

## Supplementary material

Table S1. The 96 hpf mortality of zebrafish embryo exposed to PEG@Cu NCs, Kocide<sup>®</sup> 3000 and Cu(CH<sub>3</sub>COO)<sub>2</sub>.

PEG@Cu NCs		Kocide <sup>®</sup> 3000		Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> COO) <sub>2</sub>	
Concentration (mg/L)	Mortality (%)	Concentration (mg/L)	Mortality (%)	Concentration (mg/L)	Mortality (%)
Control	0.00	Control	6.41	Control	6.98
0.0125	2.22	0.25	6.98	0.23	19.51
0.05	31.11	0.5	4.44	0.26	29.27
0.2	53.33	1	7.78	0.304	65.85
0.8	84.45	2	6.67	0.349	94.87
3.2	93.33	4	16.67	0.402	100.00

Note: hpf = hours postfertilization.

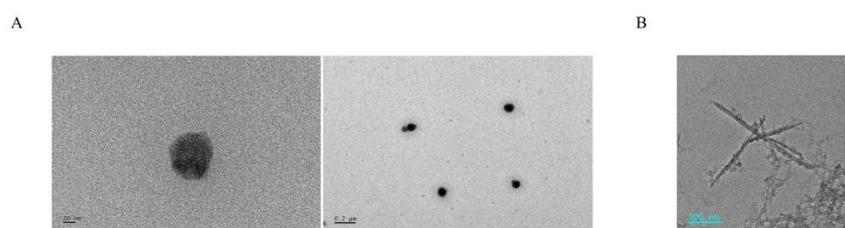


Figure S1. Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images of PEG@Cu NCs (A) and Kocide<sup>®</sup> 3000 (B).

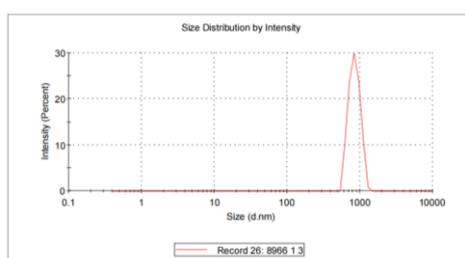


Figure S2. Hydrodynamic particle size distribution of Kocide<sup>®</sup> 3000.