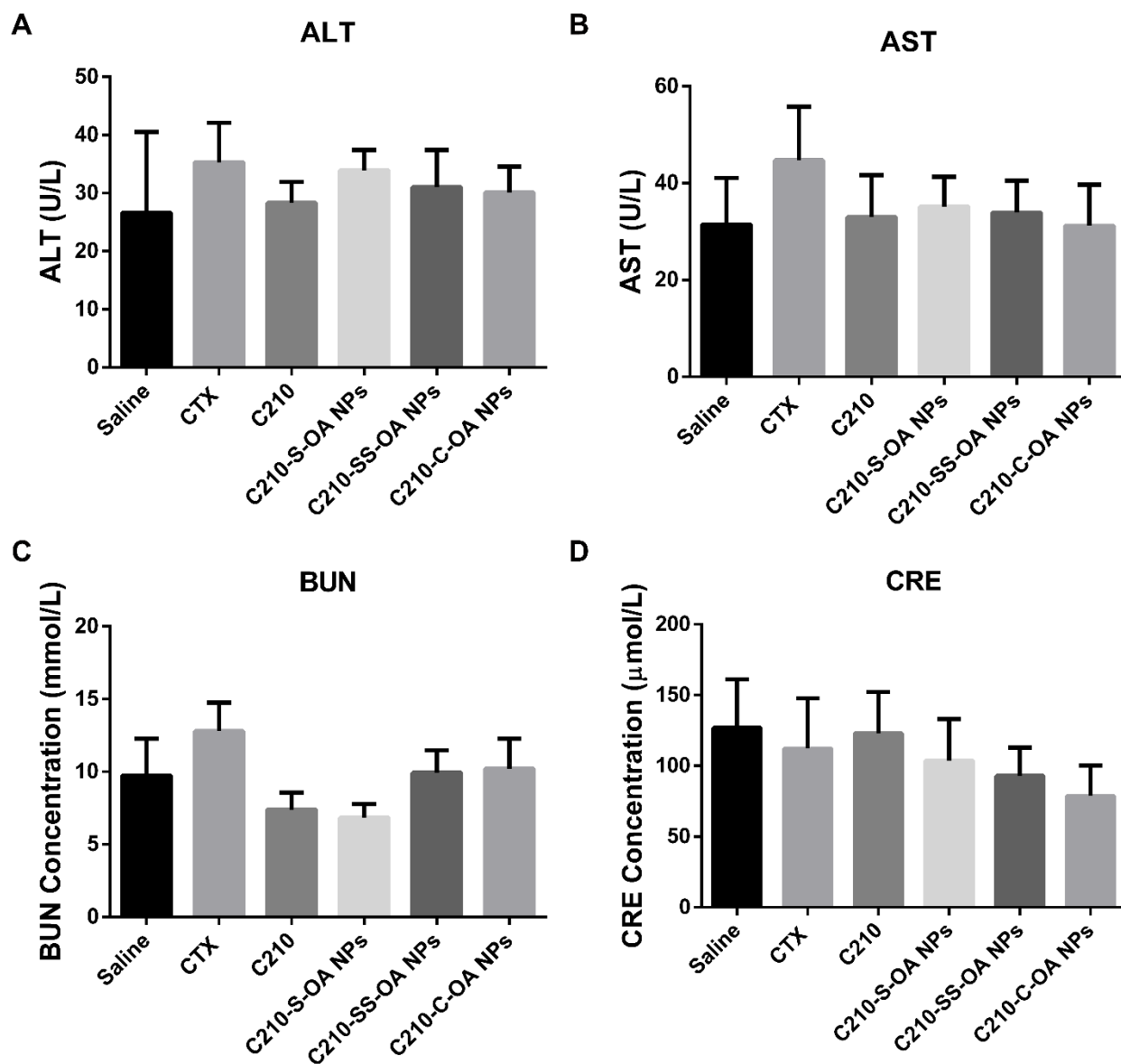
**Figure S9.** The concentration of each C210 prodrug and its corresponding released C210 in tissues (heart, liver, spleen, lung and kidney) at 4 h after intravenous administration at an equivalent dose of 80  $\mu\text{mol/kg}$  C210 using tumor-bearing BALB/C mice.



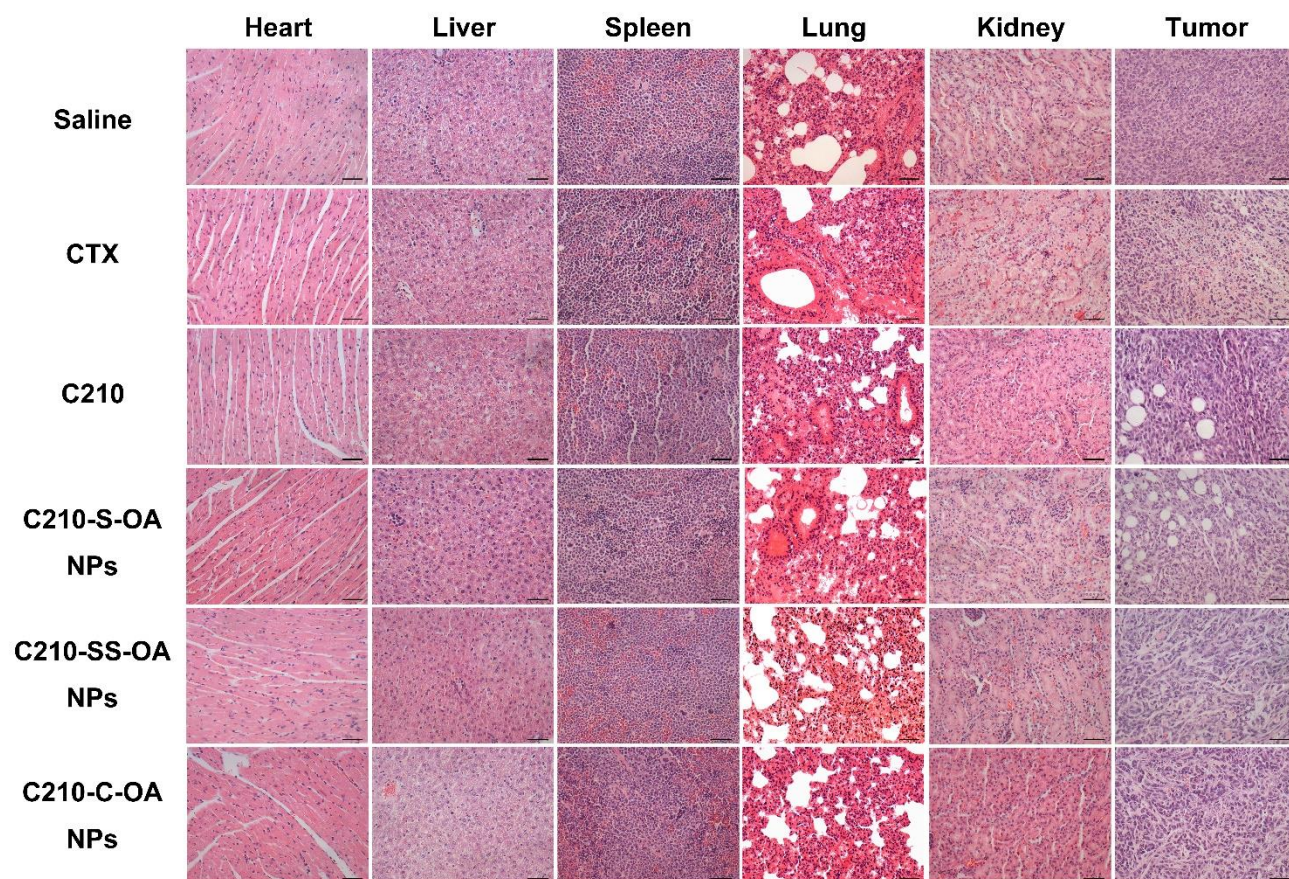
**Figure S10.** AUC<sub>0-12h</sub> of C210 released from C210 prodrugs in tumor tissue after administration. Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD ( $n=3$ ). \* $p < 0.05$ , ns mean not significant.



**Figure S11.** 4T1 tumor section TUNEL assay. Scale bars represent 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .



**Figure S12.** Liver and kidney function parameters of the treated mice ( $n=6$ ). (A) ALT: glutamic aminotransferase (B) AST: glutamic aminotransferase (C) BUN: urea nitrogen (D) CRE: creatinine.



**Figure S13.** HE-stained images of major organ and tumor tissue sections of treated 4T1 tumor-bearing mice.

Scale bars represent 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**Table S1.** Characterization of C210 prodrugs nanoparticles ( $n=3$ )

	Size(nm)	PDI	Zeta potential(mV)	EE(%)	DL(%)
C210-S-OA	128.62±0.84	0.10±0.05	-38.21±1.37	92.39±5.52	51.63±0.48
C210-SS-OA	127.08±0.76	0.10±0.01	-35.29±1.66	98.72±4.68	48.47±0.31
C210-C-OA	122.40±1.63	0.14±0.04	-29.76±2.28	97.93±1.05	49.51±0.31

**Table S2.** Drug release kinetic models from prodrugs nanoparticles

Condition	Sample	Models	Regression	R <sup>2</sup>
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C210-S-OA NPs	Zero-order kinetics	Q=1.10t+38.59	0.44
		First-order kinetics	Q=82.17(1-e <sup>-0.35t</sup> )	0.99
		Higuchi	Q=17.10t <sup>1/2</sup> +17.86	0.80
	C210-SS-OA NPs	Zero-order kinetics	Q=2.10t+26.04	0.56
		First-order kinetics	Q=64.20(1-e <sup>-0.25t</sup> )	0.98
		Higuchi	Q=12.96t <sup>1/2</sup> +11.27	0.87
	C210-C-OA NPs	Zero-order kinetics	Q=0.41t+2.70	0.65
		First-order kinetics	Q=11.30(1-e <sup>-0.14t</sup> )	0.87
		Higuchi	Q=2.39t <sup>1/2</sup> +0.20	0.84
DTT	C210-S-OA NPs	Zero-order kinetics	Q=3.24t+41.75	0.43
		First-order kinetics	Q=99.55(1-e <sup>-0.28t</sup> )	0.99
		Higuchi	Q=21.11t <sup>1/2</sup> +16.20	0.79
	C210-SS-OA NPs	Zero-order kinetics	Q=2.22t+65.13	0.09
		First-order kinetics	Q=97.01(1-e <sup>-1.94t</sup> )	0.99
		Higuchi	Q=17.35t <sup>1/2</sup> +40.57	0.45
	C210-C-OA NPs	Zero-order kinetics	Q=1.04t+2.32	0.63
		First-order kinetics	Q=24.48(1-e <sup>-0.09t</sup> )	0.80
		Higuchi	Q=5.73t <sup>1/2</sup> -3.30	0.72

**Table S3.** IC<sub>50</sub> values (μmol/l) of C210 and prodrugs nanoparticles against cancer cells (*n*=3).

Formulations	4T1		H22	
	48h	72h	48h	72h
C210	5.5±1.7	2.8±0.5	1.5±0.2	0.8±0.1
C210-S-OA	92.4±1.2	84.5±9.7	53.5±4.1	37.5±8.4
C210-SS-OA	126.5±21.5	83.8±3.0	69.7±7.3	43.2±3.2
C210-C-OA	>200	>200	>200	>200

**Table S4.** IC<sub>50</sub> values (μmol/l) of C210 and prodrugs nanoparticles between normal cells and cancer cells.Relative therapeutic index =IC<sub>50</sub> normal /IC<sub>50</sub> cancer (*n*=3).

Formulations	MCF-10A		MCF-7		Relative therapeutic index
	48h	72h	48h	72h	72h
C210	4.7±0.4	1.1±0.2	4.5±0.8	1.4±0.7	0.8
C210-S-OA	>200	>200	82.1±1.7	52.5±15.1	>3.8
C210-SS-OA	>200	>200	94.8±3.2	80.5±21.7	>2.5
C210-C-OA	>200	>200	>200	>200	-

**Table S5.** Pharmacokinetic parameters of C210 and C210 released from prodrugs nanoparticles. \*\*\**p*<0.001 vs. C210 group (*n*=3).

Formulations	AUC <sub>0-12h</sub>	MRT <sub>0-12h</sub>	T <sub>1/2</sub>
	(μmol/l*h)	(h)	(h)
C210	74.51±25.50	0.44±0.15	1.17±0.76
C210-S-OA NPs	734.29±106.39***	3.21±0.31***	1.58±0.51
C210-SS-OA NPs	713.72±159.55***	2.97±0.31***	1.79±0.40
C210-C-OA NPs	44.99±18.83	2.50±0.46***	1.32±0.40

**Table S6.** Pharmacokinetic parameters of C210 prodrugs (*n*=3).

<b>Formulations</b>	<b>AUC<sub>0-12h</sub></b>	<b>MRT<sub>0-12h</sub></b>	<b>T<sub>1/2</sub></b>
	<b>(μmol/l*h)</b>	<b>(h)</b>	<b>(h)</b>
C210-S-OA NPs	479.95±70.85	2.94±0.42	1.94±0.32
C210-SS-OA NPs	370.02±155.86	3.14±0.32	2.17±1.12
C210-C-OA NPs	508.50±202.57	2.89±0.84	2.37±1.15