

## Supporting Information

# Cerium Oxide Nanoparticles with Entrapped Gadolinium for High T<sub>1</sub> Relaxivity and ROS-scavenging Purposes

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## Zeta potential and Dynamic Light Scattering

The Zeta potential was measured for the as-prepared Gd-CeNPs and the results are displayed in Figure S1. All Gd-CeNPs have Zeta potential in equal potential range above 30 mV, indicating good colloidal stability for all the prepared nanoparticles.

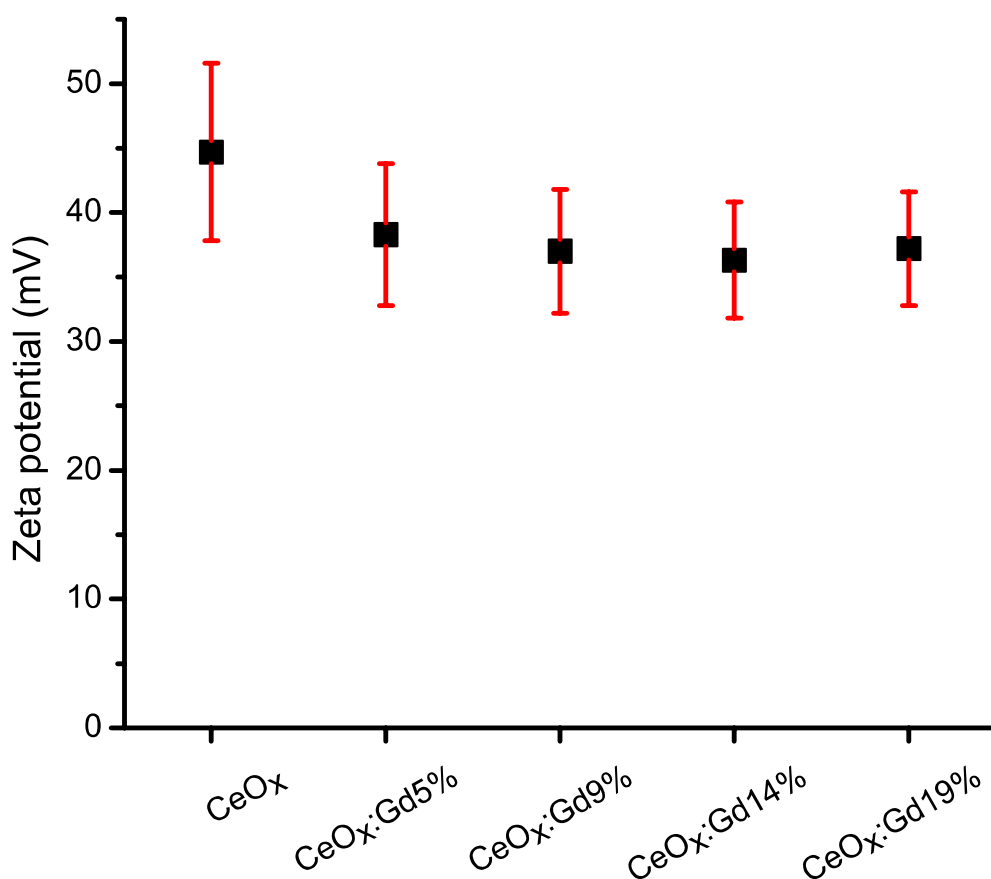


Figure S1. Measured Zeta potential of CeO<sub>x</sub>:Gd0-19%



The number weighted hydrodynamic diameter was evaluated using dynamic light scattering (DLS), and the results are presented in Figure S2. DLS results indicate that all the Gd-CeNPs have a hydrodynamic diameter less than 7 nm. These diameters are reasonable comparing with the XRD data.

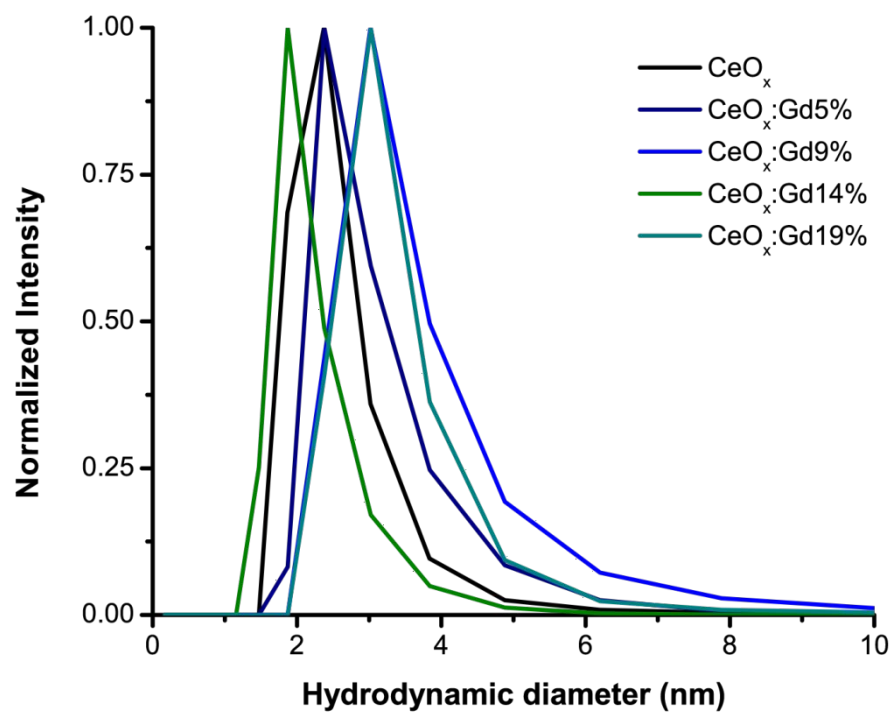


Figure S 2 Measured number weighted hydrodynamic diameters of CeO<sub>x</sub>:Gd0-19%

## UV-VIS Absorbance

The red-shift in absorbance for the different prepared Gd-CeNPs ( $[Ce] = 50 \mu\text{M}$ ) were estimated for different concentrations of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  at optical density 0.05. An example is showed in Figure S3, where we have treated  $\text{CeO}_x$  with  $1 \mu\text{M}$   $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  to  $\Delta\lambda = 69.5 \text{ nm}$ .

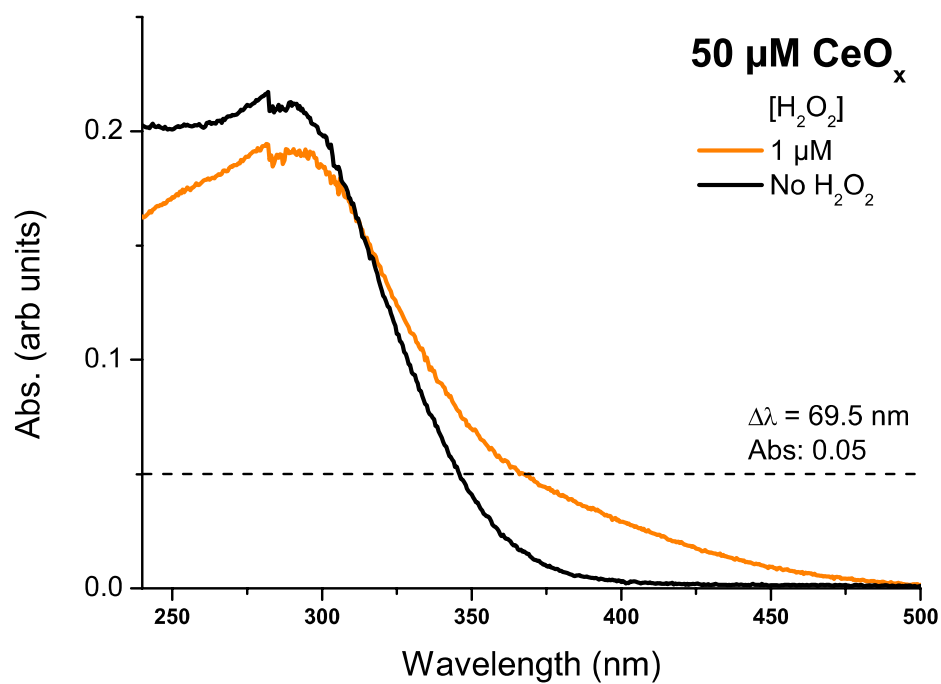


Figure S3 The red-shift ( $\Delta\lambda$ ) was measured at the difference in wavelength at optical density 0.05 for sample, treated and untreated with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ . In this representative example,  $\text{CeO}_x$  was treated with  $1 \mu\text{M}$   $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  had a  $\Delta\lambda = 69.5 \text{ nm}$ .

### Three-level phantom model for MRI studies

The three-level phantom model that was used in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) experiments is presented in Figure S4.



Figure S4. The three-level phantom model used in the MRI-experiments. Photograph courtesy of first author, P. Eriksson. Copyright 2020.

