

Supporting Materials for

Man-HA-MnO₂ Nanoparticles Enhance Chemotherapy Response by Priming Tumor-Associated Macrophages toward M1-like Macrophages and Attenuating Tumor Hypoxia

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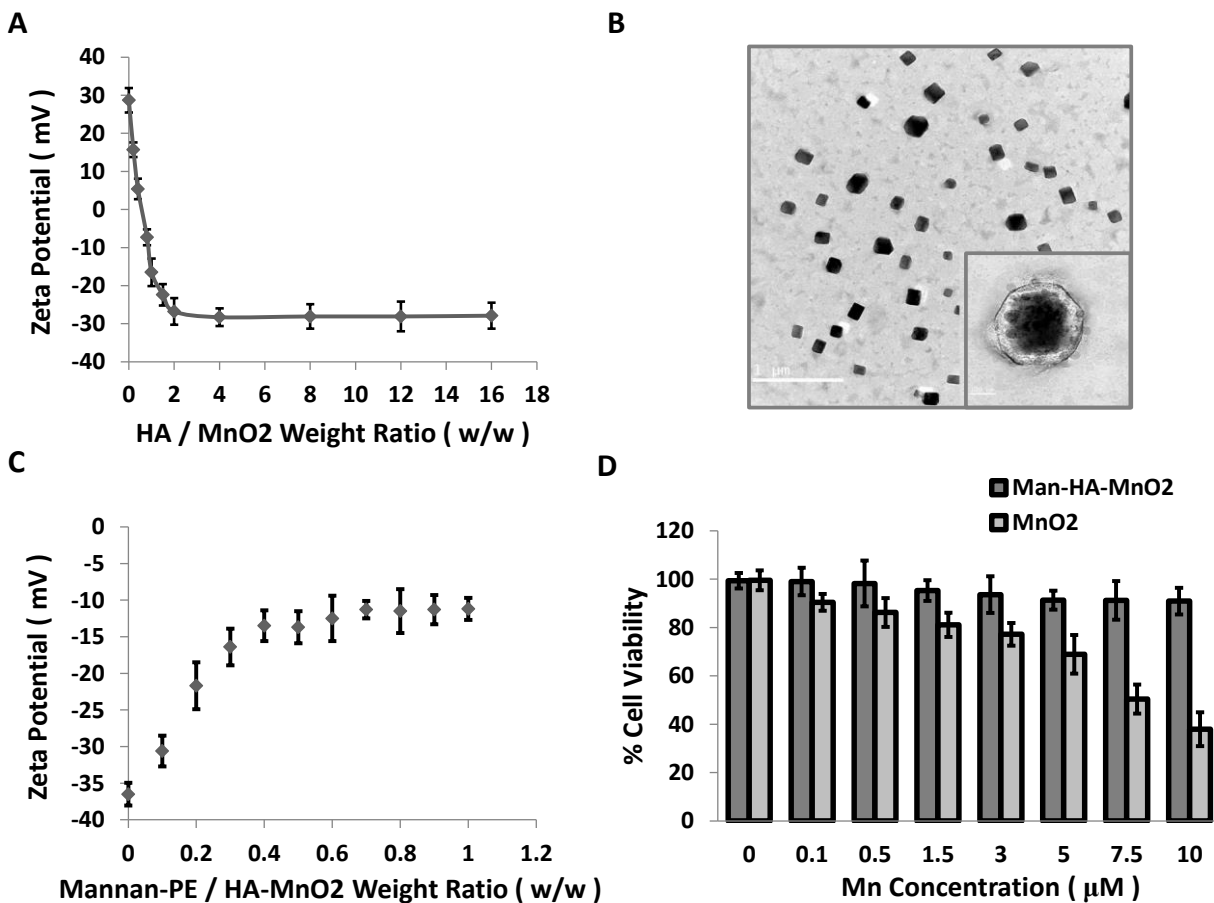


Figure S1. Characterization of Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs: (A) Effect of HA conjugation on zeta potential of the NPs at various HA/MnO₂ ratios (w/w). (B) TEM images of Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs. (C) Effect of mannan modification on zeta potential of the NPs at various Mannan-PEs to HA-MnO₂ weight ratios (w/w). (D) Viability of macrophages exposed to various concentrations of Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs and MnO₂ NPs for 4 h (n=3).

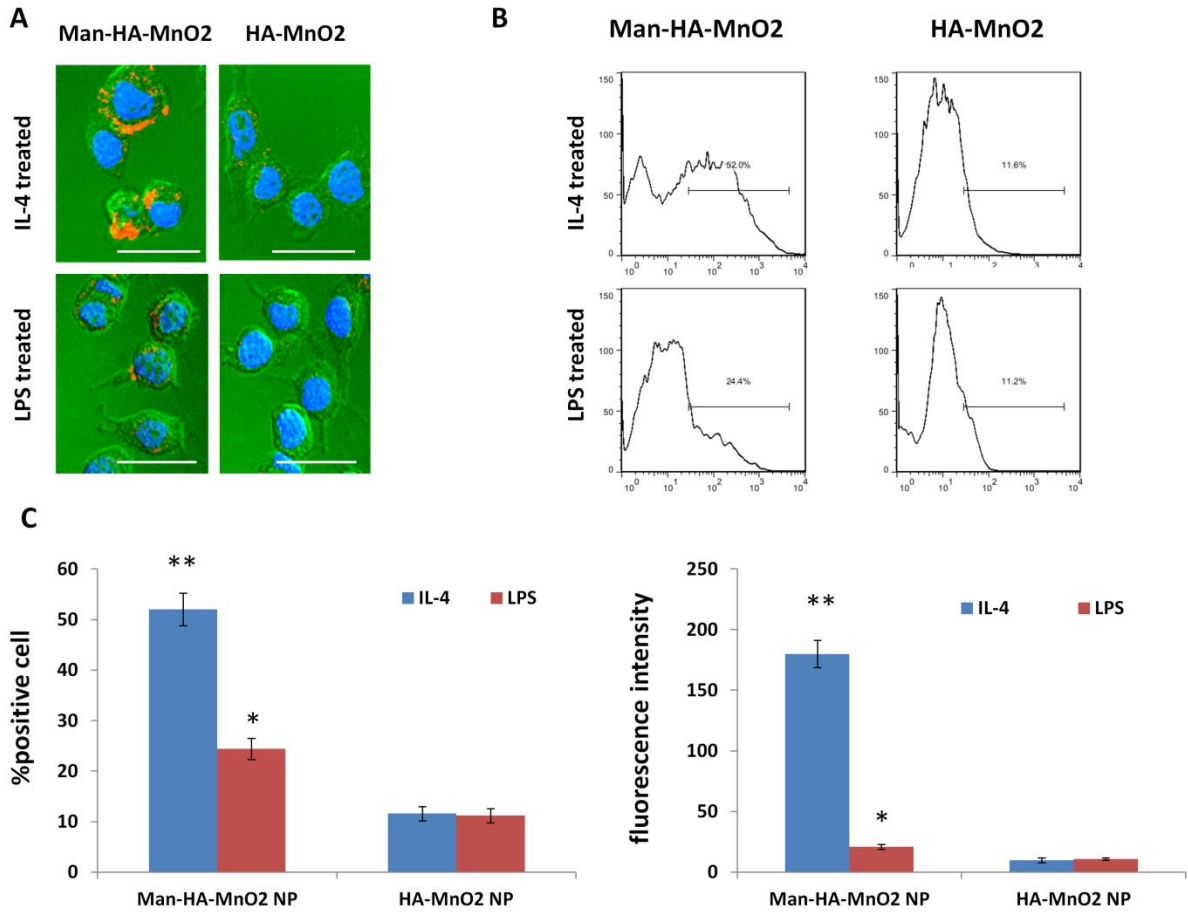


Figure S2. Cell binding of Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs: (A) Fluorescence images of cell binding of Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs (red) at 4 °C by M2 macrophages following 1 h incubation with NPs. Scale bar, 100 μm. (B), (C) Flow cytometric analysis of cell binding of Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs at 4 °C by M2 macrophages following 1 h incubation with NPs (n=3). ***p* = 0.002 as compared to HA-MnO₂ NPs.

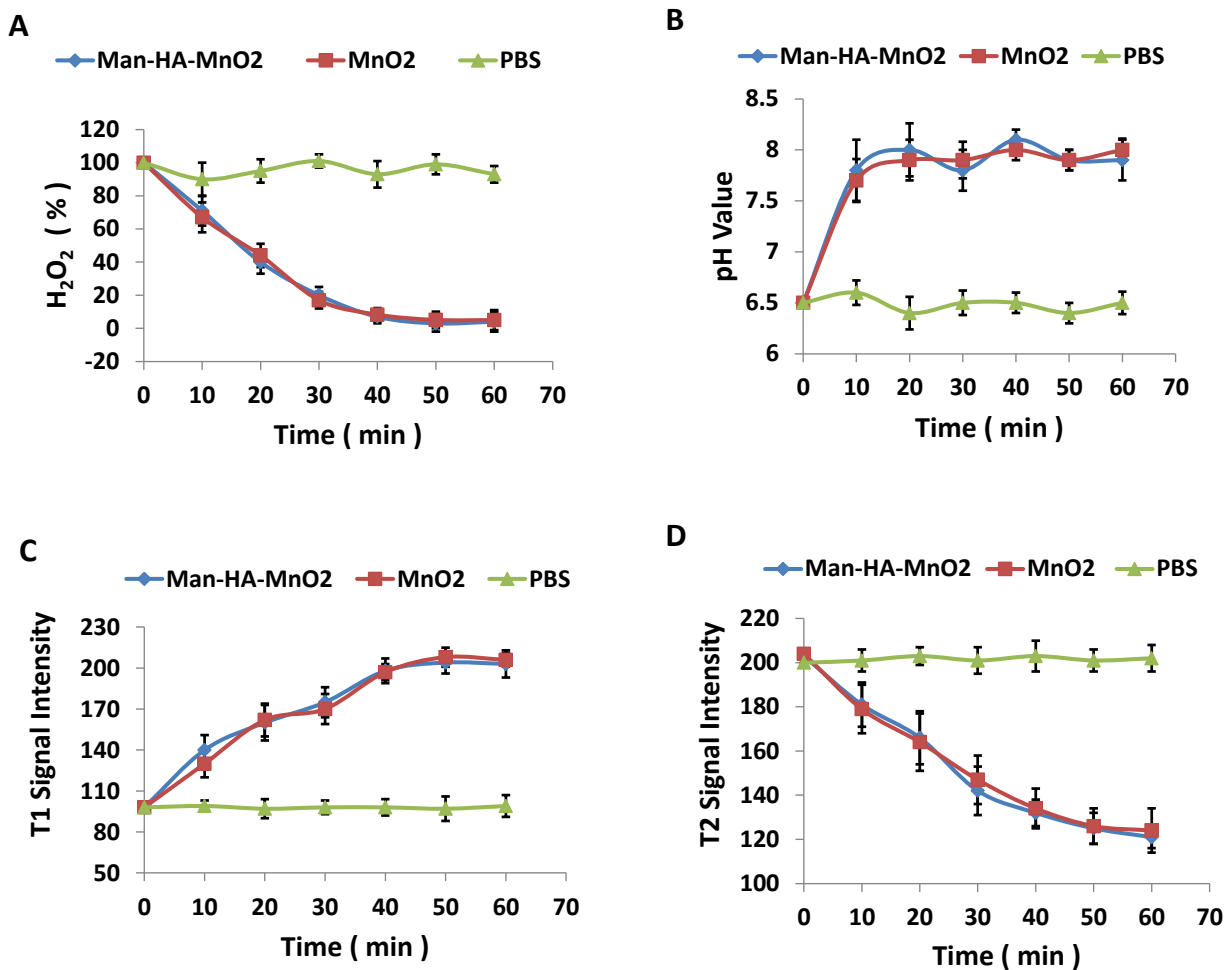


Figure S3. Reaction of Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs toward H₂O₂: (A) Quenching of H₂O₂ (300 μM) by Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs (50 μM). (B) pH increase over time by the Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs. (C), (D) Enhancement in T₁-, T₂-weighted MR signal vs. time by the Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs (n=3).

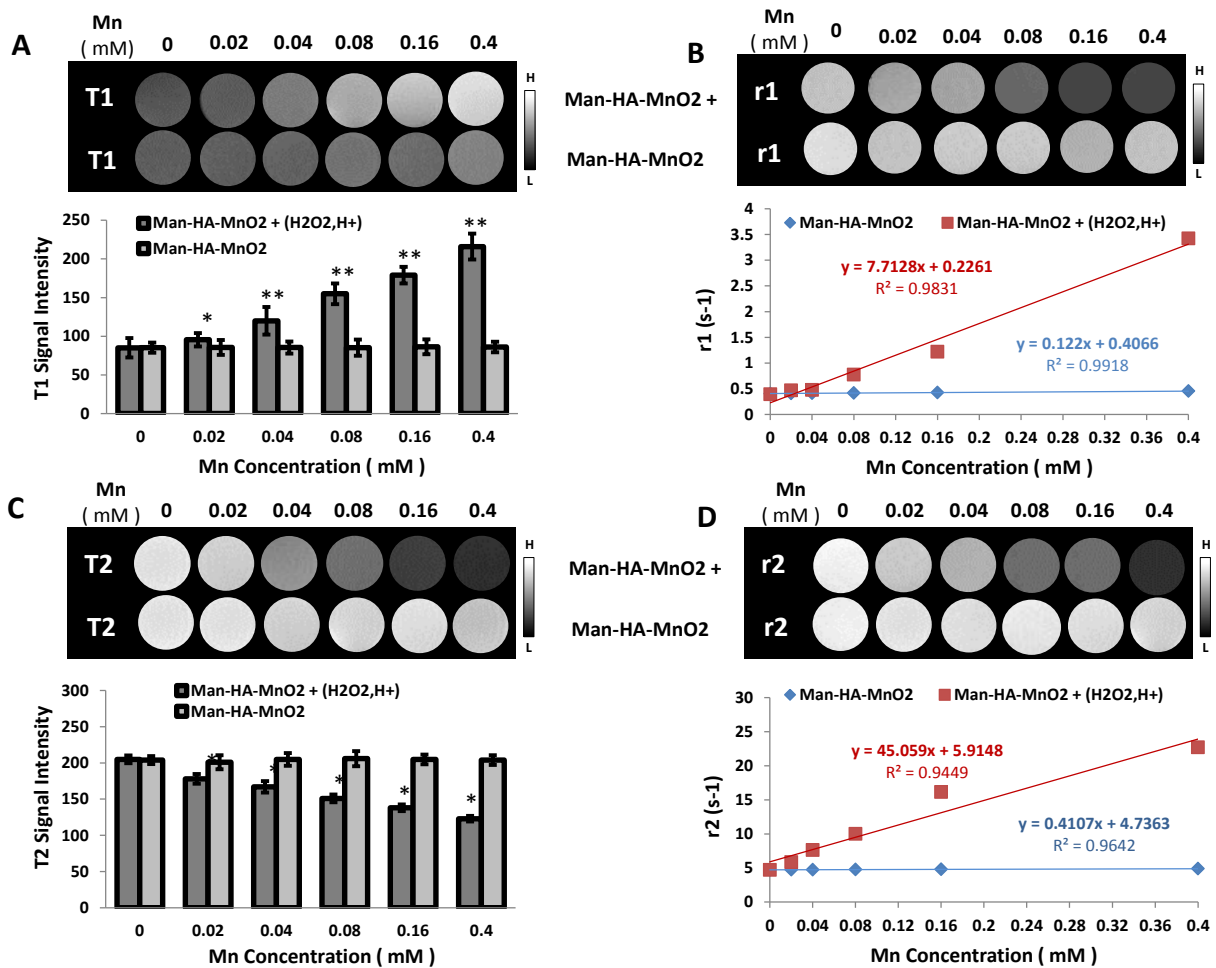


Figure S4. The T_1 - (A) and T_2 - (C) weighted MR signals, and r_1 (B) and r_2 (D) relaxivities vs. Mn concentration for Man-HA-MnO₂ NP solution (blue lines) and Man-HA-MnO₂ NP solution treated with H₂O₂ (red lines).

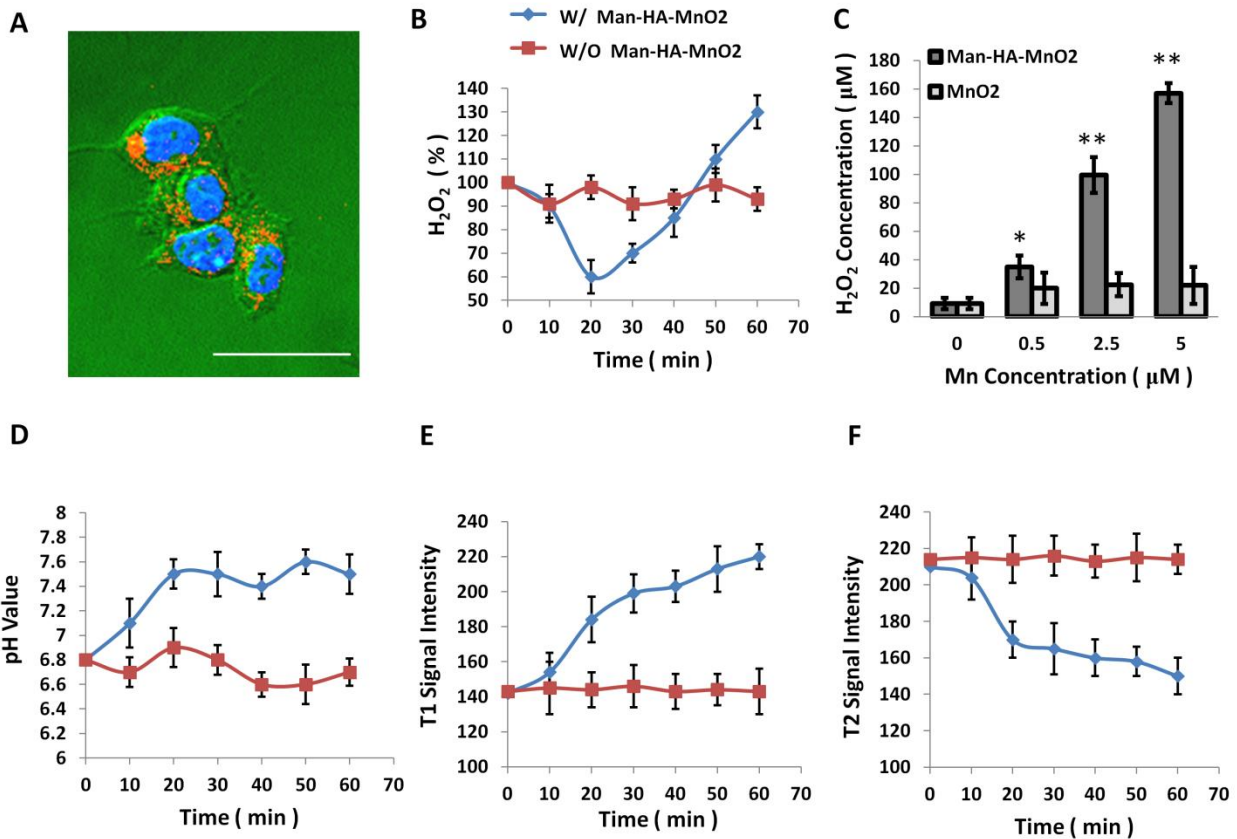


Figure S5. Cellular uptake and *in vitro* reactivity of Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs toward H₂O₂: (A) Fluorescence image of cellular uptake of Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs (red) at 37 °C by M2 macrophages following 1 h incubation with NPs. Scale bar, 100 μm. (B) Change of cellular H₂O₂ level over time by Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs incubated with M2 macrophages at pH 6.8 (n = 3). (C) Effect of Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs and MnO₂ NPs on H₂O₂ release by M2 macrophages after 1 h incubation. (D) Increase in medium pH over time by Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs incubated with M2 macrophages at pH 6.8 (n=3). (E, F) Enhancement in cellular T₁-, T₂-weighted MR signals over time by the Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs incubated with M2 macrophages at pH 6.8 (n=3). **p* < 0.05, ***p* < 0.005 in H₂O₂ level as compared to saline control.

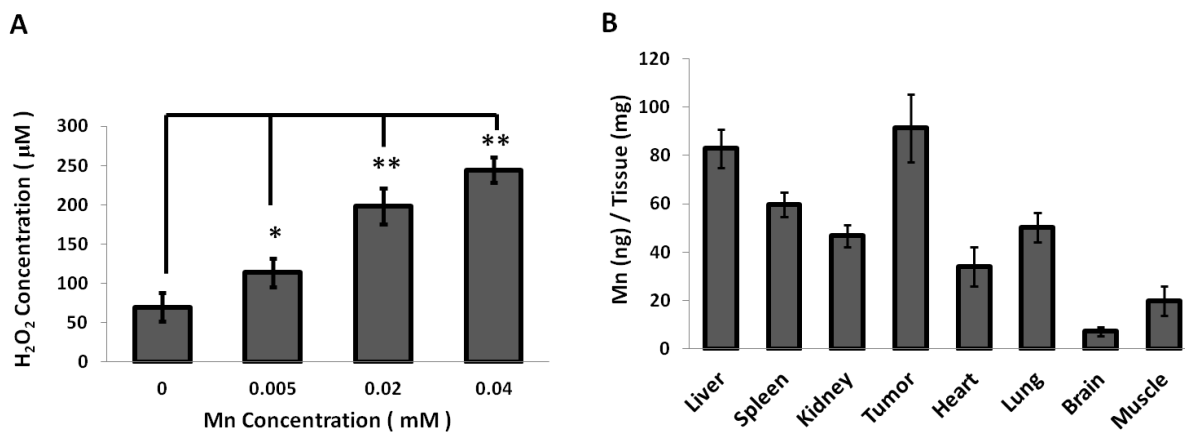


Figure S6 (A) Effect of Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs on H₂O₂ level of tumors (n=5/group). Error bars are standard error of the mean. **p* < 0.05, ***p* < 0.005 in H₂O₂ level as compared to saline control. (B) The biodistribution of Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs. ICP-MS was performed to detect Mn²⁺ in the major organs. (n=3/group) Error bars are standard error of the mean.

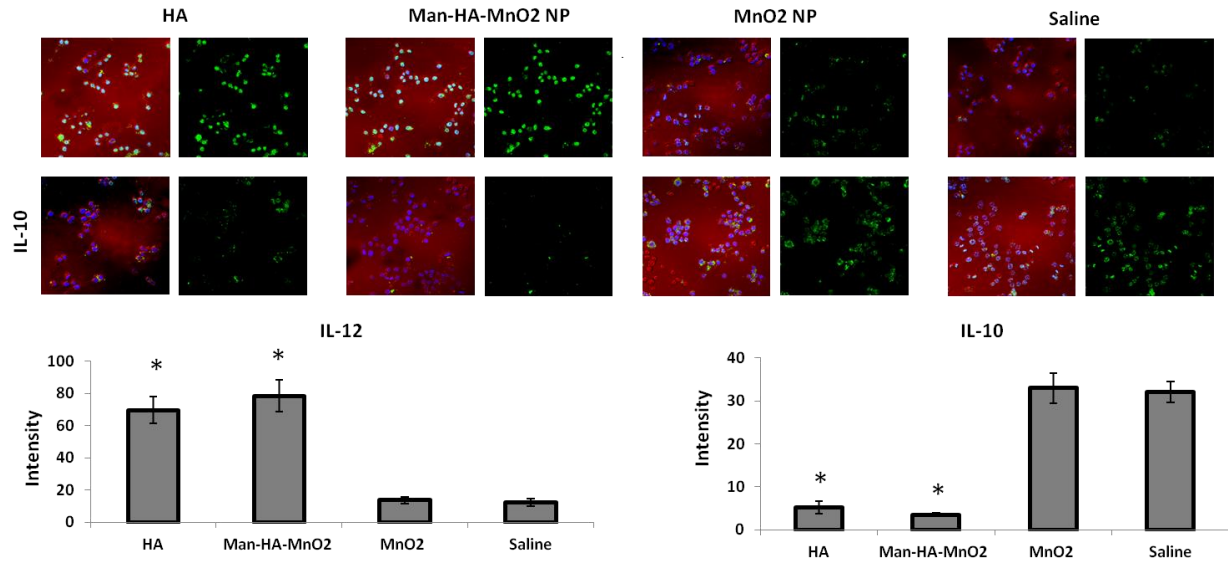


Figure S7. Confocal laser scanning microscopy (CLSM) images of M2 macrophages incubated with Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs, MnO₂ NPs or HA. Immunofluorescence staining with IL-10 and IL-12 antibodies was performed to identify the cytokine secretion (green) after M2 macrophages incubated with Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs, MnO₂ NPs or HA. Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs altered the cytokine secretion of M2 macrophages after 1 h incubation (n=3/group). Error bars are standard error of the mean. * $p < 0.05$ as compared to saline control.

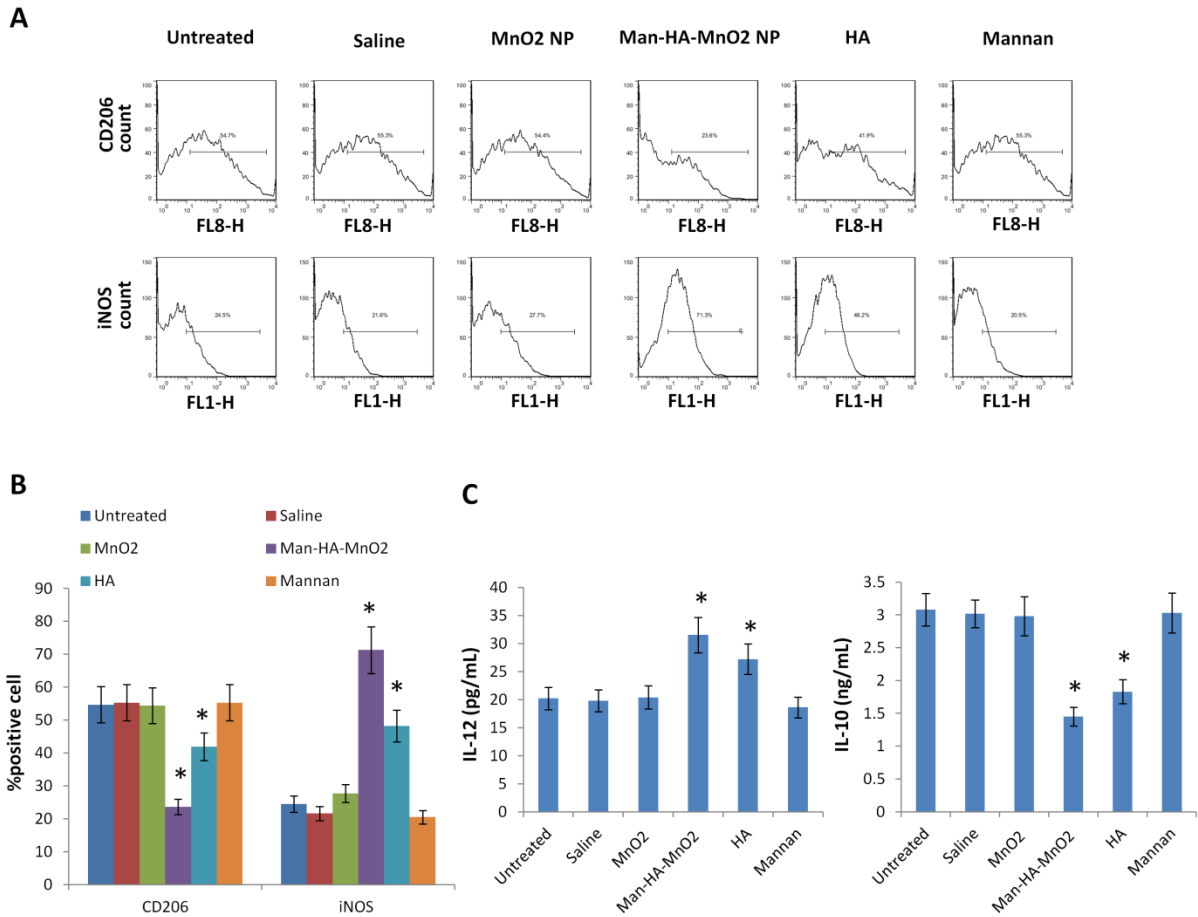


Figure S8. Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs prime M2 TAMs towards M1 macrophages: (A, B) Flow cytometric analysis of expression of iNOS (M1 macrophage marker) and CD206 (M2 macrophage marker) after administration of Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs (5 μ M Mn, 15 μ M HA), MnO₂ NPs (5 μ M Mn), HA (15 μ M) or mannan (3 μ M). Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs increased expression of iNOS and decreased expression of CD206. (C) Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs altered the cytokine secretion of M2 TAMs measured by ELISA (n=3/group). Error bars are standard error of the mean. * $p < 0.05$ as compared to saline control.

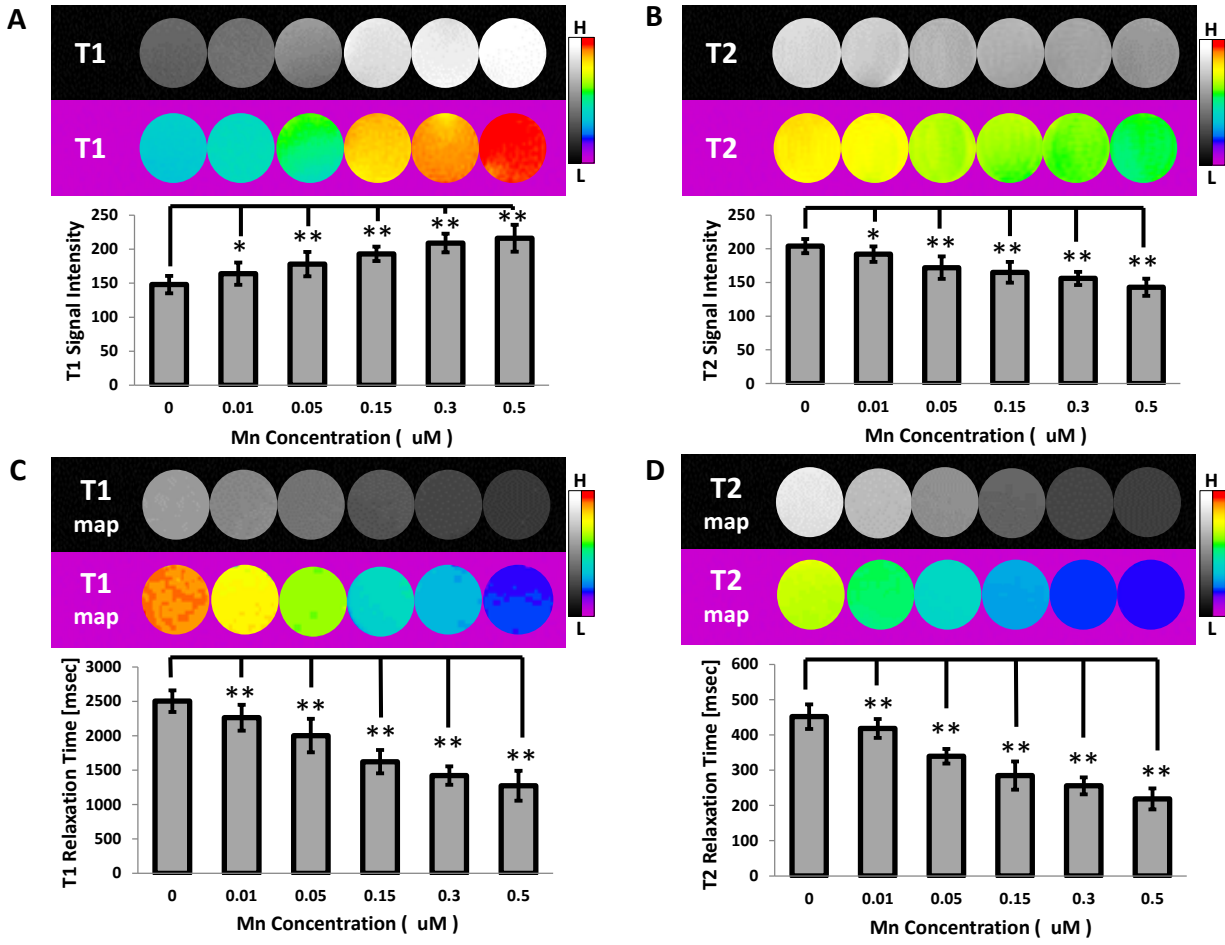


Figure S9. The T_1 - and T_2 - weighted MR signal, and T_1 and T_2 relaxation vs. Mn concentration for M2 macrophages incubated with Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.005$ as compared to saline control.

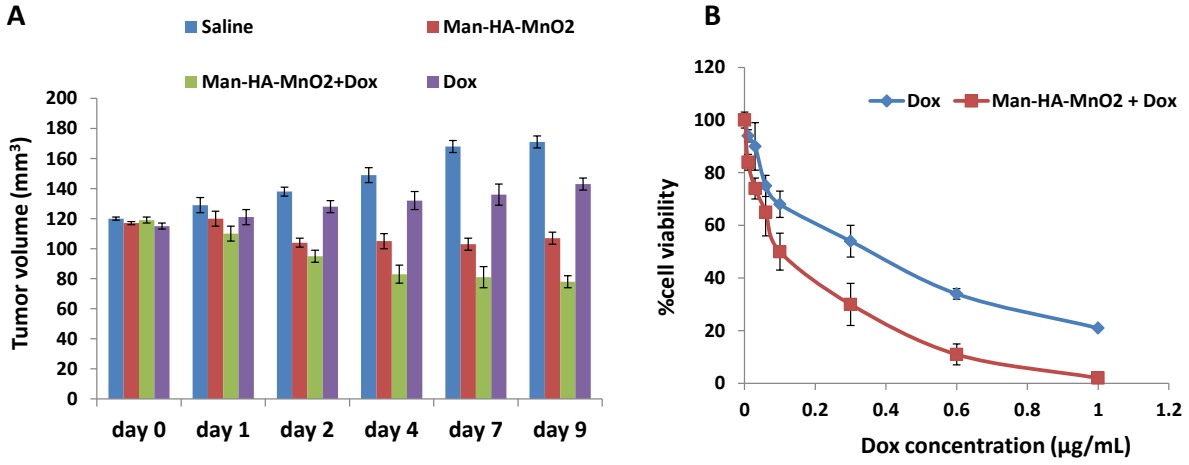


Figure S10. Effect on tumor growth and cell viability after treatment with Dox and Man-HA-MnO₂ NPs: (A) Tumor volume measured over time after treatment. (B) Cell viability exposed to various concentrations of Man-HA-MnO₂ NP+Dox or Dox for 24 h (n=3).