

Supporting Information for

Protein Corona over Mesoporous Silica Nanoparticles: Influence of the Pore Diameter on Competitive Adsorption and Application to Prostate Cancer Diagnostic

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1. Materials

All materials were purchased from Sigma Aldrich unless otherwise noted, and used as received.

2. Synthesis & Characterization of Nanoparticles

Synthesis of Dense Silica Nanoparticles (SNP). This synthesis was conducted by modifying the Stöber method.¹ EtOH (100%, 20 mL) was mixed with NH₄OH (12.9 M, 1.5 mL) at room temperature in a 100 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar. This mixture was stirred briefly to equilibrate, and then tetraethyl orthosilicate (TEOS, 2 mL in 5 mL EtOH, 7 mL, 8.93 mmol) was added to the solution. The obtained gel was 1:2.24:4.70:45.5 SiO₂/NH₄OH/H₂O/EtOH. This mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Afterwards, the precipitate was isolated by centrifugation (14 800 rpm, 5 min) and resuspended in EtOH. This process was repeated three times in order to remove as much unreacted reagent as possible. Finally, EtOH was removed and the obtained white powder was freeze-dried at -55 °C for 16 h.

Synthesis of Medium Pore Silica Nanoparticles (MSN). This protocol was adapted from a previous recipe.² Hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide (CTAB, 1.00 g) was dissolved in 500 mL of NaOH 14 mM at 80 °C with strong stirring. Then, 5.0 mL of tetraethyl orthosilicate (TEOS) was dropped slowly. The obtained gel was 1:0.12:0.31:1245 SiO₂/CTAB/NaOH/H₂O. After 2 h the resulting mixture was cooled in ice, filtered off and washed with water and methanol. The solid was freeze-dried at -55 °C for 16 h.

Synthesis of Large Pore Silica Nanoparticles (LPS). According to our former work,³ mesoporous silica nanoparticles with large pores were synthesized by using a block copolymer (Pluronic F127) and a fluorocarbon surfactant (FC-4, Yick-Vik) as internal and external templates, respectively. For the synthesis of LPS-1, 0.25 g of F127 and 0.70 g of FC-4 were dissolved in 30 mL of HCl aqueous solution (0.02 M), followed by the introduction of 0.20 g of 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene (TMB) into the solution. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at 15 °C. Then, 1.50 g of tetraethyl orthosilicate (TEOS) was dropped slowly to the solution and stirred for 24 h at 10 °C. The molar ratio of the reactants was 1:0.0028:0.24:0.12:0.08:232 TEOS/F127/TMB/FC-4/HCl/H₂O. The solution along with the precipitate was then introduced into an autoclave and hydrothermally treated at 135 °C for 24 h. The as-prepared product was filtered and washed first with water and subsequently with ethanol and dried in air. For the other LPS samples, the hydrothermal treatment was carried out at 150 °C, and after solid recovery a second hydrothermal treatment was carried out at 100 °C (LPS-2), 120 °C (LPS-3) or 150 °C (LPS-4). For this sake, 0.50 g of as-prepared product was added to a solution of 30 mL of HCl 2M in an autoclave,

and the mixture was heated at 140 °C for 48 h. Subsequently, template removal was done by microwaves-assisted digestion. 0.40 g of the as-prepared sample was introduced into a Teflon vessel with 6 mL of HNO₃ (15 M) and 4 mL of H₂O₂ (9 M), and the mixture was treated in a microwaves oven MARS-5 at 800 W, 2245 MHz, and 220 V. The maximum temperature (150 °C) was held for 2 min. The solid was recovered by filtration, washed with water and ethanol, and finally dried overnight at room temperature under vacuum.

Surface Modification of Nanoparticles. MSN adsorption properties were modified by surface decoration with variable organic functionalities. Here, the incorporation of amine or carboxylate groups (respectively, MSN-NH₂ or MSN-COOH samples) was carried out by following methods reported elsewhere.⁴ For preparation of thiol derivatized MSN (MSN-SH) 500 mg of particles MSN-OH were dried under vacuum with a temperature of 350 °C for 3 hours. Then 15 mL of anhydrous toluene was added under stirring at 120 °C and inert atmosphere. Finally 932 μL of (3-mercaptopropyl) trimethoxysilane were added and allowed to stir for 16 h. The solid obtained was filtered, washed with toluene and methanol and freeze-dried at -55 °C for 16 h.

Nanoparticle Characterization. Nanoparticle morphology and size were studied by transmission electron microscopy (TEM) in a JEOL JEM 2100F microscope operating at 200 kV. Samples were dispersed in isopropanol and transferred to carbon coated copper grids. Nitrogen gas adsorption isotherms were measured in a Micromeritics Flowsorb apparatus. Surface area calculations were carried out using the BET method, whereas pore size distribution was calculated according the BJH algorithm.⁵ Particle size and Z-Potential measurements were conducted by diffuse light scattering (DLS) in a Zetasizer Nano ZS (Malvern Instruments Ltd., Worcestershire, UK). Dried materials were re-suspended in deionized water at a concentration of 5 μg/mL and measurements were performed at 25 °C. The mean hydrodynamic diameter was determined by cumulant analysis. Surface coverage of organic groups (R-NH₂, R-COOH, R- and R-SH) was calculated from carbon elemental analysis determination (FISONS, EA 1108 CHNS-O). The organic content on the different samples before and after protein adsorption was quantified by thermogravimetric analysis in a Mettler-Toledo TGA/SDTA 851_e apparatus.

3. Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Protein adsorption onto silica nanoparticles from human serum as a function of pore diameter. Values (mg/g SiO₂) corresponding to the mean ± standard deviation (SD) were calculated by multiplying the normalized spectral counts (NSpC) obtained from liquid chromatography tandem-mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) by the total mass of the protein corona (PC) obtained from thermogravimetric analysis (TGA).

Proteomic Fraction (%)	Pore Diameter (nm)					
	0	2.7	4.8	6.2	7.4	14.0
Mw < 50 kDa	64.7 ± 8.8	84.9 ± 3.8	86.9 ± 4.0	84.8 ± 6.8	85.1 ± 5.0	79.9 ± 10.7
Mw 50-70 kDa	28.9 ± 4.4	11.8 ± 1.1	9.2 ± 0.7	11.0 ± 0.7	11.6 ± 0.9	16.1 ± 1.6
Mw 70-140 kDa	4.2 ± 0.6	2.1 ± 0.2	2.5 ± 0.2	2.5 ± 0.8	2.0 ± 0.2	1.9 ± 0.9
Mw > 140 kDa	2.2 ± 0.6	1.1 ± 0.1	1.3 ± 0.4	1.7 ± 0.5	1.3 ± 0.1	2.1 ± 0.6

Table S2. Values of NSpC x TGA for all proteins found in protein corona analysis of silica nanoparticles with variable pore diameter. Total protein content determined by TGA is indicated at the end of the list for every sample. Data in mg/g.

PROTEIN NAME	Mw	SNP	MSN	LPS-1	LPS-2	LPS-3	LPS-4
Immunoglobulin lambda-like polypeptide 5 OS=Homo sapiens GN=IGLL5 PE=2 SV=1	8.843	0.299	0.000	1.717	0.000	0.000	0.000
Apolipoprotein C-1 OS=Homo sapiens GN=APOC1 PE=1 SV=1	9.332	0.590	16.978	18.864	14.965	12.733	3.552
Neurophil defensin 3 OS=Homo sapiens GN=DEFA3 PE=1 SV=1	10.245	0.000	0.000	0.016	0.014	0.000	0.000
Platelet factor 4 OS=Homo sapiens GN=PF4 PE=1 SV=2	10.850	0.123	0.117	0.364	0.535	0.499	0.630
Apolipoprotein C-III OS=Homo sapiens GN=APOC3 PE=1 SV=1	10.852	0.079	8.481	4.577	3.116	2.095	0.535
Apolipoprotein A-II OS=Homo sapiens GN=APOA2 PE=1 SV=1	11.175	7.481	17.874	14.088	13.302	14.543	22.426
Ig lambda-3 chain C regions OS=Homo sapiens GN=IGLC3 PE=1 SV=1	11.238	0.000	0.351	0.880	1.774	0.627	0.545
Apolipoprotein C-II OS=Homo sapiens GN=APOC2 PE=1 SV=1	11.284	0.114	5.522	2.607	1.632	1.048	0.398
Ig lambda-1 chain C regions OS=Homo sapiens GN=IGLC1 PE=1 SV=1	11.348	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.932	0.853
Platelet factor 4 variant OS=Homo sapiens GN=PF4V1 PE=1 SV=1	11.553	0.000	0.115	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Ig kappa chain C regions OS=Homo sapiens GN=IGKC PE=1 SV=1	11.609	0.959	0.632	2.127	1.727	1.872	1.368
Immunoglobulin lambda variable 1-47 OS=Homo sapiens GN=IGLV1-47 PE=1 SV=2	12.284	0.014	0.000	0.040	0.024	0.035	0.017
Immunoglobulin kappa variable 3-15 OS=Homo sapiens GN=IGKV3-15 PE=1 SV=2	12.496	0.000	0.000	0.031	0.030	0.030	0.000
Immunoglobulin kappa variable 3-20 OS=Homo sapiens GN=IGKV3-20 PE=1 SV=2	12.557	0.011	0.000	0.054	0.000	0.043	0.035
Immunoglobulin kappa variable 3-11 OS=Homo sapiens GN=IGKV3-11 PE=1 SV=1	12.575	0.000	0.000	0.038	0.023	0.021	0.000
Vesicle-associated membrane protein 5 OS=Homo sapiens GN=VAMP5 PE=1 SV=1	12.805	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.058	0.000
Apolipoprotein M OS=Homo sapiens GN=APOM PE=1 SV=2	13.051	0.008	0.016	0.045	0.041	0.061	0.064
Protein FAM27E3 OS=Homo sapiens GN=FAM27E3 PE=1 SV=1	13.507	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.012	0.128
Serum amyloid A-2 protein OS=Homo sapiens GN=SAA2 PE=1 SV=1	13.527	0.000	1.030	0.650	0.554	0.474	0.252
Serum amyloid A-1 protein OS=Homo sapiens GN=SAA1 PE=1 SV=1	13.532	0.029	1.658	1.198	1.007	0.822	0.318
Beta-2-microglobulin OS=Homo sapiens GN=B2M PE=1 SV=1	13.715	0.000	0.004	0.023	0.035	0.038	0.000
Platelet basic protein OS=Homo sapiens GN=PPBP PE=1 SV=3	13.890	0.106	0.843	0.677	0.731	0.621	0.547
Apolipoprotein C-IV OS=Homo sapiens GN=APOC4 PE=1 SV=1	14.553	0.023	0.215	0.269	0.362	0.293	0.391
Serum amyloid A-4 protein OS=Homo sapiens GN=SAA4 PE=1 SV=2	14.747	0.066	0.580	0.704	0.406	0.632	0.745
Cystatin-C OS=Homo sapiens GN=CT3 PE=1 SV=1	15.800	0.017	0.126	0.141	0.193	0.137	0.131
Transferrin OS=Homo sapiens GN=FTR PE=1 SV=1	15.887	0.000	0.551	0.621	0.239	0.297	0.063
Hemoglobin subunit gamma-2 OS=Homo sapiens GN=HBG2 PE=1 SV=2	16.126	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.013	0.019
Lysozyme C OS=Homo sapiens GN=LYZ PE=1 SV=1	16.537	0.012	14.563	0.033	0.058	0.056	0.047
Angiogenin OS=Homo sapiens GN=ANG PE=1 SV=1	16.561	0.017	0.000	0.024	0.043	0.040	0.000
Ribonuclease 4 OS=Homo sapiens GN=RNASE4 PE=1 SV=3	16.925	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.026	0.019	0.024
Immunoglobulin J chain OS=Homo sapiens GN=JCHAIN PE=1 SV=4	18.099	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.000
Cofflin-1 OS=Homo sapiens GN=CFL1 PE=1 SV=3	18.502	0.002	0.016	0.017	0.032	0.033	0.030
Reversed Transmembrane and coiled-coil domain-containing protein 2 OS=Homo sapiens GN=TMCO2 PE=2 SV=1 Insulin-like growth factor II OS=Homo sapiens GN=IGF2 PE=1 SV=1	18.618	0.014	0.032	0.037	0.045	0.036	0.051
20.071	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
20.274	0.008	0.055	0.047	0.027	0.015	0.034	
21.276	0.015	0.047	0.112	0.043	0.091	0.160	
21.841	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.021	0.024	
22.277	0.044	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
22.391	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.001	
22.537	0.181	1.112	0.496	0.304	0.312	0.247	
23.010	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.013	0.042	
25.320	0.000	0.001	0.013	0.010	0.009	0.000	
25.387	0.051	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
25.552	0.008	0.075	0.054	0.027	0.023	0.047	
25.774	0.000	0.000	0.013	0.011	0.006	0.029	
26.722	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.006	0.000	
27.870	0.031	0.039	0.090	0.056	0.059	0.181	
27.940	0.001	0.000	0.012	0.014	0.012	0.000	
30.570	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.009	
30.651	0.113	0.086	0.075	0.069	0.000	0.000	
30.778	9.106	90.776	78.863	59.483	65.113	71.728	
31.674	0.009	0.015	0.011	0.011	0.009	0.016	
34.814	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.008	
35.399	0.000	0.062	0.025	0.008	0.011	0.000	
35.901	0.424	0.000	0.600	0.684	0.671	0.474	
35.944	0.000	0.185	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.923	
36.106	1.351	0.373	1.884	2.016	1.777	1.443	
36.154	0.670	4.335	5.497	4.659	4.380	6.401	
37.651	0.196	0.291	0.172	0.144	0.160	0.197	
37.663	0.026	0.162	0.056	0.062	0.095	0.120	
38.298	0.507	0.616	0.181	0.085	0.058	0.253	
38.999	0.009	0.056	0.029	0.012	0.009	0.014	
39.325	0.670	5.589	3.006	1.790	1.606	0.363	
39.731	0.025	0.071	0.070	0.035	0.064	0.067	
41.287	0.723	0.293	1.512	1.542	1.292	0.997	
41.793	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
42.016	0.000	0.011	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
43.078	0.000	0.171	0.018	0.024	0.037	0.088	
43.174	0.059	0.304	0.204	0.194	0.198	0.364	
43.974	0.002	0.034	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.021	
45.205	0.008	0.325	0.017	0.019	0.033	0.037	
45.399	0.411	5.133	4.867	2.873	2.764	1.479	
45.680	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.009	0.014	0.044	
46.312	0.107	0.007	0.057	0.028	0.027	0.076	
46.737	0.002	0.187	0.155	0.067	0.066	0.042	
47.237	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.017	
47.651	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	
47.972	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.012	0.064	
48.542	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
49.307	0.023	0.007	0.010	0.030	0.042	0.088	
49.669	0.000	0.051	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
49.747	0.000	0.014	0.021	0.027	0.027	0.098	
51.512	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
51.676	0.071	0.133	0.510	0.269	0.194	0.151	
51.778	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
51.901	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.002	0.012	0.000	
52.199	0.067	0.140	0.330	0.174	0.183	0.237	
52.495	0.091	1.173	0.313	0.173	0.160	0.074	
52.623	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	
52.964	0.025	0.558	0.159	0.033	0.027	0.017	
53.154	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
53.319	0.005	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	
53.501	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.012	
54.254	0.000	0.025	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	

Vitronectin OS=Homo sapiens GN=VTN PE=1 SV=1	54.306	0.282	1.295	0.409	0.235	0.261	0.229
Alpha-2-antiplasmin OS=Homo sapiens GN=SERPINF2 PE=1 SV=3	54.566	0.000	0.040	0.000	0.002	0.004	0.000
EGF-containing fibulin-like extracellular matrix protein 1 OS=Homo sapiens GN=EFEMP1 PE=1 SV=2	54.641	0.000	0.028	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Plasma protease C1 inhibitor OS=Homo sapiens GN=SERPING1 PE=1 SV=2	55.154	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Sperm-associated antigen 6 OS=Homo sapiens GN=SPAG6 PE=2 SV=1	55.476	0.001	0.000	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.006
Fibrinogen beta chain OS=Homo sapiens GN=FGB PE=1 SV=2	55.928	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Heparin cofactor 2 OS=Homo sapiens GN=SERPIND1 PE=1 SV=3	57.071	0.003	0.016	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.001
Histidine-rich glycoprotein OS=Homo sapiens GN=HRG PE=1 SV=1	59.578	3.413	7.937	8.932	10.002	11.133	18.933
REVERSED Histone H4 transcription factor OS=Homo sapiens GN=HINFP PE=1 SV=2	59.678	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.016	0.017	0.069
REVERSED Glucosylceramidase OS=Homo sapiens GN=GBA PE=1 SV=3	59.716	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000
ATP synthase subunit alpha, mitochondrial OS=Homo sapiens GN=ATPSA1 PE=1 SV=1	59.751	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000
Keratin, type II cytoskeletal 6C OS=Homo sapiens GN=KRT6C PE=1 SV=3	60.025	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Keratin, type I cytoskeletal 9 OS=Homo sapiens GN=KRT9 PE=1 SV=3	62.064	0.000	0.014	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
N-acetylglucosaminidase OS=Homo sapiens GN=PGLYRP2 PE=1 SV=1	62.219	0.001	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Leucine-rich repeat LGI family member 2 OS=Homo sapiens GN=LGI2 PE=2 SV=1	62.298	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.000	0.000
Hyaluronan-binding protein 2 OS=Homo sapiens GN=HABP2 PE=1 SV=1	62.672	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Complement component C9 OS=Homo sapiens GN=C9 PE=1 SV=2	63.173	0.032	0.022	0.004	0.001	0.000	0.008
C4b-binding protein alpha chain OS=Homo sapiens GN=CBPA PE=1 SV=2	64.283	0.000	0.074	0.045	0.038	0.004	0.000
Complement factor H-related protein 5 OS=Homo sapiens GN=CFHRS PE=1 SV=1	64.430	0.000	0.025	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
REVERSED Zinc finger protein 211 OS=Homo sapiens GN=ZNF211 PE=2 SV=2	64.535	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.000	0.000
Complement component C8 alpha chain OS=Homo sapiens GN=C8A PE=1 SV=2	65.163	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Coiled-coil domain-containing protein 38 OS=Homo sapiens GN=CCDC38 PE=2 SV=1	65.315	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000
Keratin, type II cytoskeletal 2 epidermal OS=Homo sapiens GN=KRT2 PE=1 SV=2	65.433	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Complement factor I OS=Homo sapiens GN=CFI PE=1 SV=2	65.750	0.006	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Insulin-like growth factor-binding protein complex acid labile subunit OS=Homo sapiens GN=IGFALS PE=1 SV=1	66.035	0.011	0.001	0.001	0.004	0.009	0.028
Keratin, type II cytoskeletal 1 OS=Homo sapiens GN=KRT1 PE=1 SV=6	66.039	0.010	0.023	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.027
All-trans-retinol 12,14-reductase OS=Homo sapiens GN=RETSAT PE=1 SV=2	66.820	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.007	0.000
Complement component C8 beta chain OS=Homo sapiens GN=C8B PE=1 SV=3	67.047	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Probable ATP-dependent RNA helicase DDX52 OS=Homo sapiens GN=DDX52 PE=1 SV=3	67.498	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.189	0.000	0.000
Coupling factor XII OS=Homo sapiens GN=F12 PE=1 SV=3	67.792	0.220	0.763	0.403	0.328	0.465	0.547
Afamin OS=Homo sapiens GN=AFM PE=1 SV=1	69.070	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Serum albumin OS=Homo sapiens GN=ALB PE=1 SV=2	69.367	6.775	12.932	4.630	3.596	3.304	3.659
Prothrombin OS=Homo sapiens GN=F2 PE=1 SV=2	70.037	0.026	0.383	0.164	0.111	0.097	0.053
Couagulation factor XI OS=Homo sapiens GN=F11 PE=1 SV=1	70.109	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Hepatocyte growth factor activator OS=Homo sapiens GN=HGFAC PE=1 SV=1	70.682	0.014	0.020	0.039	0.049	0.057	0.102
Secretogranin-2 OS=Homo sapiens GN=SCG2 PE=1 SV=2	70.941	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.006	0.000
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Cartilage acidic protein 1 OS=Homo sapiens GN=CRTAC1 PE=1 SV=2	71.421	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003
Kininogen-1 OS=Homo sapiens GN=KNG1 PE=1 SV=2	71.957	0.232	1.333	0.633	0.905	0.486	0.185
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Serotransferrin OS=Homo sapiens GN=TF PE=1 SV=3	77.064	0.068	0.028	0.046	0.055	0.071	0.135
REVERSED Endoplasmic reticulum mannose-oligosaccharide 1,2-alpha-mannosidase OS=Homo sapiens GN=MANB1 PE=1 SV=2	79.580	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000
Putative macrophage stimulating 1-like protein OS=Homo sapiens GN=MST1L PE=2 SV=2	79.694	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Complement C1r subcomponent OS=Homo sapiens GN=C1R PE=1 SV=2	80.119	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
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Sulfhydryl oxidase 1 OS=Homo sapiens GN=QSOX1 PE=1 SV=3	82.578	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Complement C2 OS=Homo sapiens GN=C2 PE=1 SV=2	83.266	0.030	0.061	0.052	0.012	0.016	0.036
Complement factor B OS=Homo sapiens GN=CFB PE=1 SV=2	85.533	0.265	0.175	0.041	0.017	0.021	0.003
Gelsolin OS=Homo sapiens GN=GSN PE=1 SV=1	85.698	0.495	1.337	1.828	1.240	0.943	0.781
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Plasminogen OS=Homo sapiens GN=PLG PE=1 SV=2	90.569	0.341	0.387	0.801	0.667	0.660	0.765
Complement component C7 OS=Homo sapiens GN=C7 PE=1 SV=2	93.518	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Fibrinogen alpha chain OS=Homo sapiens GN=FGA PE=1 SV=2	94.973	0.000	0.277	0.276	0.217	0.235	0.127
Rab GTPase-binding effector protein 1 OS=Homo sapiens GN=RABEP1 PE=1 SV=2	99.290	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003
Inter-alpha-trypsin inhibitor heavy chain 1H OS=Homo sapiens GN=ITIH1 PE=1 SV=3	101.389	0.012	0.026	0.005	0.002	0.004	0.002
Inter-alpha-trypsin inhibitor heavy chain H4 OS=Homo sapiens GN=ITIH4 PE=1 SV=4	103.357	0.050	0.163	0.188	0.101	0.103	0.562
Complement C6 OS=Homo sapiens GN=C6 PE=1 SV=3	104.786	0.016	0.063	0.080	0.009	0.010	0.004
Inter-alpha-trypsin inhibitor heavy chain H2 OS=Homo sapiens GN=ITIH2 PE=1 SV=2	106.463	0.017	0.034	0.006	0.010	0.003	0.000
Ankyrin repeat domain-containing protein 35 OS=Homo sapiens GN=ANKRD35 PE=2 SV=2	109.966	0.000	0.016	0.023	0.016	0.011	0.006
ADAMTS-like protein 4 OS=Homo sapiens GN=ADAMTS4 PE=1 SV=2	116.545	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000
POTE ankyrin domain family member 1 OS=Homo sapiens GN=POTEE PE=2 SV=3	121.363	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Ceruloplasmin OS=Homo sapiens GN=CP PE=1 SV=1	122.205	0.022	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Thrombospondin-1 OS=Homo sapiens GN=THBS1 PE=1 SV=2	129.390	0.000	0.001	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.006
Partner and localizer of BRCA2 OS=Homo sapiens GN=PALB2 PE=1 SV=1	131.295	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000
Sperm-associated antigen 5 OS=Homo sapiens GN=SPAG5 PE=1 SV=2	134.422	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.000	0.000
Complement factor H OS=Homo sapiens GN=CFH PE=1 SV=4	139.096	0.021	0.166	0.020	0.002	0.009	0.016
Sterol regulatory element-binding protein cleavage-activating protein OS=Homo sapiens GN=SCAP PE=1 SV=4	139.729	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Proteoglycan 4 OS=Homo sapiens GN=PRG4 PE=1 SV=2	151.077	0.010	0.123	0.023	0.021	0.019	0.024
REVERSED Tensin-2 OS=Homo sapiens GN=TNS2 PE=1 SV=2	152.580	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.002	0.000
Uncharacterized protein KIAA1107 OS=Homo sapiens GN=KIAA1107 PE=1 SV=2	155.681	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000
Alpha-2-macroglobulin OS=Homo sapiens GN=A2M PE=1 SV=3	163.291	0.003	0.002	0.004	0.010	0.009	0.011
Complement C3 OS=Homo sapiens GN=C3 PE=1 SV=2	187.148	0.568	1.676	1.222	1.271	1.084	1.554
Complement C4-B OS=Homo sapiens GN=C4B PE=1 SV=2	192.751	0.099	0.539	0.454	0.345	0.000	0.497
Complement C4-A OS=Homo sapiens GN=C4A PE=1 SV=2	192.785	0.120	0.000	0.470	0.470	0.471	0.560
Protein TANCI OS=Homo sapiens GN=TANCI PE=1 SV=3	202.219	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Protein NLRC5 OS=Homo sapiens GN=NLRCS PE=1 SV=3	204.595	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000
Periplakin OS=Homo sapiens GN=PPL PE=1 SV=4	204.747	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000
Coagulation factor V OS=Homo sapiens GN=F5 PE=1 SV=4	251.700	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.000
Fibronectin OS=Homo sapiens GN=FN1 PE=1 SV=4	262.622	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000
REVERSED Myomegalin OS=Homo sapiens GN=PDE4DIP PE=1 SV=1	265.080	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Talin-1 OS=Homo sapiens GN=TLN1 PE=1 SV=3	269.767	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.001
Nucleosome-remodeling factor subunit BPTF OS=Homo sapiens GN=BPTF PE=1 SV=4	338.262	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000
Apolipoprotein(a) OS=Homo sapiens GN=LPA PE=1 SV=1	501.319	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.003
Dynein heavy chain 8, axonemal OS=Homo sapiens GN=DNAH8 PE=1 SV=2	514.664	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000
Apolipoprotein B-100 OS=Homo sapiens GN=APOB PE=1 SV=2	515.605	0.035	0.026	0.108	0.190	0.172	0.548

TOTAL PROTEIN CONTENT (mg/g)

38.290 212.851 170.295 135.990 137.664 149.406

Table S4. Observed up and down-regulated proteins with reported cancer biomarker potential.⁶

Protein	Gene	Function	Cancer biomarker	Observed tag
Apolipoprotein C-I	APOC1	Lipid metabolism regulator	Up-regulated in gastric cancer	Up-regulated in B- Down-regulated in B+/M
Prothrombin	F2	Coagulation factor	Up-regulated in cancer with thrombosis	Up-regulated in B+ Down-regulated in M
Neutrophil defensin 1	DEFA1	Antimicrobial	Up-regulated in colon cancer	Up-regulated in B+ Down-regulated in M
Platelet factor 4 variant	PF4V1	Promotes coagulation	Up-regulated in cancer	Up-regulated in B+
Inter-alpha trypsin inhibitor heavy chain H1	ITIH1	Hyaluronan carrier	Up-regulated in ovarian cancer	Up-regulated in M
Plasma serine protease inhibitor	SERPINA5	Serine proteases inactivation	Up-regulated in prostate cancer	Up-regulated in B+ Down-regulated in M
Histidine-rich glycoprotein	HRG	Angiogenesis, Immune system	Up-regulated in cancer	Up-regulated in M

4. Supplementary Figures

Figure S1. Particle hydrodynamic diameter of as-synthesized materials as determined in water by DLS (intensity output).

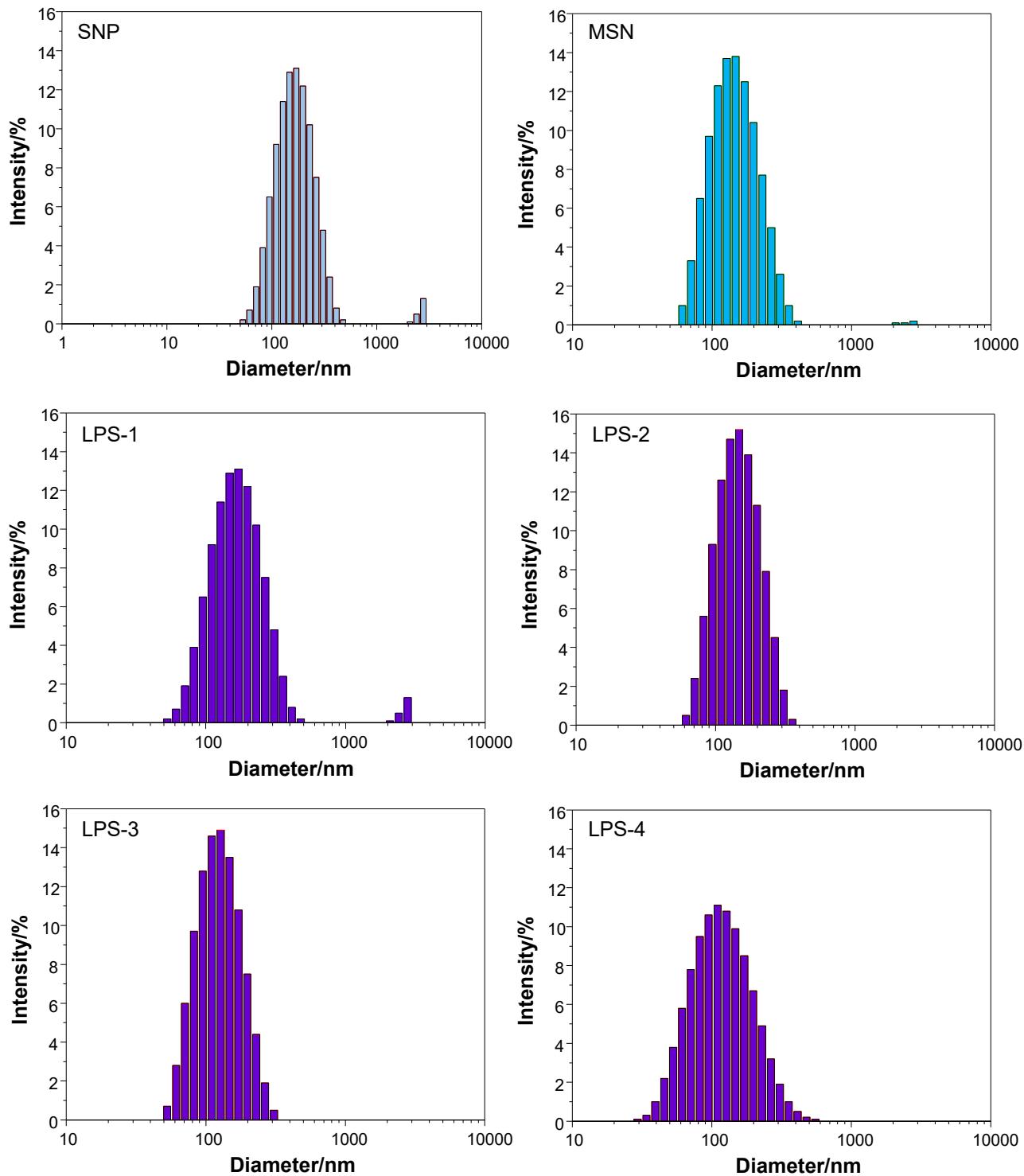


Figure S2. BET N₂ adsorption-desorption isotherms of as-synthesized materials.

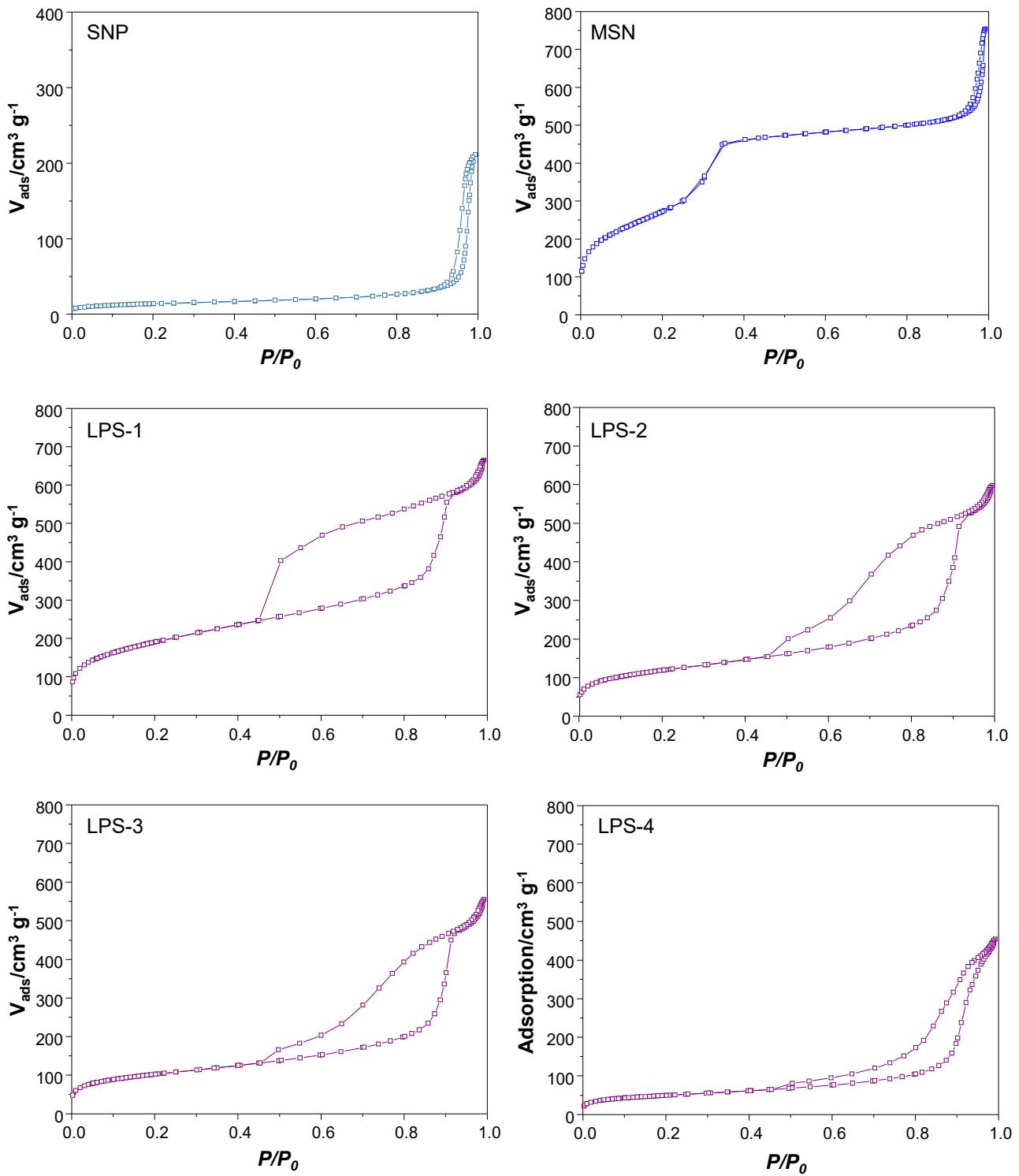


Figure S3. Pore size distribution in as-synthesized materials as determined by BJH method. Legend: (□) Pore size as determined by N_2 adsorption isotherms. In the case of LPS materials, these data correspond to internal cavity size distribution. (○) Pore size as determined by desorption isotherms. In the case of LPS materials, these data correspond to pore entrance size distribution.

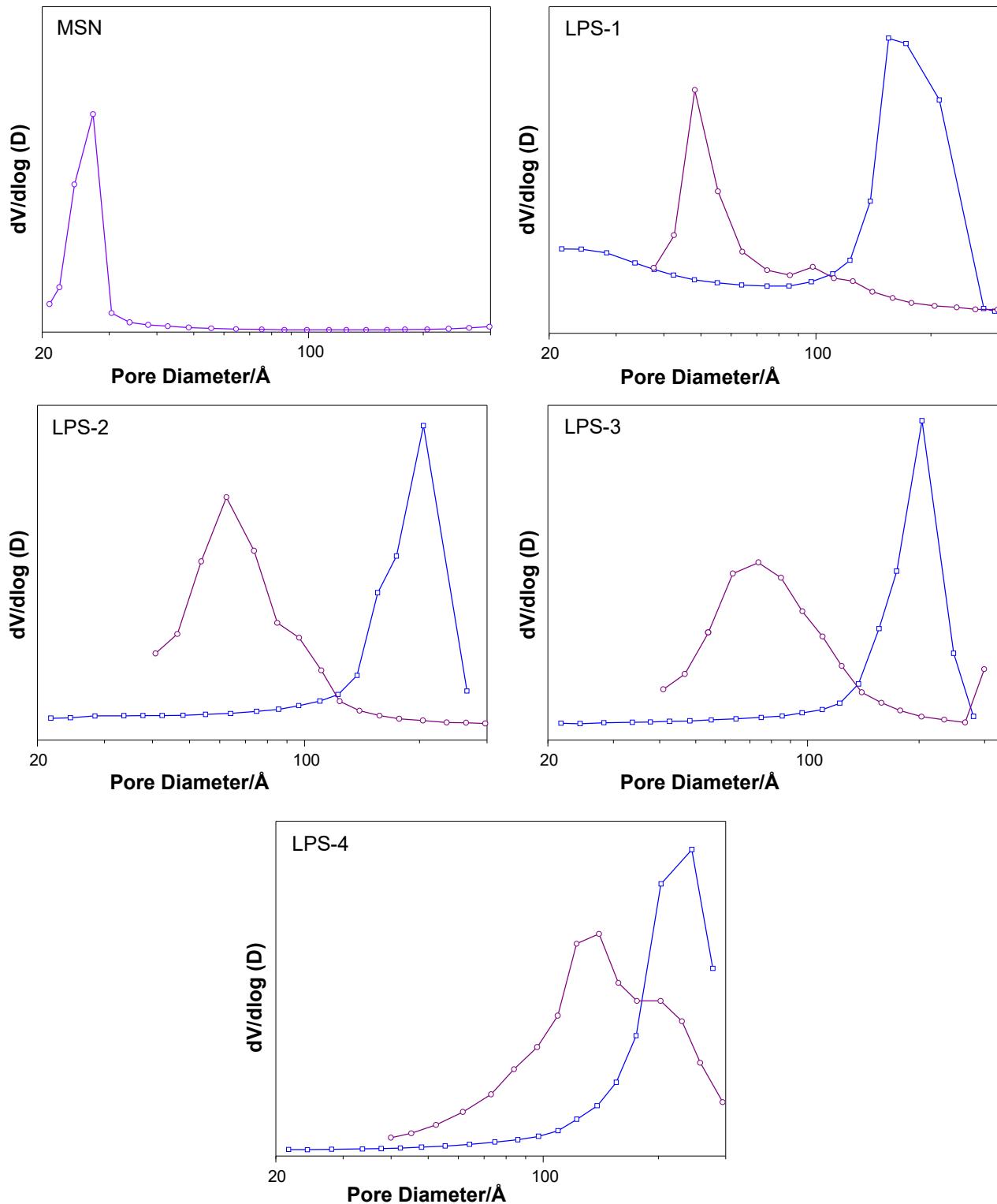


Figure S4. SDS-PAGE of isolated corona proteins from silica nanoparticles with variable pore diameter.

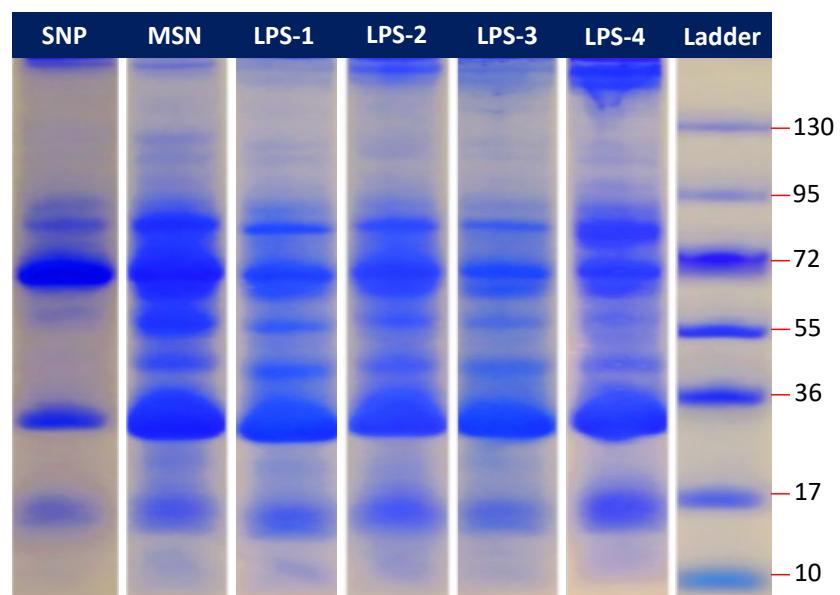


Figure S5. Comparison of the weight percent of the protein corona (NSpC x TGA) across the different surface modified MSN with respect to molecular weight (MW). As show, in all cases, low MW proteins composed the highest percentage of the isolated proteome.

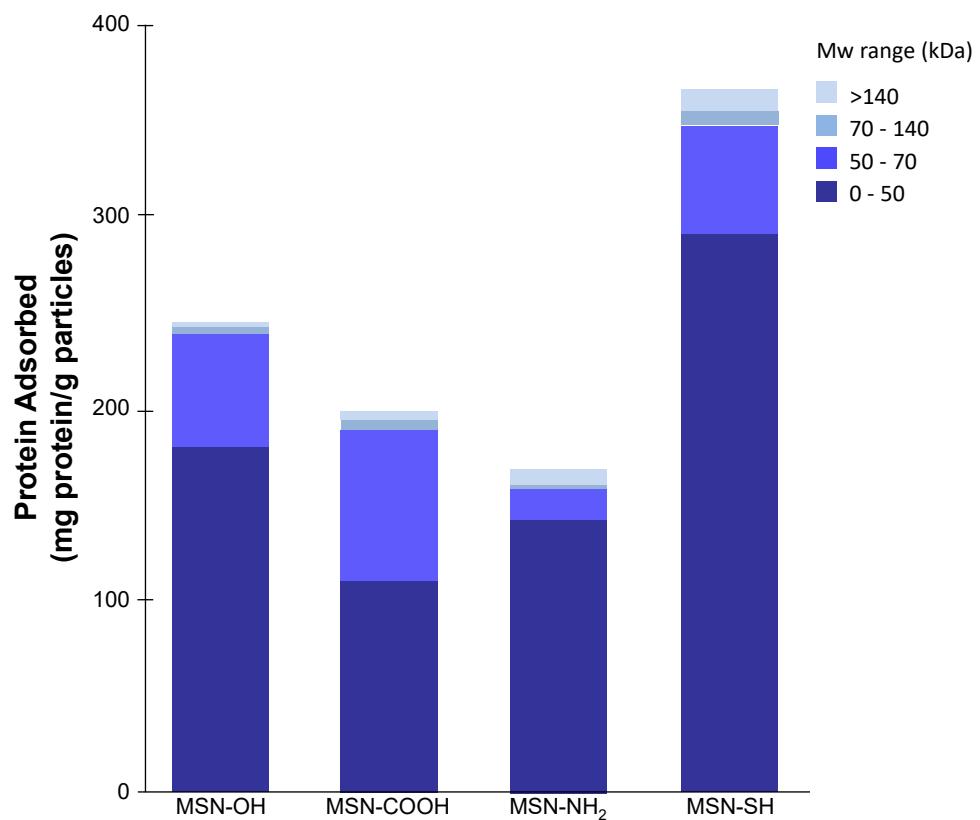
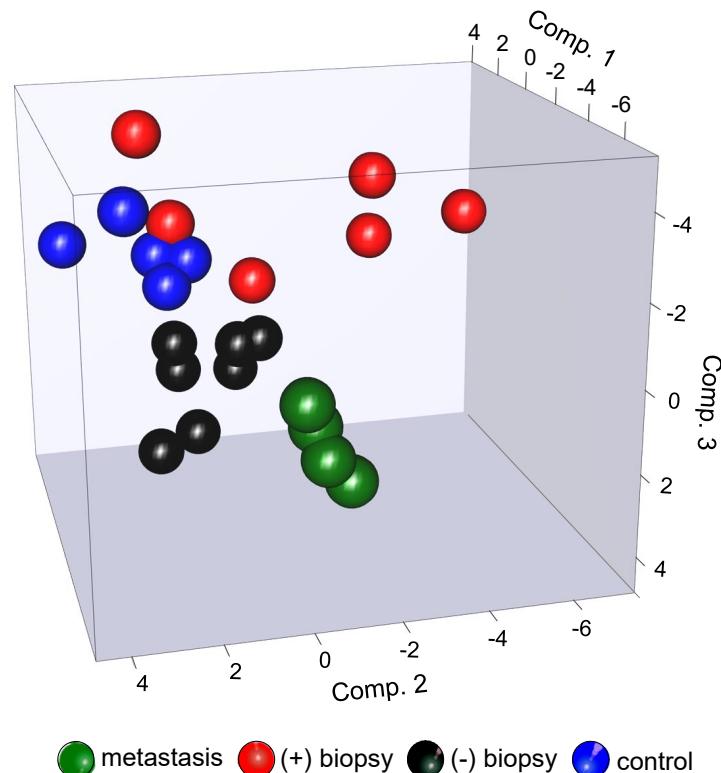


Figure S6. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) representation of experimental data. The first three components of the projection are represented in a tri-coordinate system where the different patient groups are clearly split.



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