

# Synthesis, Characterization and X-ray Attenuation Properties of Ultrasmall BiOI Nanoparticles: Towards Renal Clearable Particulate CT Contrast Agents

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## Summary of structure determination for BiOI by X-ray powder diffraction

*Table S1 Crystal data*

BiOI	$F_{000} = 288$
$M_r = 351.88$	$D_x = 8.002 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Tetragonal, $P4/nmm$	Melting point: ? K
Hall symbol: -P 4a 2a	$K\alpha_1, K\alpha_2$ radiation, $\lambda = 1.540600, 1.544400 \text{ \AA}$
$a = 3.99399(4) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 295 \text{ K}$
$b = 3.99399(4) \text{ \AA}$	Specimen shape: disk
$c = 9.15486(8) \text{ \AA}$	$12 \times 12 \times 0.2 \text{ mm}$
$V = 146.038 (3) \text{ \AA}^3$	Particle morphology: plate-like, red-orange
$Z = 2$	

### *Data collection*

D8 Advance powder diffractometer	$T = 295 \text{ K}$
Radiation source: sealed tube	$2\theta_{\min} = 7.00^\circ$

Monochromator: Ni beta-filter  $2\theta_{\max} = 109.07^\circ$   
 Specimen mounted in reflection mode Increment in  $2\theta = 0.02^\circ$   
 Background-less sample holder Scan method: step

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*Refinement*

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Least-squares matrix: full 54 parameters  
 $R_p = 0.027$  2 constraints  
 $R_{wp} = 0.036$   $S = 1.39$   
 $R_{exp} = 0.026$   $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.04$   
 $R_{F2} = 0.016$

Profile function: CW Profile function number 3 with 19 terms, Pseudovoigt profile coefficients as parameterized in P. Thompson, D.E. Cox & J.B. Hastings (1987). J. Appl. Cryst.,20,79-83. Asymmetry correction of L.W. Finger, D.E. Cox & A. P. Jephcoat (1994). J. Appl. Cryst.,27,892-900.

Preferred orientation correction: March-Dollase, Ratio= 0.64143, h= 0, k= 0, l= 1; Preferred orientation correction range: Min= 0.4097, Max= 5.3361

#1(GU) = 119.081 #2(GV) = -5.084 #3(GW) = 11.207  
 #4(GP) = 25.131 #5(LX) = 1.863 #6(LY) = 26.859  
 #7(S/L) = 0.0103 #8(H/L) = 0.0103 #9(trns) = 2.18  
 #10(shft) = -8.9199 #11(stec) = -9.60 #12(pte) = 14.58  
 #13(sfec) = 0.00 #14(L11) = -0.469 #15(L22) = -1.237  
 #16(L33) = 0.031 #17(L12) = 0.358 #18(L13) = 0.126  
 #19(L23) = 0.292

Peak tails are ignored where the intensity is below 0.005 times the peak Aniso. broadening axis 0 0 1.

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**Table S2** Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}$
Bi1	0.25	0.25	0.13358 (3)	0.01169 (7)
O1	0.25	0.75	0.0	0.01169 (7)
I1	0.25	0.25	0.66586 (5)	0.01169 (7)

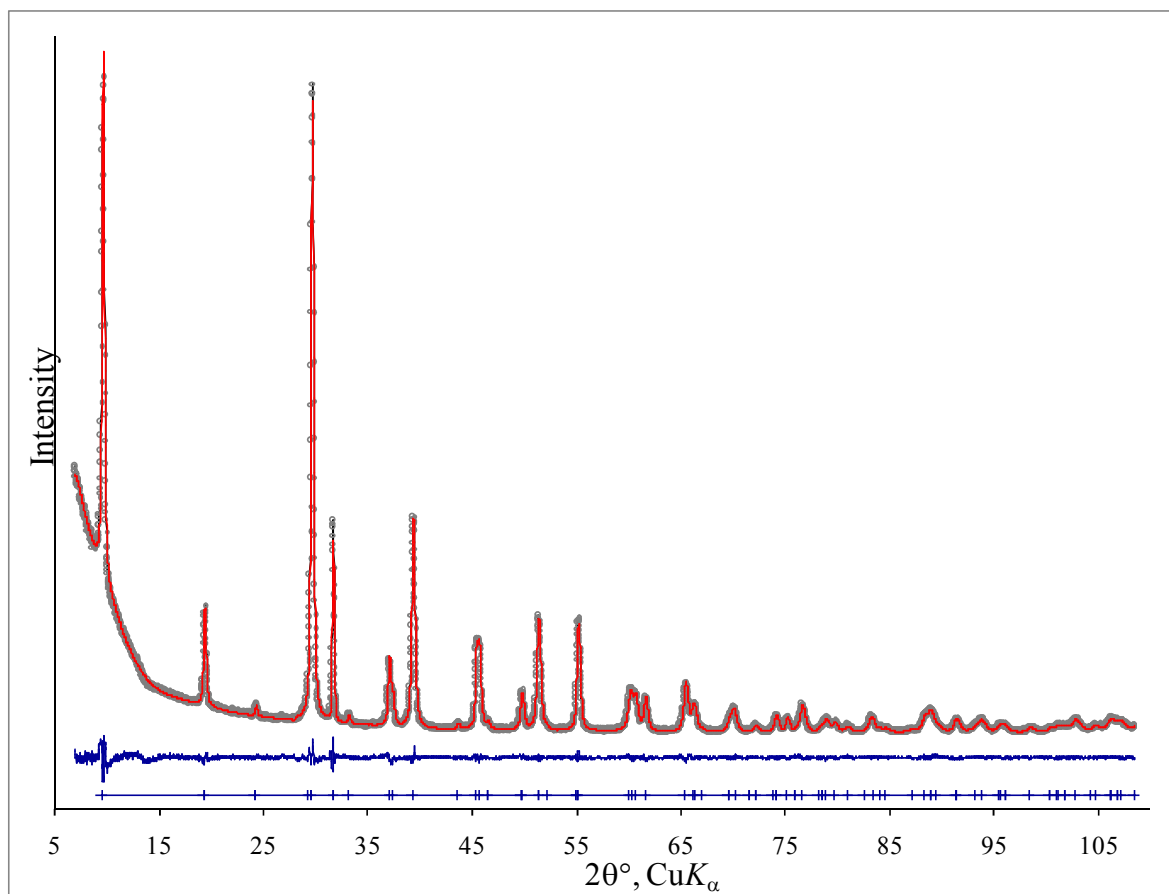
*Table S3 Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

Bi1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	2.3417(2)	O1—Bi1	2.3417(2)
Bi1—O1	2.3417(2)	O1—Bi1 <sup>viii</sup>	2.3417(2)
Bi1—O1 <sup>ii</sup>	2.3417(2)	O1—Bi1 <sup>ix</sup>	2.3417(2)
Bi1—O1 <sup>iii</sup>	2.3417(2)	O1—Bi1 <sup>x</sup>	2.3417(2)
Bi1—I1 <sup>iv</sup>	3.3686(3)	I1—Bi1 <sup>iv</sup>	3.3686(3)
Bi1—I1 <sup>v</sup>	3.3686(3)	I1—Bi1 <sup>v</sup>	3.3686(3)
Bi1—I1 <sup>vi</sup>	3.3686(3)	I1—Bi1 <sup>vi</sup>	3.3686(3)
Bi1—I1 <sup>vii</sup>	3.3686(3)	I1—Bi1 <sup>vii</sup>	3.3686(3)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Bi1—O1	117.036(13)	O1 <sup>iii</sup> —Bi1—I1 <sup>vi</sup>	77.237(5)
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O1—Bi1—I1 <sup>v</sup>	77.237(5)	Bi1—O1—Bi1 <sup>x</sup>	105.826(6)
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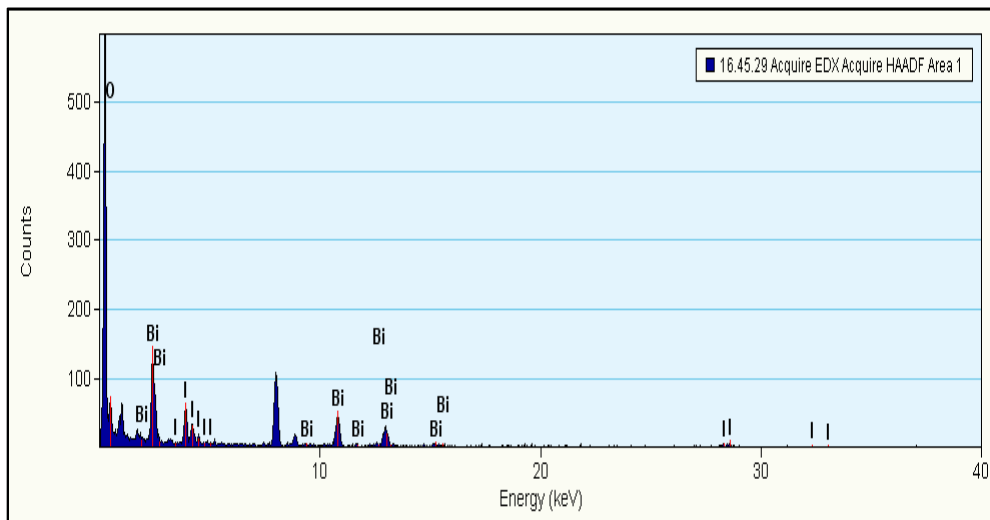
Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, y-1, z$ ; (ii)  $1/2-y, x, z$ ; (iii)  $3/2-y, x, z$ ; (iv)  $-x, -y, 1-z$ ; (v)  $-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ;  
(vi)  $1-x, -y, 1-z$ ; (vii)  $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ; (viii)  $x, y+1, z$ ; (ix)  $-x, 1-y, -z$ ; (x)  $1-x, 1-y, -z$ .

Data collection: *XRD commander*; cell refinement: *GSAS*; program(s) used to refine structure: *GSAS*; software used to prepare material for publication: *Platon, publCIF*.

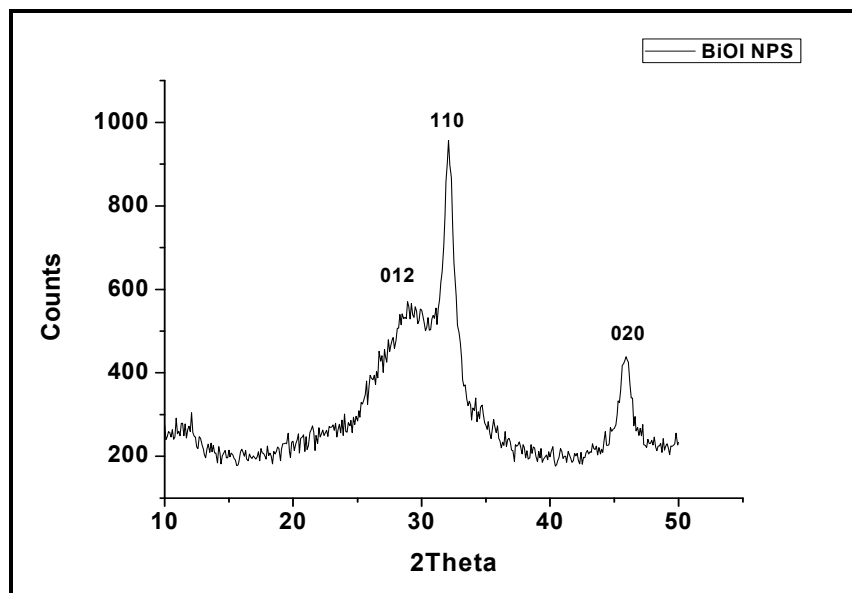


**Figure S1** Rietveld refinement plot of BiOI with the difference between observed and calculated patterns shown at the bottom and the reflection positions shown as the vertical lines

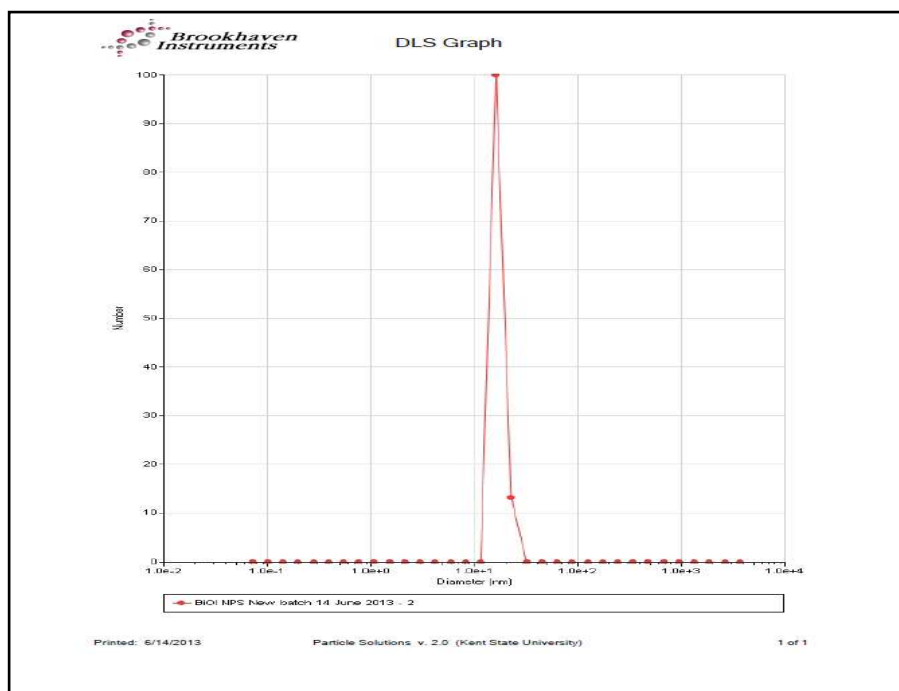
## Other spectroscopic characterization data



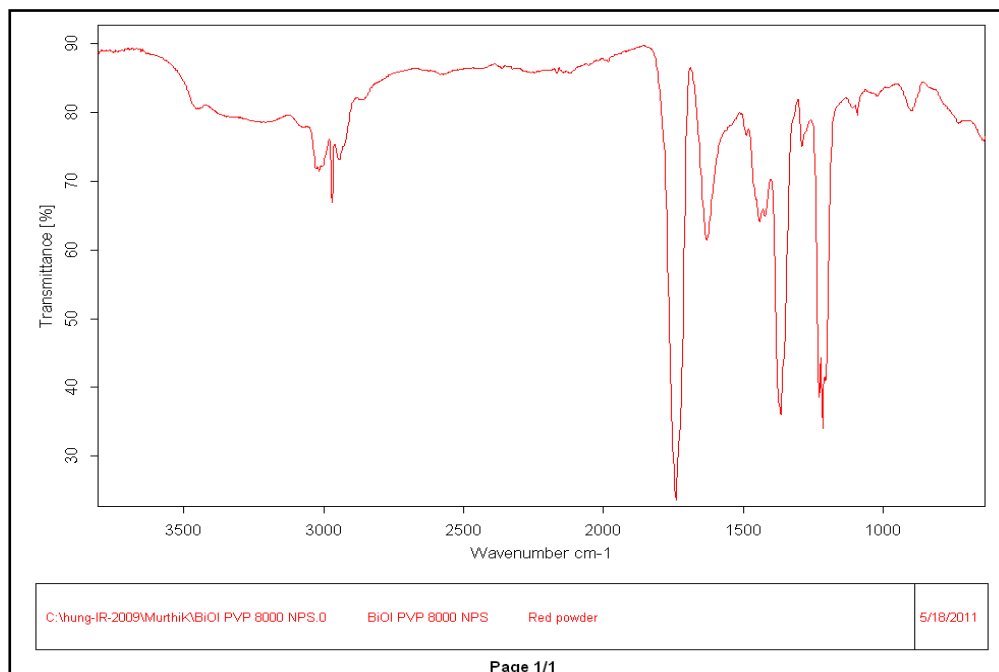
**Figure S2** EDX spectrum of a typical PVP-coated BiOI nanoparticle



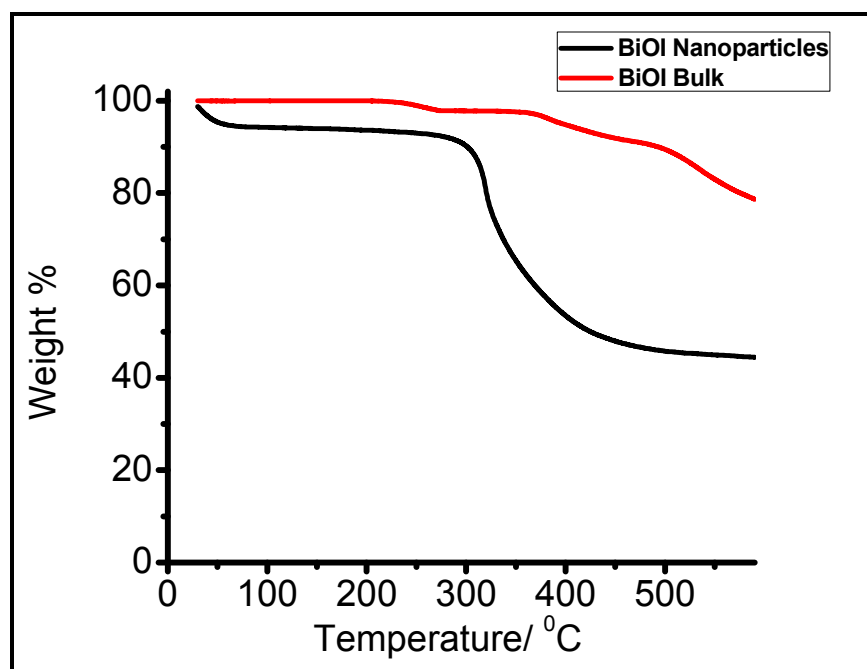
**Figure S3** X-ray powder diffraction patterns of the BiOI NPs



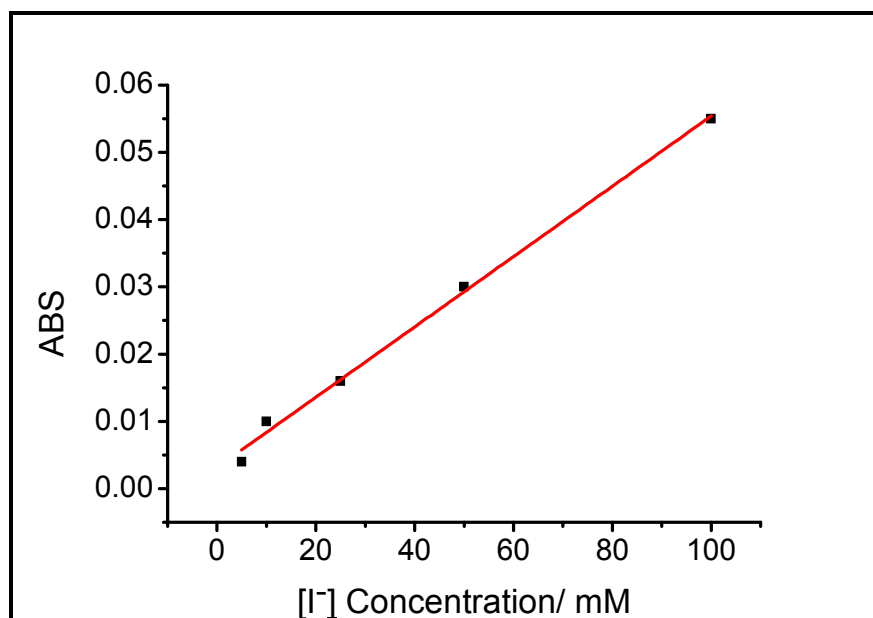
**Figure S4** Particle size distribution of PVP-coated BiOI NPs in water dispersion



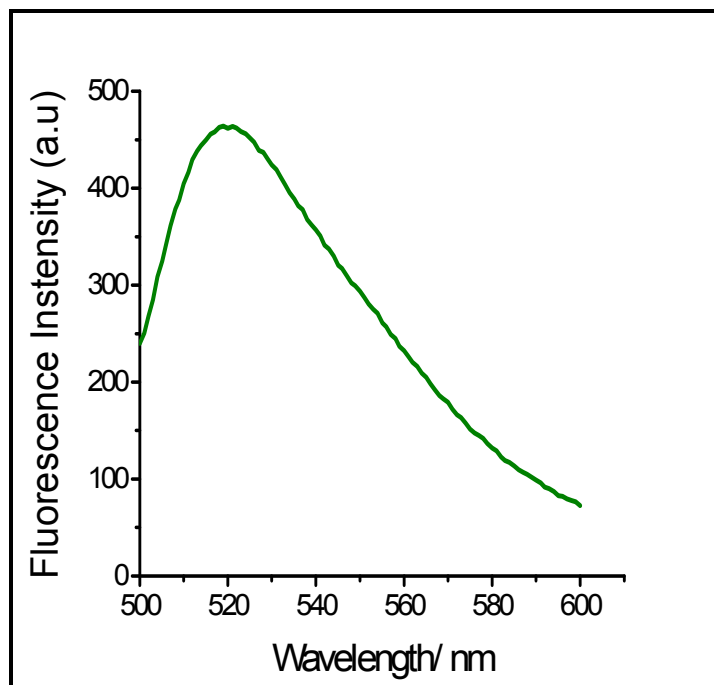
**Figure S5** The FT-IR spectrum of PVP-coated BiOI NPs



**Figure S6** The TGA curve of PVP-coated BiOI NP



**Figure S7** Calibration curve of absorbance vs. I<sup>-</sup> concentration



**Figure S8** Fluorescence emission spectrum of dye-conjugated BiOI NPs