

Supplementary Materials:

Photoacoustic and Magnetic Resonance Imaging of Hybrid Manganese Dioxide Coated Ultra-small NaGdF₄ Nanoparticles for Spatiotemporal Modulation of Hypoxia in Head and Neck Cancer

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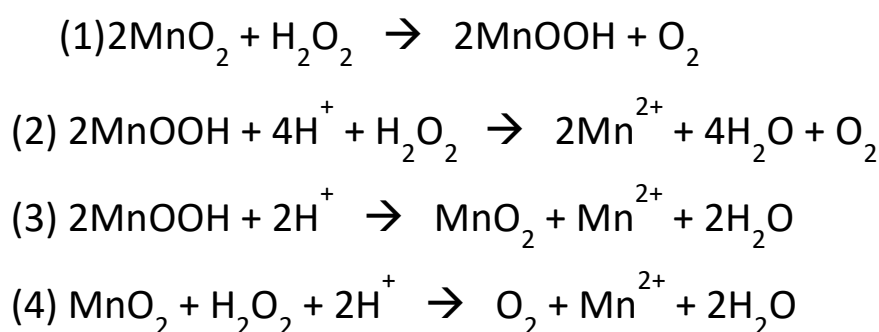


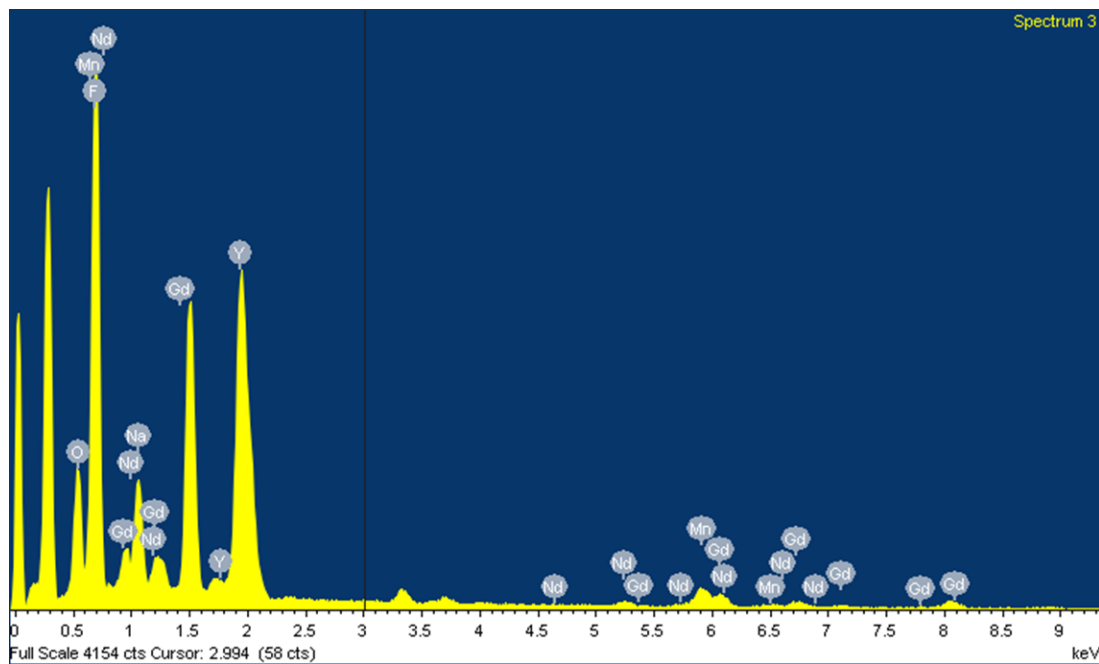
Figure 1. Reaction scheme of MnO₂ with H₂O under acidic conditions¹⁻⁴. Under acidic conditions, the MnO₂ can undergo redox reaction with H₂O₂ (1) to form H₂O, O₂ and Mn²⁺ (1-3). The MnOOH facilitates the decomposition of H₂O₂ to H₂O and O₂ as the Mn³⁺ is further reduced to Mn²⁺ (2). MnOOH can also undergo disproportionation reaction to reform MnO₂, and also produce Mn²⁺ and H₂O (3). The overall reaction is given in (4).

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²Fan W, Bu W, Shen B, He Q, Cui Z, Liu Y, Zheng X, Zhao K, Shi J. Intelligent MnO₂ Nanosheets Anchored with Upconversion Nanoprobes for Concurrent pH-/H₂O₂-Responsive UCL Imaging and Oxygen-Elevated Synergetic Therapy. *Adv Mater.* 2015 Jul 22;27(28):4155-61. doi: 10.1002/adma.201405141. Epub 2015 Jun 8. PMID: 26058562.

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⁴Long JW, Rhodes CP, Young AL, Rolison DR. Ultrathin, Protective Coatings of Poly(o-phenylenediamine) as Electrochemical Proton Gates: Making Mesoporous MnO₂ Nanoarchitectures Stable in Acid Electrolytes. *Nano Letters* 2003 3 (8), 1155-1161. DOI: 10.1021/nl0343598



Element	Atomic %
O	13.95
F	68.06
Na	4.99
Mn	3.04
Y	8.68
Nd	0.3
Gd	0.98

Figure 2. Elemental analysis using energy dispersive x-ray analysis confirmed all the elements (Y, Nd, Gd) in the synthesis were successfully incorporated in the usNP. Presence of Mn verified the successful coating of MnO₂. The 1:3 ratio of Gd to Mn supports the findings of the ICP-OES analysis.

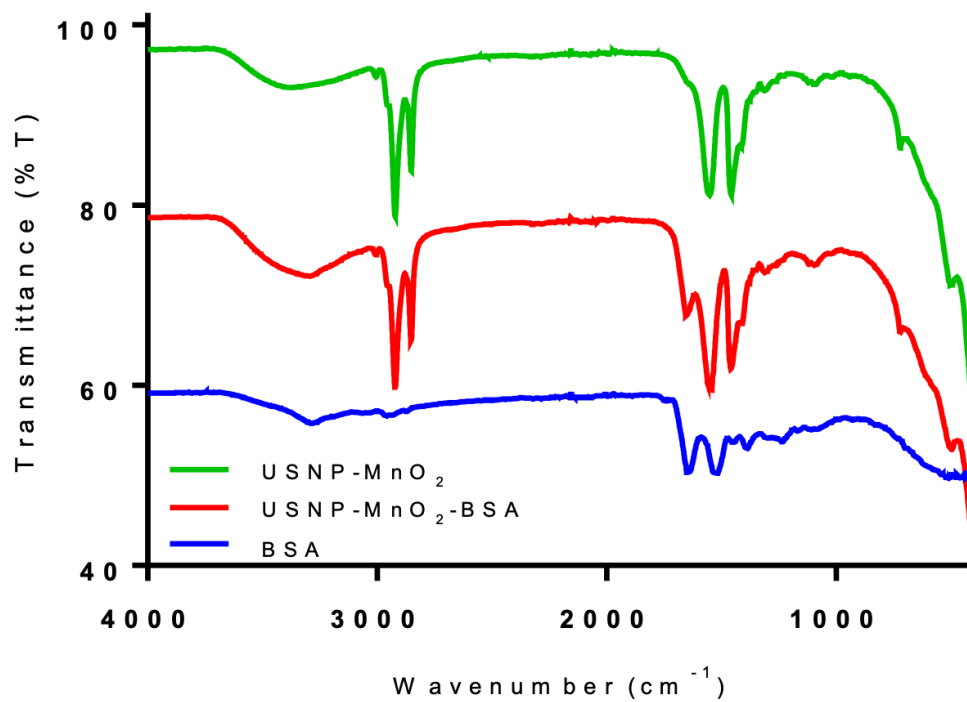


Figure 3. FTIR revealed presence of the $\sim 1635\text{ cm}^{-1}$ peak, characteristic of the amide I band of BSA, in the spectra of BSA-usNP-MnO₂ indicating the successful formation of BSA on the surface of usNP-MnO₂⁵.

⁵Yu, S., Laromaine, A. & Roig, A. Enhanced stability of superparamagnetic iron oxide nanoparticles in biological media using a pH adjusted-BSA adsorption protocol. *J Nanopart Res* 16, 2484 (2014). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11051-014-2484-1>

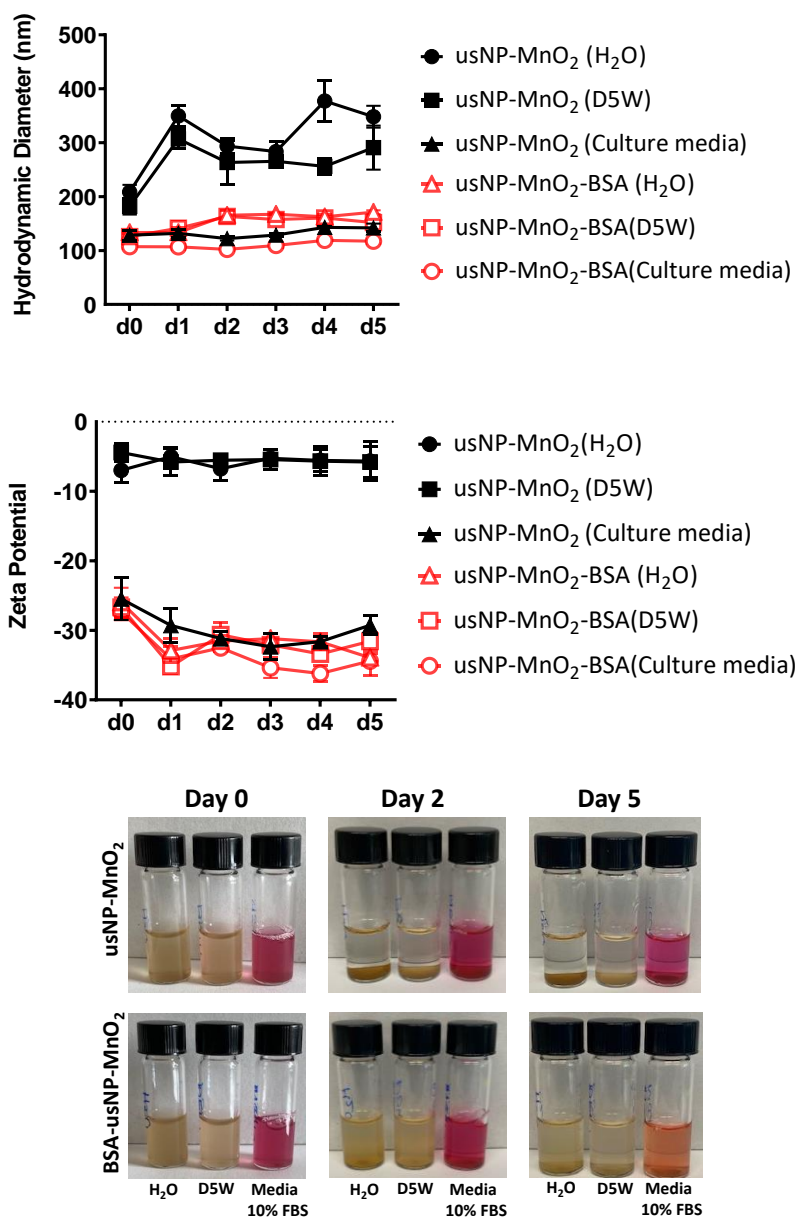


Figure 4. Stability study of usNP-MnO₂ and BSA-usNP-MnO₂. The hydrodynamic diameter (A) measured from dynamic light scattering (% Number) and the zeta potential (B) showed improved stability due to the electrostatic repulsion provided by the BSA coating. The zeta potential decreased from > -10 to ~-30 with the coating of BSA. Photographs (C) of the usNP-MnO₂ and BSA-usNP-MnO₂ suspended in different solvents showed the freshly prepared nanoparticles were stable in all solvents. Over time, aggregations on the bottom were observed due to the large size of the nanostructures and desorption of BSA from the surface.

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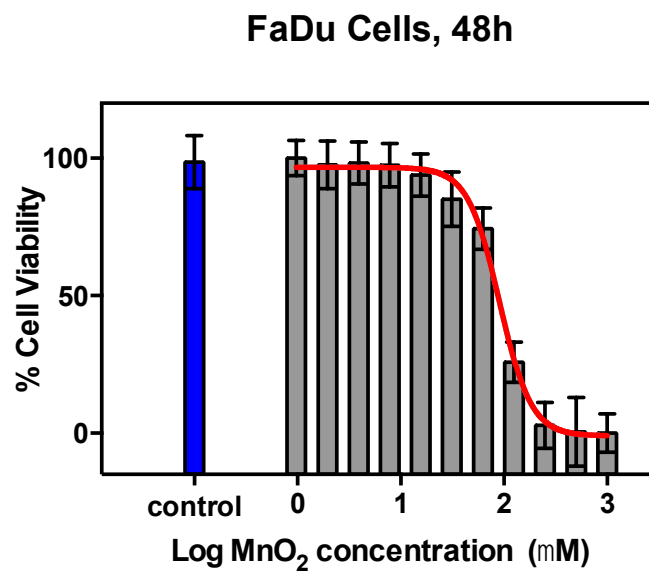


Figure 5. Cell viability assay of BSA-usNP-MnO₂. Viability of FaDu cancer cells (10,000 cells/well) exposed to increasing concentrations of BSA-usNP-MnO₂ (0, 0.10, 0.97, 1.95, 3.91, 7.81, 15.6, 31.2, 62.5, 125, 250, 500, 1000 μ M MnO₂) for 48 hours. IC₅₀ was determined to be at 90 μ M MnO₂ from the 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) assay.

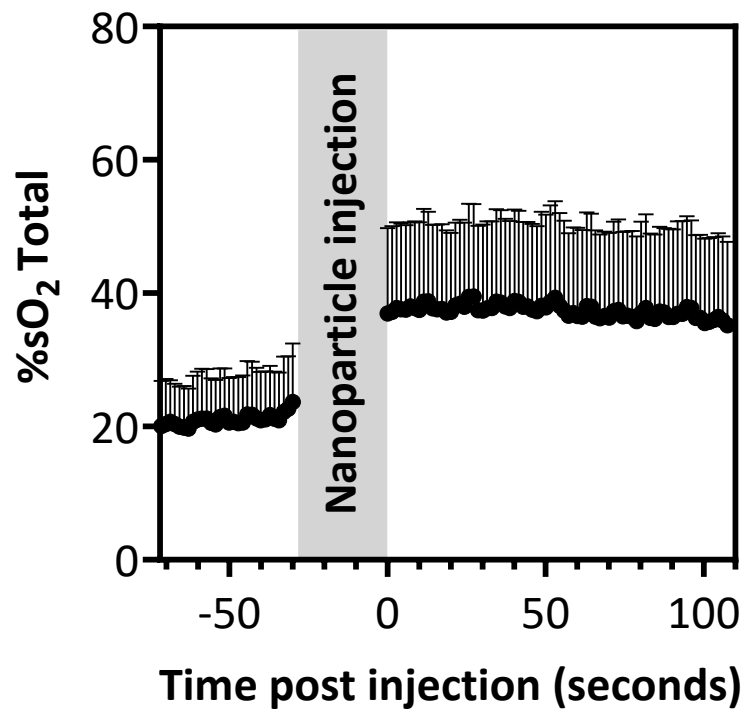


Figure 6. Dynamic time course of PAI measurements following IV injection of usNP-MnO₂ nanoparticles. These %sO₂ measurements suggest that tumor oxygenation levels increase rapidly and stay elevated over several minutes.