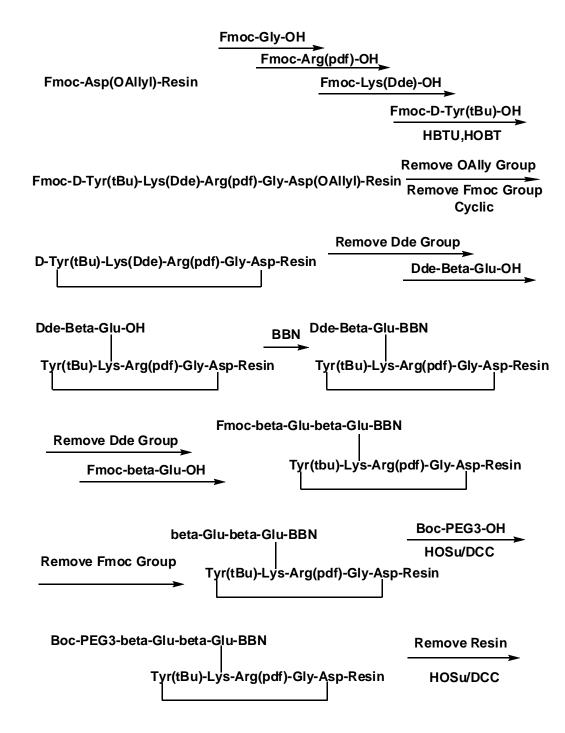
Preparation of QD-RGD-BBN

QD-RGD-BBN, purchased from APeptide Co., Ltd (Shanghai, China), was synthesized from conjugation of peptide heterodimer BocNH-PEG₃-(SuO)-beta-Glu-RGD-BBN with QD-705 and deprotection of Boc (t-butyloxycarbonyl-) group with trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) as shown in Fig 1B. The peptide heterodimer BocNH-PEG₃-(SuO)-beta-Glu-BBN-RGD-Resin was synthesized stepwise by solid-phase peptide synthesis strategy as described in Supplemental Fig. 1. In brief, loading of Fmoc-Asp(Oallyl)-resin, synthesis of the cyclo(Arg-Gly-Asp-D-Tyr-Lys) (RGD) peptide follows standard peptide synthesis protocols. The β -carboxylate was activated and coupled with cyclic RGD peptide via the lysine side chain ε -amine group. After removing the -Dde protected group from β-Glu, the heterodimer peptide

Fmoc-beta-Glu-BBN(7-14)-beta-Glu*-cyclo(Arg-Gly-Asp-D-Tyr-Lys)-Resin

(Fmoc-beta-Glu-BBN-RGD-Resin) was obtained, which indicates the amino acid that links the RGD and BBN peptides and has a NH₂ group for Fmoc-Glu-OH conjugation, RGD was coupled to the glutamate β -carboxylate group and BBN was coupled to the glutamate another β -carboxylate group. BocNH-PEG₃-(SuO)-beta-Glu-RGD-BBN was prepared from removing -Fmoc group of Fmoc-beta-Glu-BBN-RGD-Resin, conjugation with Boc-PEG₃-OH, activation of β -carboxylate, and detaching/deprotecting the resin. The final heterodimer product QD-RGD-BBN was synthesized by conjugation of BocNH-PEG₃-SuO-beta-Glu-RGD-BBN with QD-705 under mild condition and Boc group deprotection with TFA, and then purified by preparative HPLC and lyophilized to afford QD-RGD-BBN as a white powder. ESI-MS: $(M + 3H)^{3+} = 700.8$; RP-HPLC: $t_R = 12.6 \text{ min} (10\%-80\% \text{ MeCN/H}_2\text{O}; 20 \text{ min}).$



BocNH-PEG3-SuO-beta-Glu-RGD-BBN

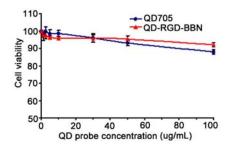
SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE 1. The solid-phase synthetic scheme of the peptide heterodimer BocNH-PEG₃-(SuO)-beta-Glu-RGD-BBN.

Preparation of ¹⁸F-FP-QD-RGD-BBN

0.3 mg of QD-RGD-BBN in 0.2 mL of DMSO containing 20 μ L of diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA) was added to the reaction vessel with ¹⁸F-NFP and heated at 40°C for 5 min. At the end of the reaction, the reaction mixture was quenched by adding of 5% acetic acid (600 μ L) and diluted with water (10 mL), and the solution was passed through a Sep-Pak plus C18 cartridge. ¹⁸F-FP-QD-RGD-BBN was trapped on the C18 cartridge, and the cartridge was washed with 10 mL of water. Finally, ¹⁸F-FP-QD-RGD-BBN was eluted with 1 mL of ethanol into vial with 10 mL saline.

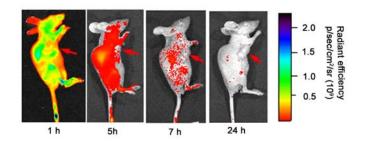
In vivo biodistribution

The biodistribution study for ¹⁸F-FP-QD-RGD-BBN was performed in Kunming mice (body weight range 18-25 g). Mice were injected with 0.74 MBq (20 μ Ci) of ¹⁸F-FP-QD-RGD-BBN through the tail vein. Prescribed increments of time at 5, 30, 60, and 120 min postinjection were allowed before procurement of organs and tissues. Blood was obtained through mouse eyeball, and the other tissue samples of interest, including heart, brain, lung, liver, spleen, pancreas, kidneys, intestine, muscle, stomach, and bone, were rapidly dissected and weighed. ¹⁸F radioactivity was counted with an auto- γ counter. All measurements were background-subtracted and decay-corrected to the time of injection. The results were calculated as percentage injected dose per gram tissue or organ (%ID/g) (n = 4).



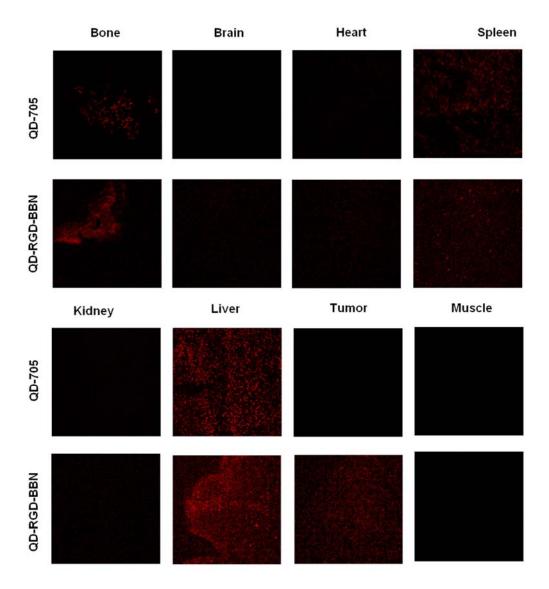
SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE 2. Cytotoxicity of QD-RGD-BBN and QD705 at

various concentrations.



SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE 3. In vivo NIRF imaging of PC-3 tumor-bearing mice

at 1, 5, 7, and 24 h after injection of 200 pmol QD705.



SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE 4. QD-RGD-BBN (QD conjugated probe) and QD705 fluorescence images of frozen tissue slices (8 µm thickness). All images were acquired under the same experimental condition. The fluorescence images of all the tissues were displayed at the same scale. Magnification, 200×. Histological images of QD705 and QD conjugated probe in tissues. Excitation: 420 nm, Emission: 705/20 nm.



SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE 5. The original approval documents for animal experimental studies. Approval No. [2013]A-173 (top) and No. [2012]001 (bottom) were issued by Institutional Animal Care and Utilization Committee (IACUU) of the First Affiliated Hospital, Sun Yat-Sen University.