

# Supporting Information

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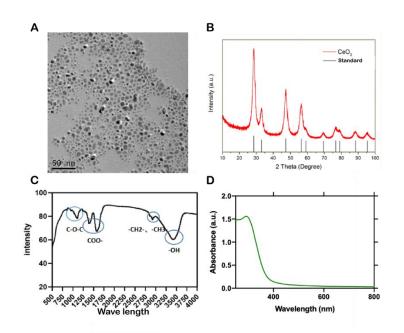
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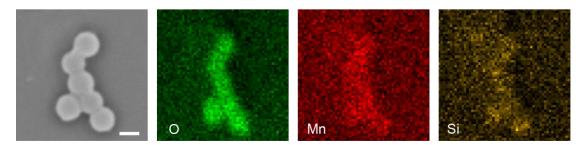
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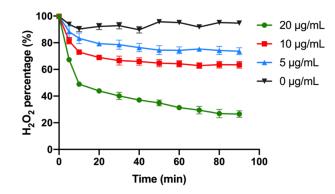
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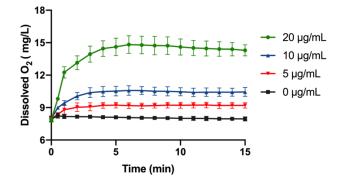
**Figure S1. Characterization of ceria NPs.** (A) TEM image of ceria NPs. (B) X-ray powder diffraction of ceria NPs. (C) infrared spectrum of ceria NPs. (D) UV-vis spectra of ceria NPs.



**Figure S2.** SEM image of  $MnO_2$ -motor, and the corresponding element mapping of O, Mn and Si respectively. Scale bar=200  $\mu$ m.



**Figure S3.**  $H_2O_2$  degradation curves in the presence of MnO<sub>2</sub>-motors under 2.5 mM  $H_2O_2$  solution(n = 4; mean ± SD).



**Figure S4.**  $O_2$  generation of MnO<sub>2</sub>-motors with different concentrations in 100 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> solution (n = 4; mean ± SD).

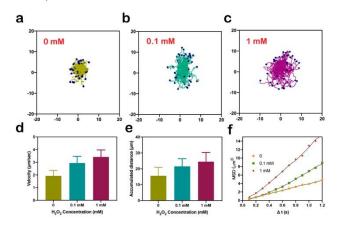
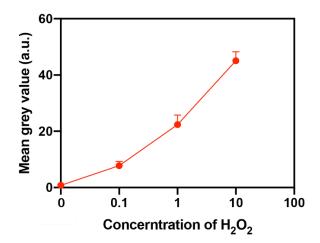


Figure S5. (a-c) Enhanced diffusion of  $MnO_2$ -motors under SSF at different  $H_2O_2$  concentrations. (d) Velocity of  $MnO_2$ -motors. (e) Accumulated distance of  $MnO_2$ -motors. (f) MSD curve of  $MnO_2$ -motors. The motion of nanomotors was analyzed with ImageJ for 10 s (n = 52).



**Figure S6.** The change of mean gray value of the *in vitro* images measured by Image J. (n = 3; mean  $\pm$  SD)

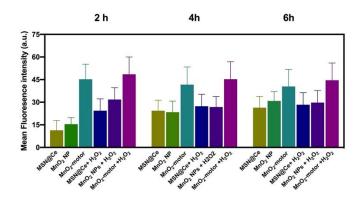
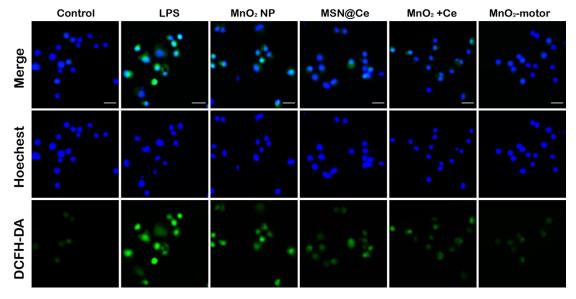
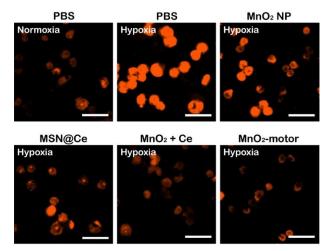


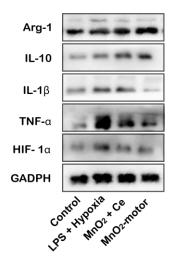
Figure S7. Mean fluorescence intensity of RAW264.7 cells after incubating with  $MnO_2$ -motors (n = 3; mean  $\pm$  SD).



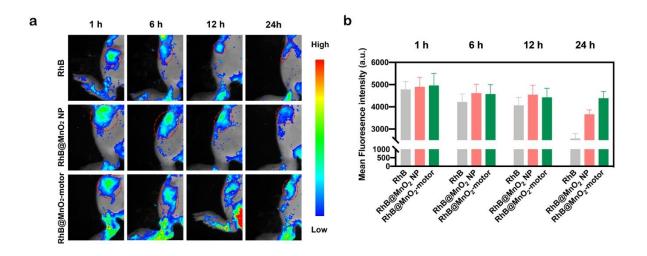
**Figure S8.** Inverted fluorescence microscopy images of ROS in RAW264.7 cells probed by DCFH-DA. Scale bar= $50 \mu m$ .



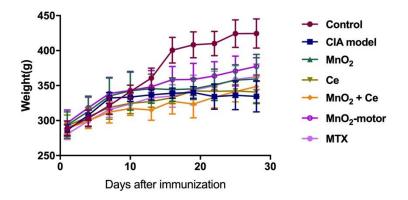
**Figure S9.** Inverted fluorescence microscopy images of  $O_2$  indicator in RAW264.7 cells. Scale bar=50  $\mu$ m.



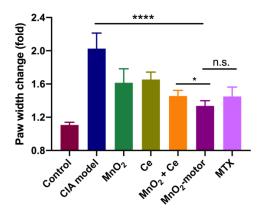
**Figure S10.** Protein expression of HIF-1 $\alpha$ , M1 (IL-1 $\beta$  and TNF- $\alpha$ ), and M2 (Arg-1 and IL-10) macrophage markers in RAW264.7 cells after different treatments, as evaluated by Western blot analysis.



**Figure S11.** (a) Distribution of Rhodamin B-labeled  $MnO_2$ -motors in joints compared with free Rhodamin B and Rhodamin B-labeled  $MnO_2$  NP. (b) Fluorescence intensity of  $MnO_2$ -motors in joints.



**Figure S12.** Weight changes of rats after different treatments (n = 5; mean  $\pm$  SD)



**Figure S13.** Paw width change of rats after different treatments (n = 5; mean  $\pm$  SD) (one-ANOVA test).



Figure S14. Representative photographs of hind legs taken on the 28<sup>th</sup> day.

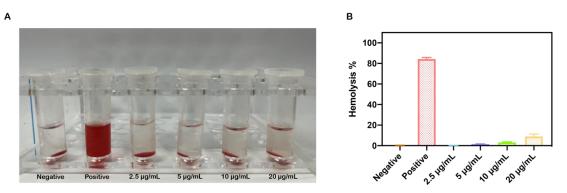


Figure S15. Hemolysis assay of  $MnO_2$ -motor. (A) Photographs and (B) hemolysis assay of negative, positive and  $MnO_2$ -motor with different concentrations (n = 3; mean ± SD).

**Movie S1.** Motion of  $MnO_2$ -motors in  $H_2O_2$  solution with different concentrations. (MP4) **Movie S2.** In vitro  $O_2$  generation of  $MnO_2$ -motors under  $H_2O_2$  solution with different concentrations. (MP4)

Movie S3. Ultrasound detection of a CIA joint as compared with a normal joint. (MP4)