

# **Synthesis and Biomedical Applications of Uniform-sized Nanoparticles**

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**Part I:**

**Synthesis and  
Formation Kinetics of  
Uniform-sized  
Iron Oxide Nanocrystals**

# Key Issues in Nanoparticle Synthesis

views

Nanostructures

## Synthesis of Monodisperse Spherical Nanocrystals

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Diamond will shine  
brightly for chemists

Gerhard Materlik

Controlled  
Oxidation

11 nm Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

- Size Uniformity
- Particle Size Control
- Shape control
- Large-scale Synthesis

Nucleation  
& Growth

Mean size / nm

Time

Semiconductors  
Metal oxides  
Metals

J. Park, et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*  
(Invited Review) 2007, 46, 4630.

T. Hyeon, *Chem. Comm.* (Feature Article),  
2003, 927, "Chemical Synthesis  
of Magnetic Nanoparticles."

# Why is Size Uniformity of Nanoparticles Important

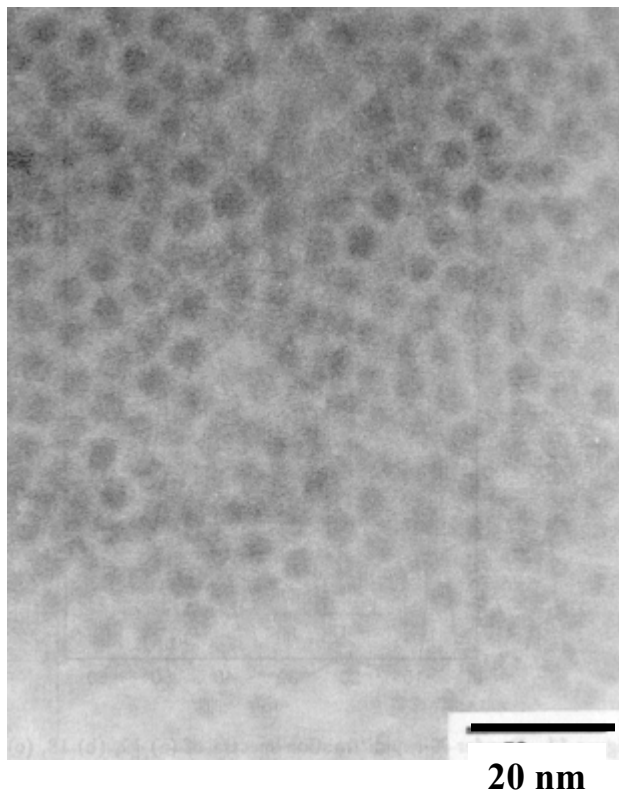
**Physical properties of nanoparticles are directly dependent on the particle size.**

- For Terabit/in<sup>2</sup> magnetic storage media, well-aligned Monodisperse magnetic nanoparticles needed.
- Color sharpness of semiconductor nanoparticle based LED, Lasers, Phosphors depends on the Size Uniformity.
- Nanoparticles for Bio-Medical Applications,  
Uniform size is important for passage of cell membrane  
Important for FDA approval process



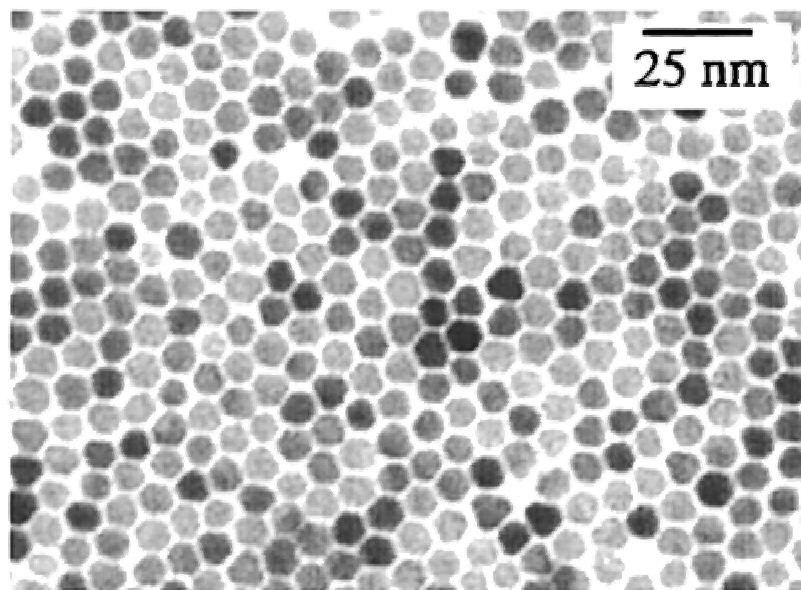
# Synthesis of Monodisperse Semiconductor Nanospheres through Burst of Homogeneous Nucleation & Subsequent Aging

**5.1 nm CdSe** MIT



**8.5 nm CdSe**

UC-Berkeley



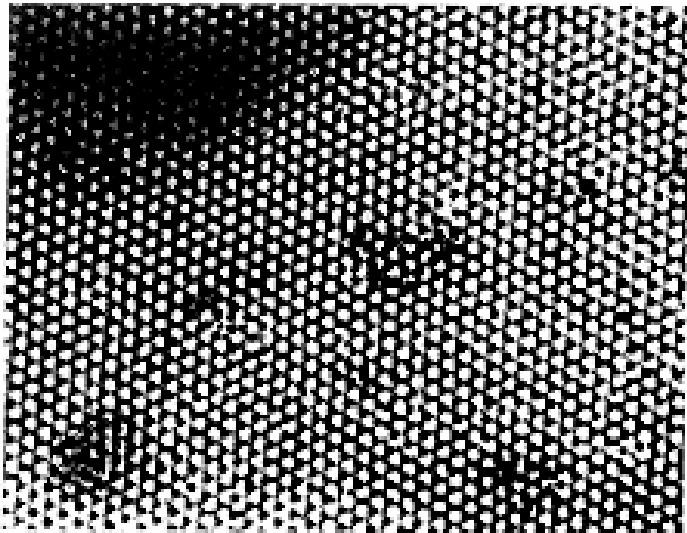
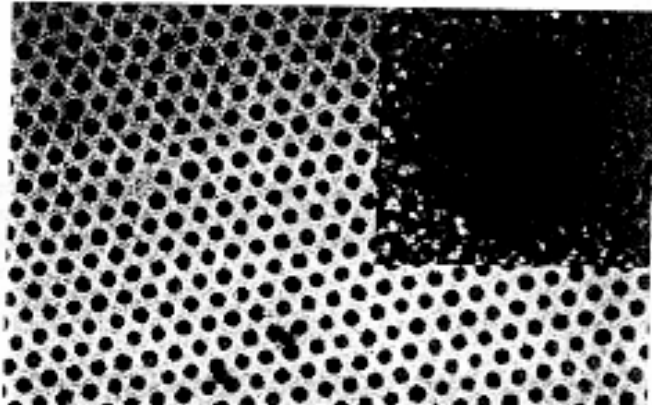
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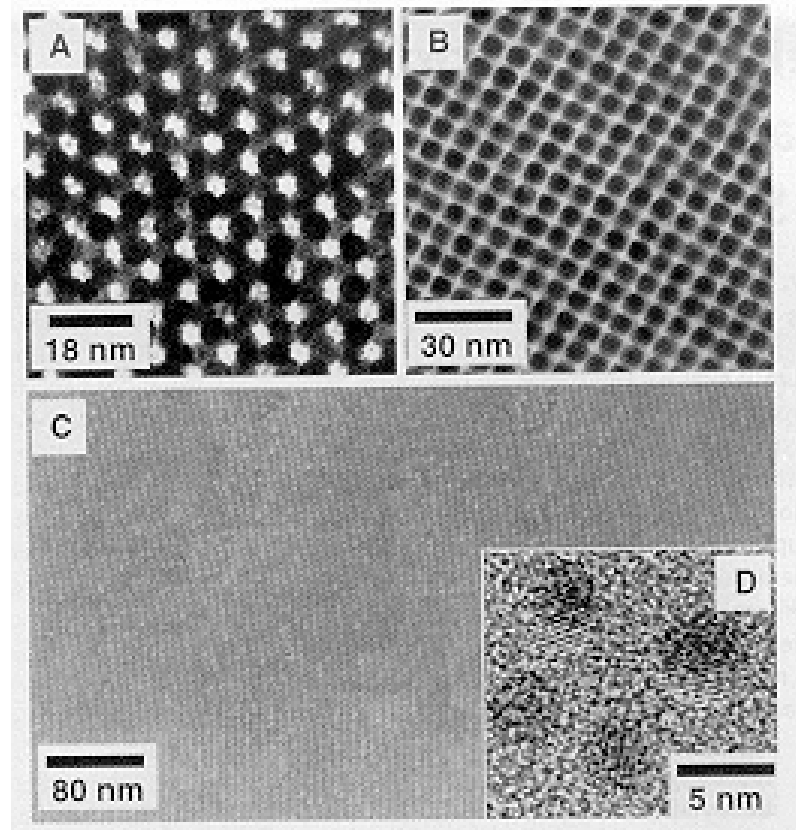
# Synthesis of Magnetic Metal Nanoparticles

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## Cobalt



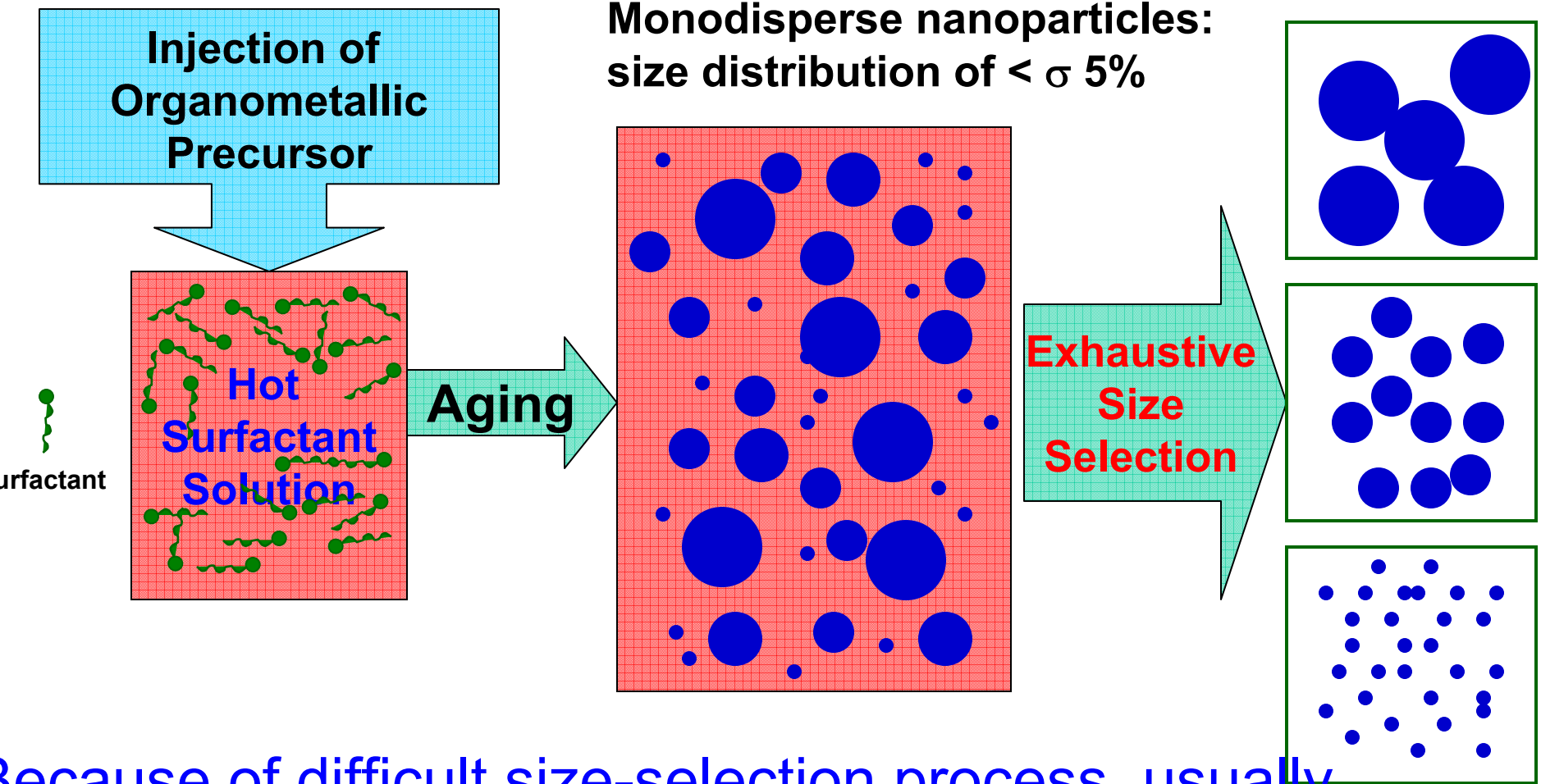
## Fe-Pt alloys





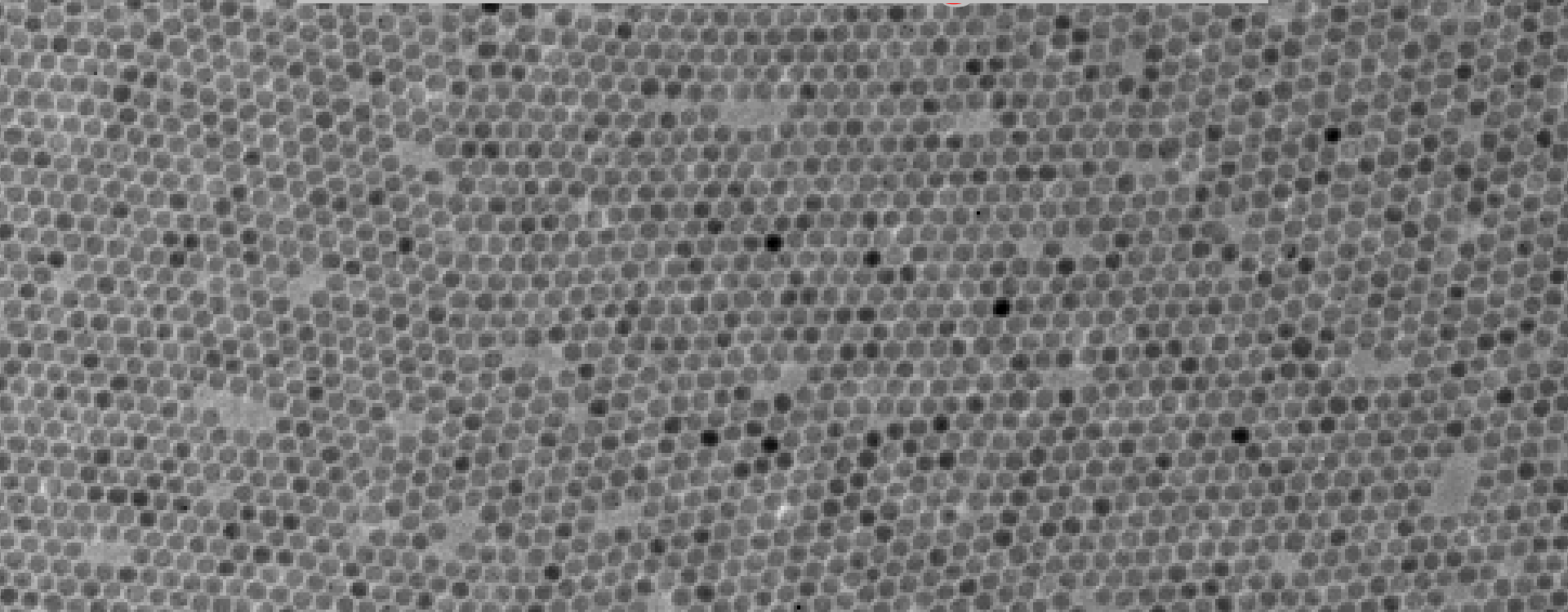
# Conventional Synthesis of Monodisperse Nanocrystals

## Burst of Nucleation by Hot Injection followed by Aging



Because of difficult size-selection process, usually  $< 100$  mg of monodisperse nanoparticles is produced.

# Direct Synthesis of Monodisperse 11 nm Magnetite Nanocrystals from Controlled Thermolysis of Fe-Oleate Complex Without Size Sorting Process



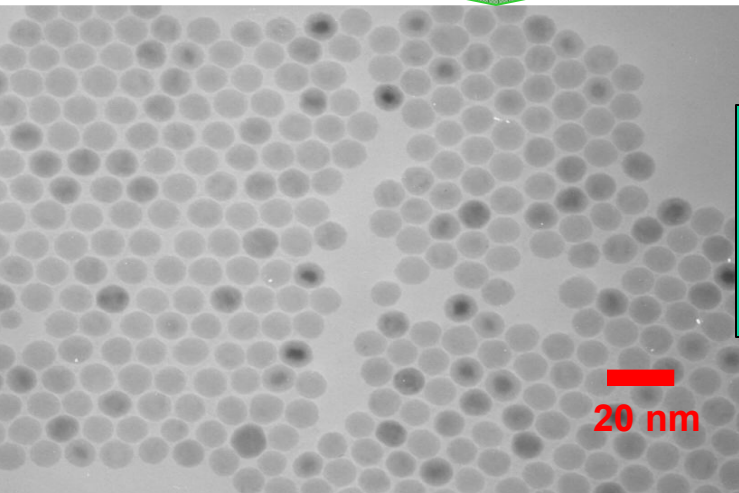
T. Hyeon *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, 123, 12798.



# Synthesis of Monodisperse Nanocrystals from thermolysis of Metal-surfactant complexes

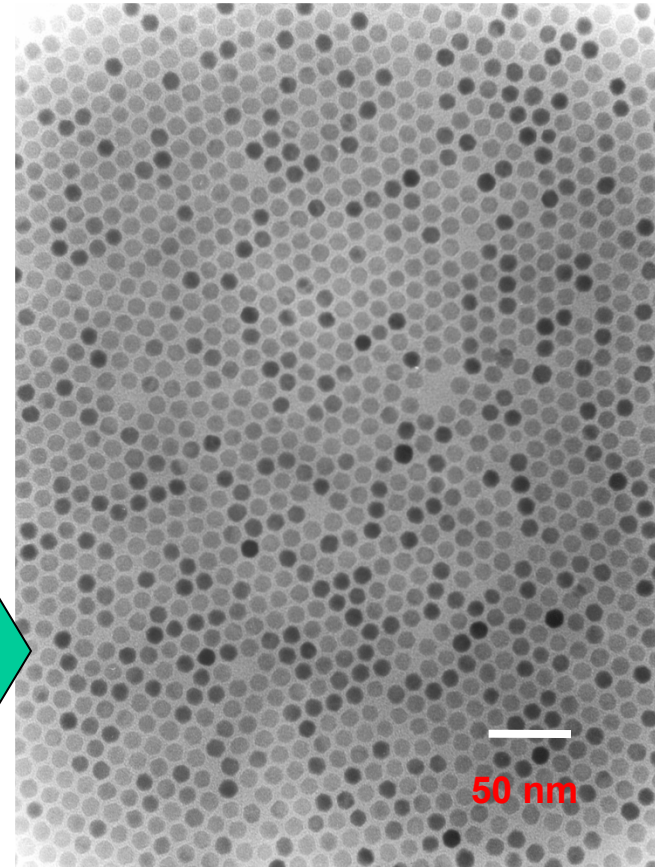
Formation of Fe-oleate complex  
from  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$  + Oleic acid

Aging of the complex  
By heating at high temp  
of  $> 300^\circ\text{C}$



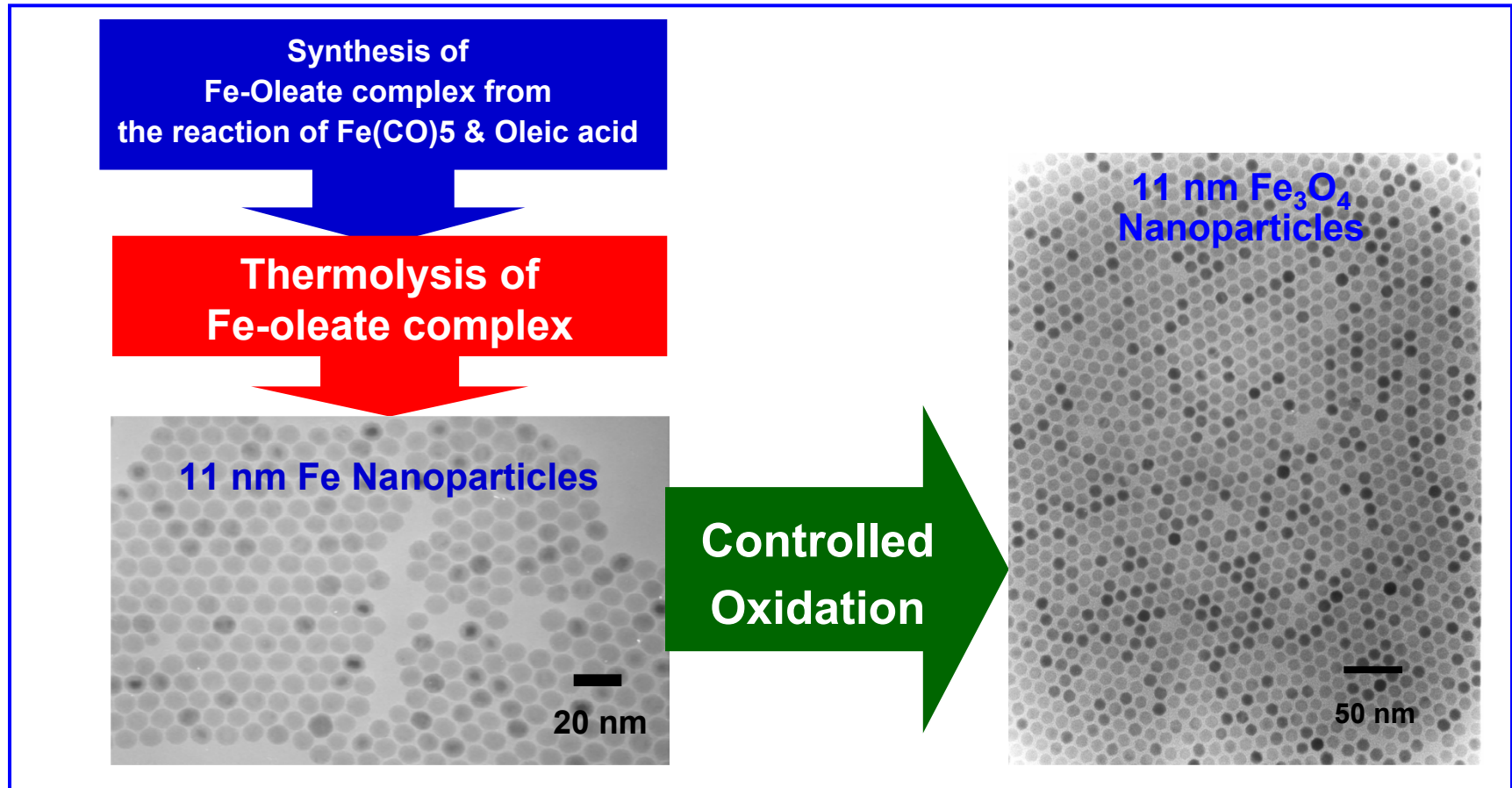
11 nm Fe nanoparticles

Controlled  
Mild chemical  
Oxidation



11 nm Iron oxide  
Nanocrystals

Although we were able to directly synthesize uniform-sized nanoparticles without a size sorting process,  
We still have to use **expensive & toxic chemicals**.



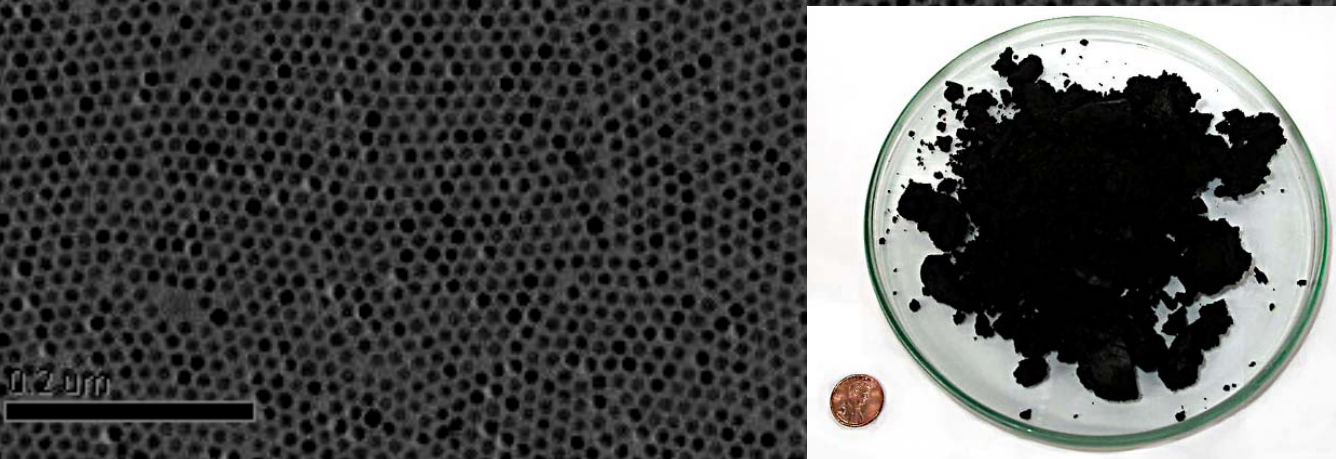
**Main problem: expensive & toxic precursor  
 $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$  (\$ 2000 USD/Kg)**



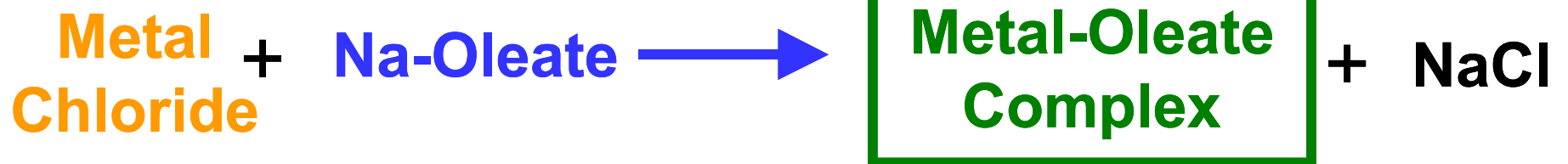
# Ultra-large-Scale Synthesis of Uniform-sized Nanoparticles

*(Nature Materials 2004, 3, 891.)*

**40 gram of  
Monodisperse  
Magnetite  
Nanocrystals  
was produced  
using  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
without size  
Sorting Process**

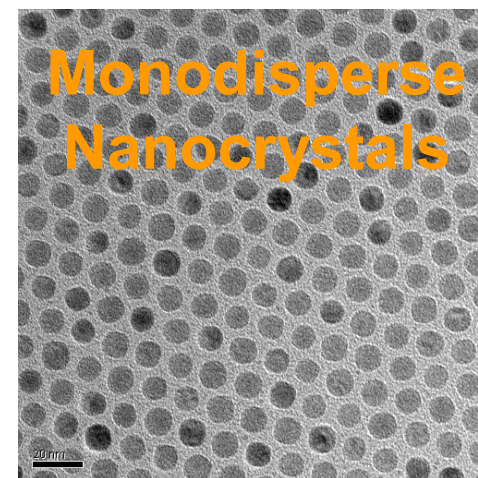


- 1) Large-scale Synthesis: 40 grams using 1 L reactor
- 2) Simple and Environmentally-Friendly process
- 3) Inexpensive using Hydrated Metal chlorides



**Metal-Oleate Complex**

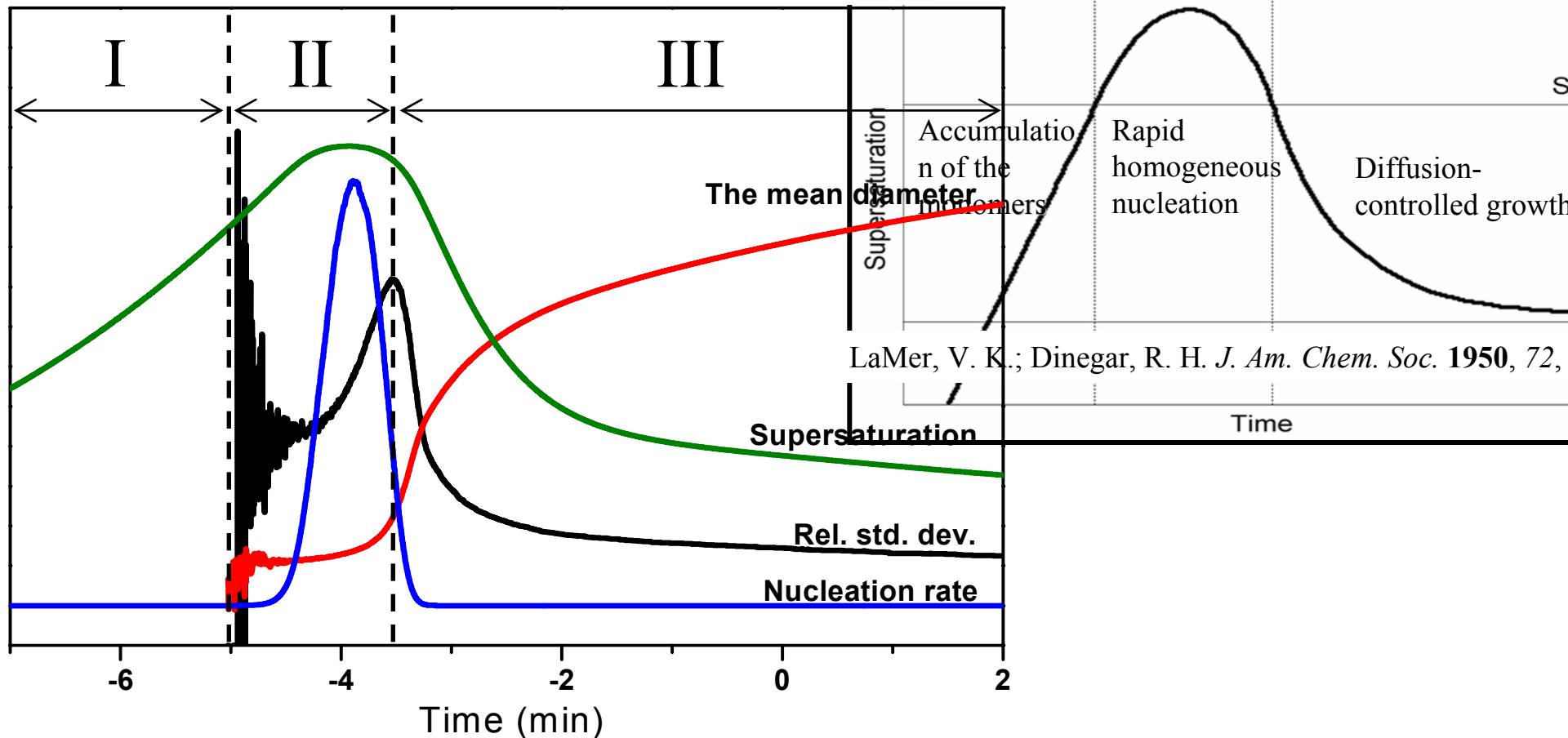
**Thermal decomposition  
in high boiling solvent**





# How did it happen? (LaMer vs. Kwon&Hyeon)

G. Kwon et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, 129, 12571.

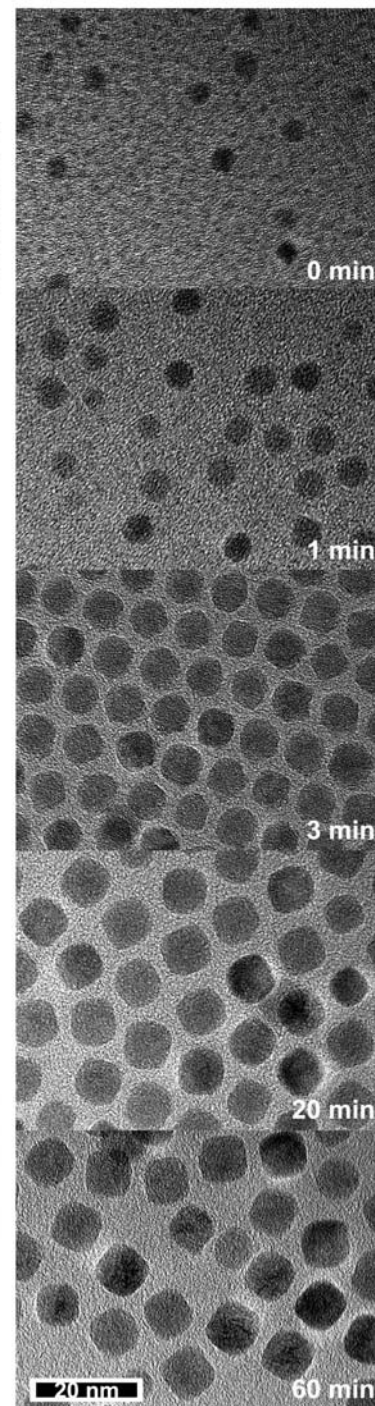
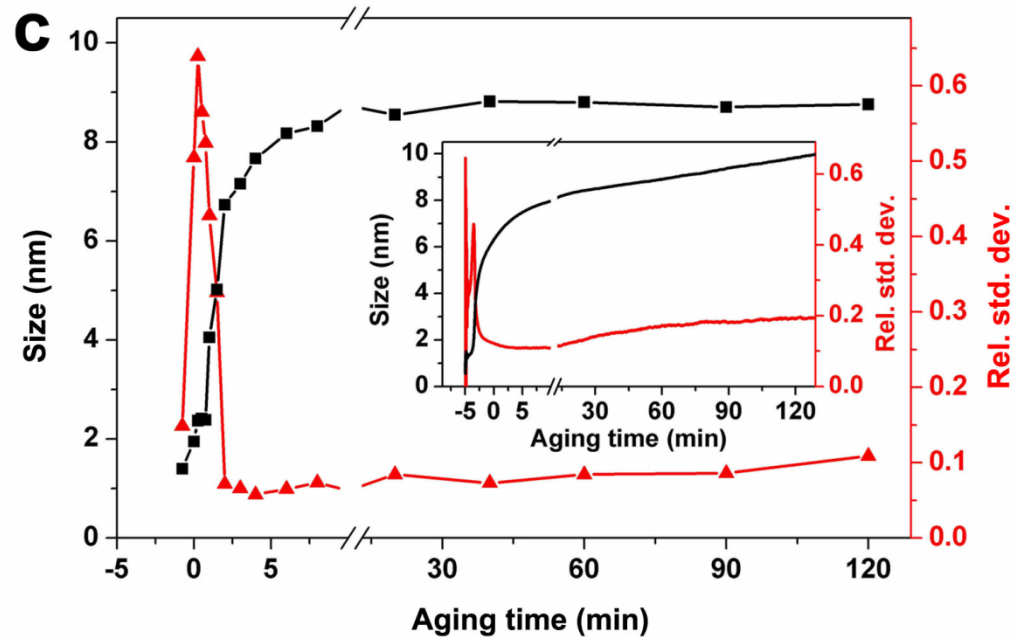
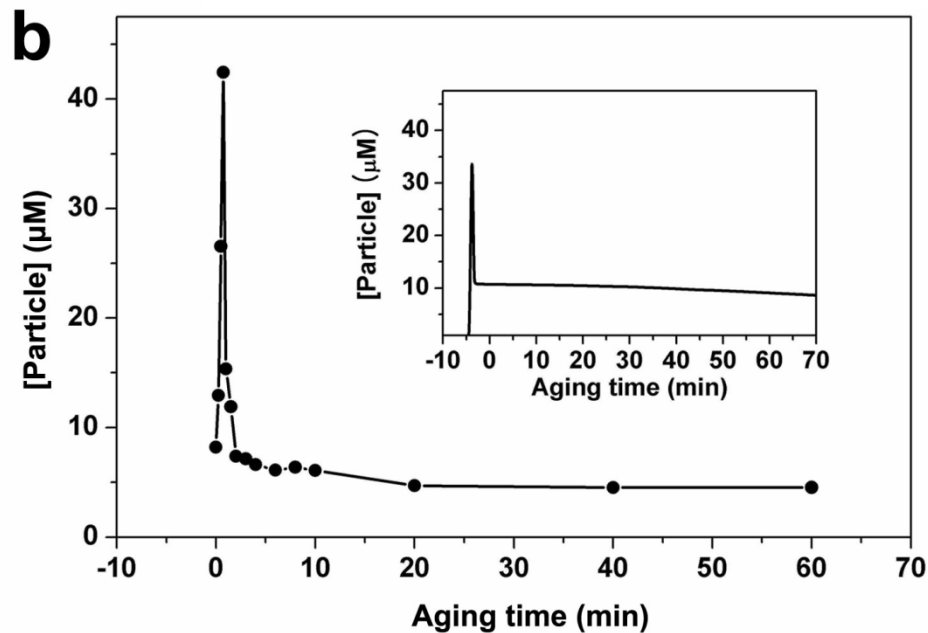


A sudden increase in nanocrystal concentration (burst of nucleation) is followed by rapid narrowing of size distribution (size focusing), which is well explained by LaMer model.

Peng, X.; Wickham, J.; Alivisatos, A. P. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, 120, 5343.

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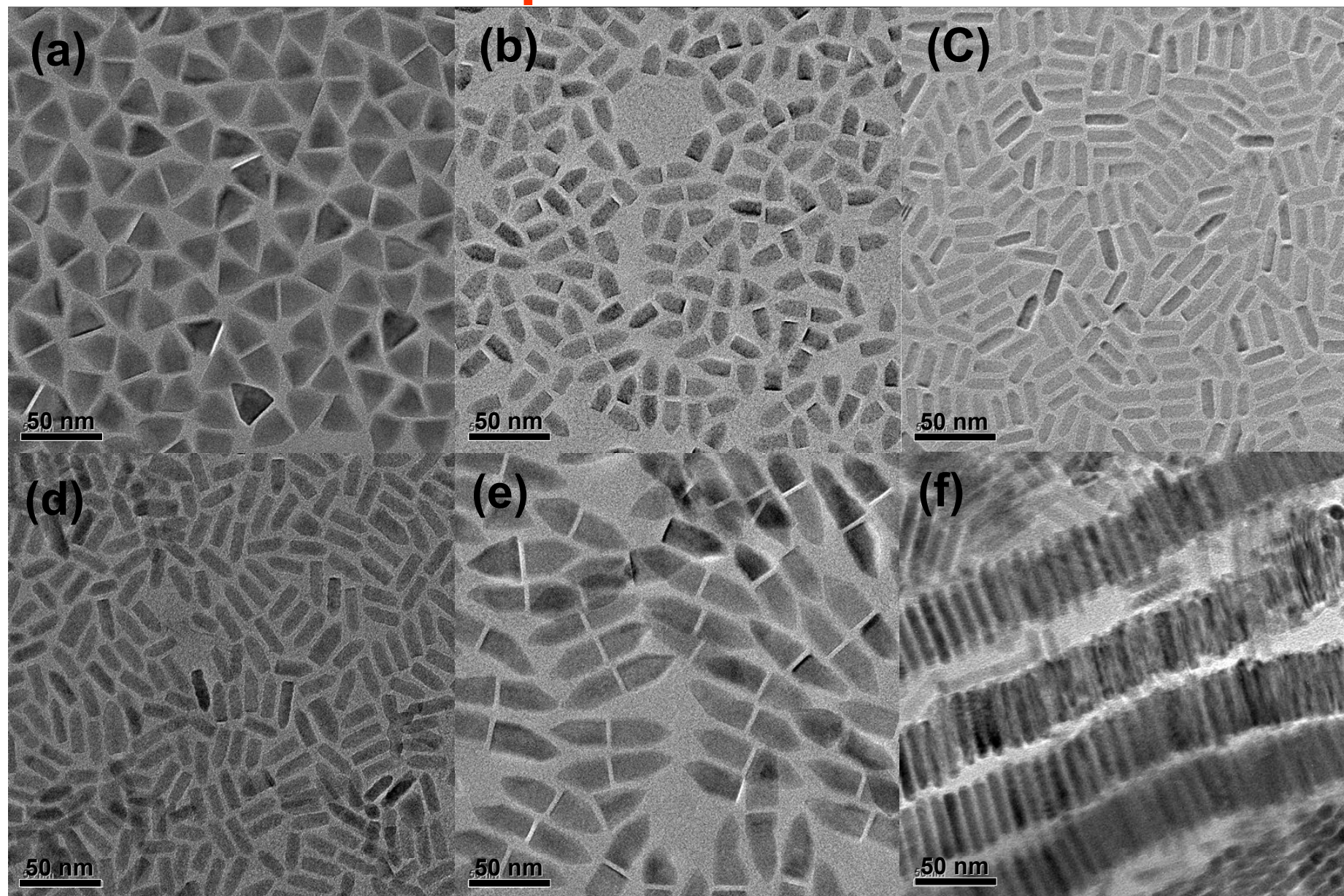
# Heating at 320 °C



S. G. Kwon & T. Hye  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.*  
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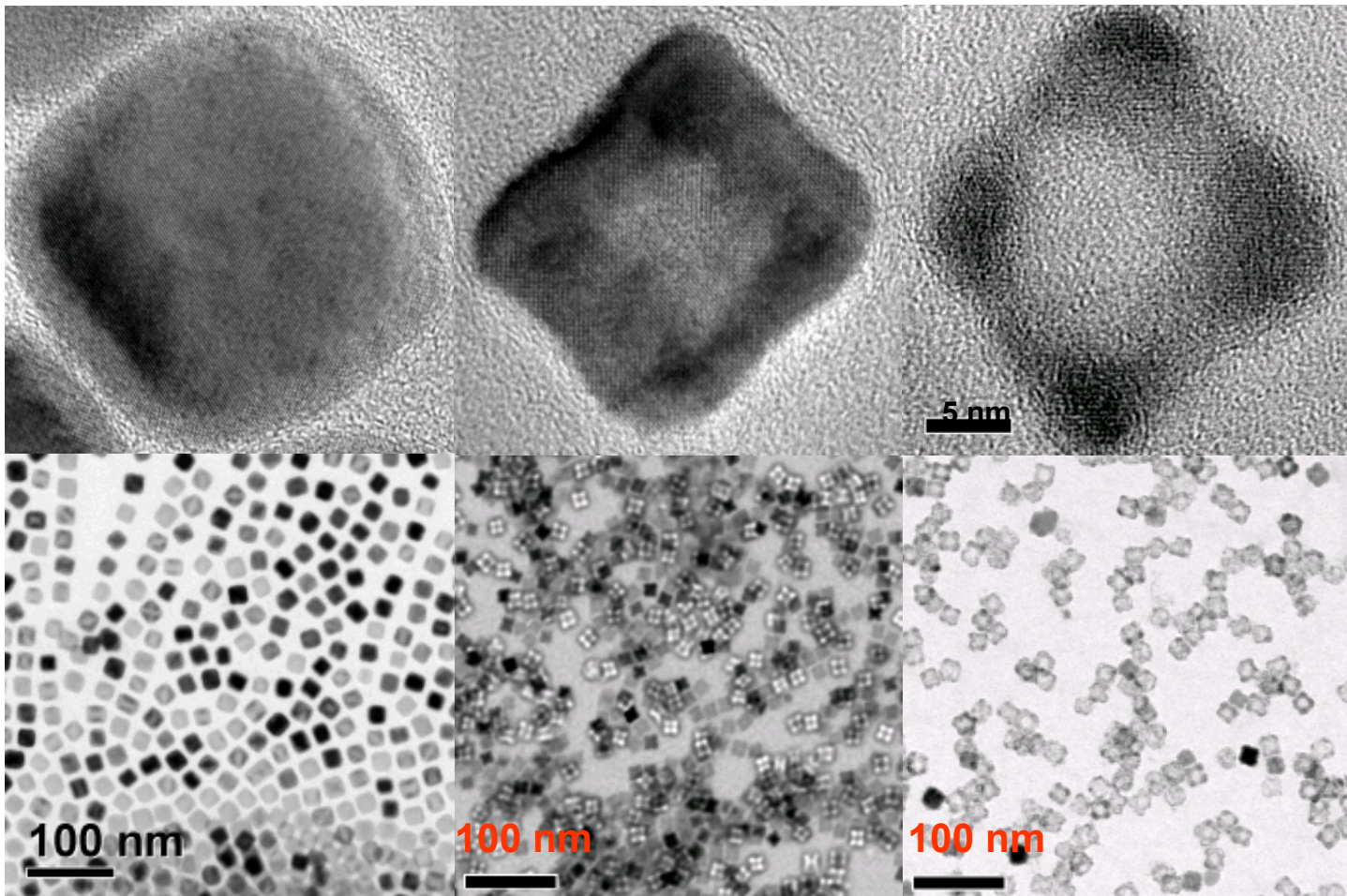
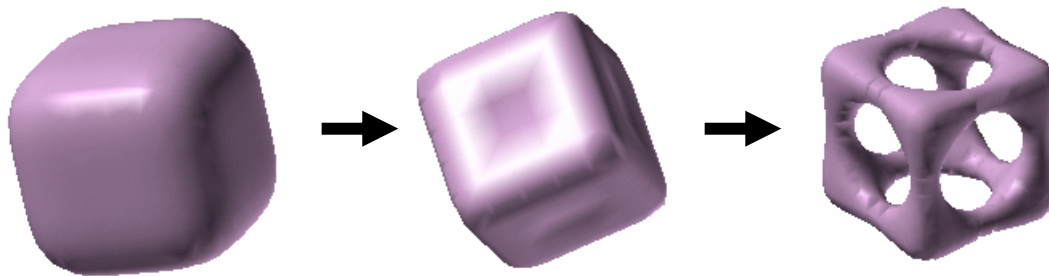


# Pencil-shaped CoO Nanorods



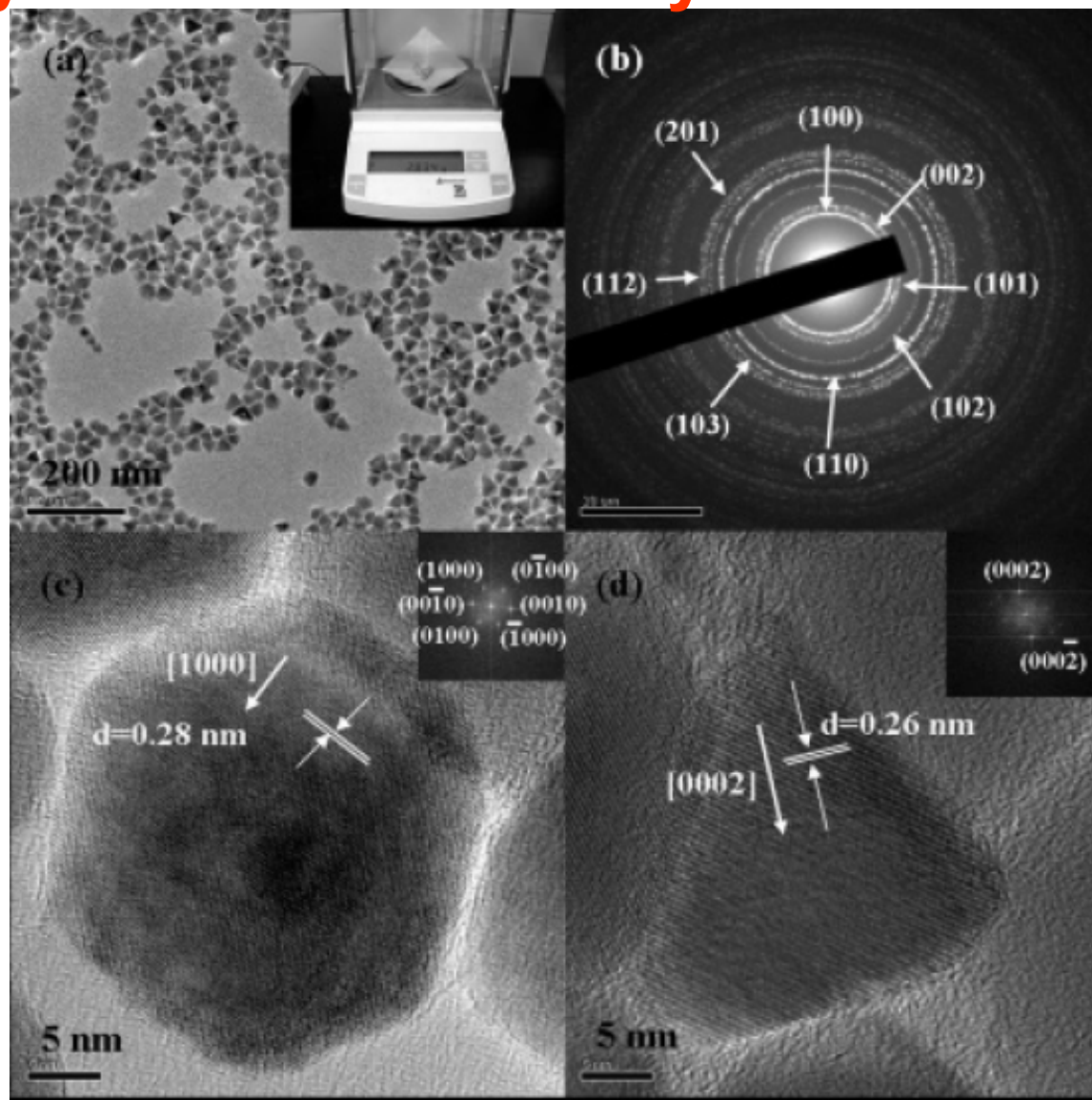


# Synthesis of Hollow Iron Nanoframes



D. K. Kim *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, 129, 5812.

# Large-Scale Synthesis of Hexagonal Pyramid-Shaped ZnO Nanocrystals from Thermolysis of Zn-Oleate Complex

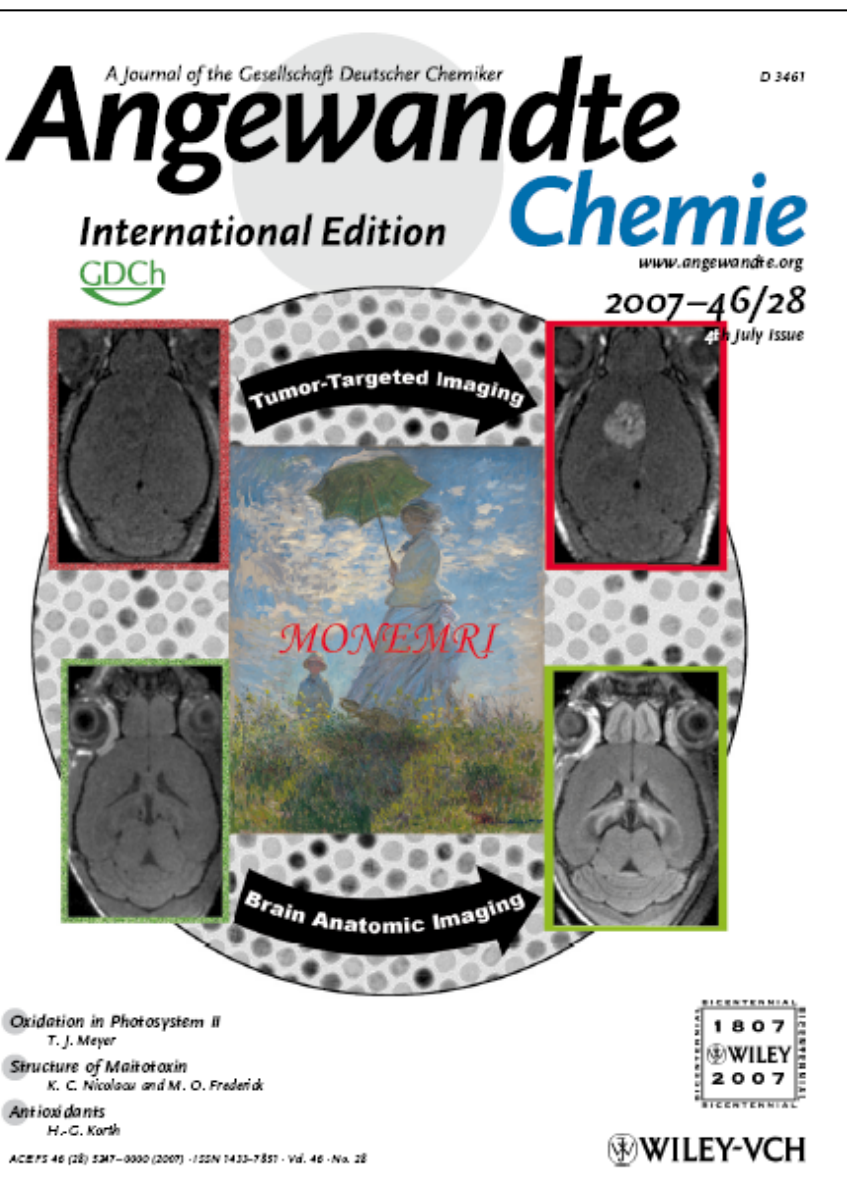


# **Part II**

## **Bio-Medical Applications of Uniform-sized Nanoparticles**



# Manganese Oxide Nanoparticle contrast Enhanced T1 weighted MRI (**MONEMRI**)



Hyon Bin Na et al.,  
*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2007**, 46,  
5397.

Cover article in July 4<sup>th</sup> issue.

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# Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

- MRI is one of the most potent imaging techniques for living organisms because MRI provides images with excellent anatomical details and functional information in a non-invasive and real-time monitoring manner.
- Contrast agents enable more specific and obvious images and enlargements of detectable organs and systems, leading into a wide scope of applications of MRI not only for diagnostic radiology but also for therapeutic medicine.

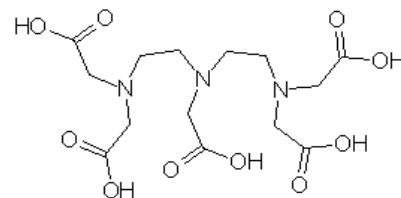
# T1 MR Contrast Agents using $Gd^{3+}$ complexes

- **Positive Contrast Agents:** **becomes whiter**  
cause a reduction in the T1 relaxation time (increased signal intensity on T1 weighted images)
- Paramagnetic species have unpaired electrons.
- **$Gd^{3+}$  and  $Mn^{2+}$  ionic complexes**
- **Most of clinically used MRI contrast is T1 Gd-complex**

Ion	3d	4f	Magnetic moment (Bohr magneton)
Cr 3+	↑↑↑		3.8
Mn 2+	↑↑↑↑↑		5.9 (weak field)
Fe 3+	↑↑↑↑↑		5.9 (weak field)
Cu 2+	↑↓↑↓↑↓↑↓↑↓		1.7-2.2
Eu 3+		↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑	(6.9)
Gd 3+		↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑	7.9
Dy 3+		↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑	(5.9)

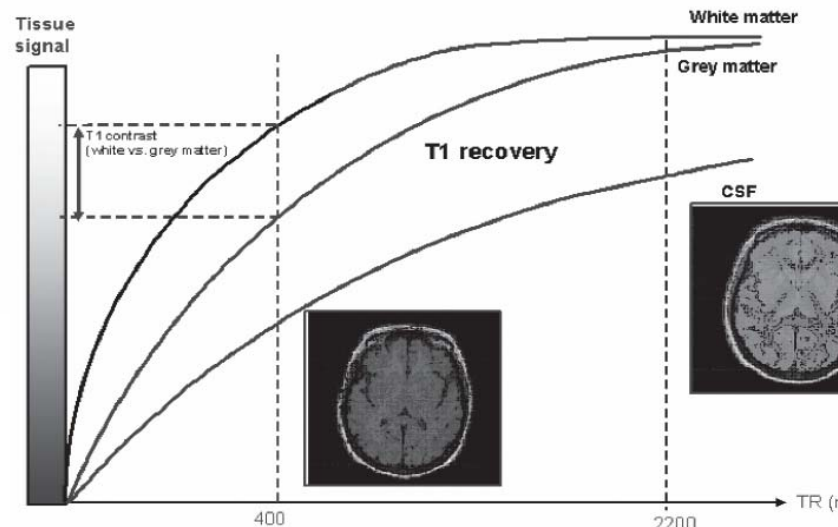
Life in urine = 21.0 min after intravenous injection  
in blood = 19.6 min

Compound	LD <sub>50</sub> with intravenous dose in rats (mmol/kg body weight)
DTPA	10
EDTA	0.3
Cl3	0.4
glucamine diatrizoate	18
common X-ray contrast agent	



DTPA (diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid)

## T1-weighted contrast

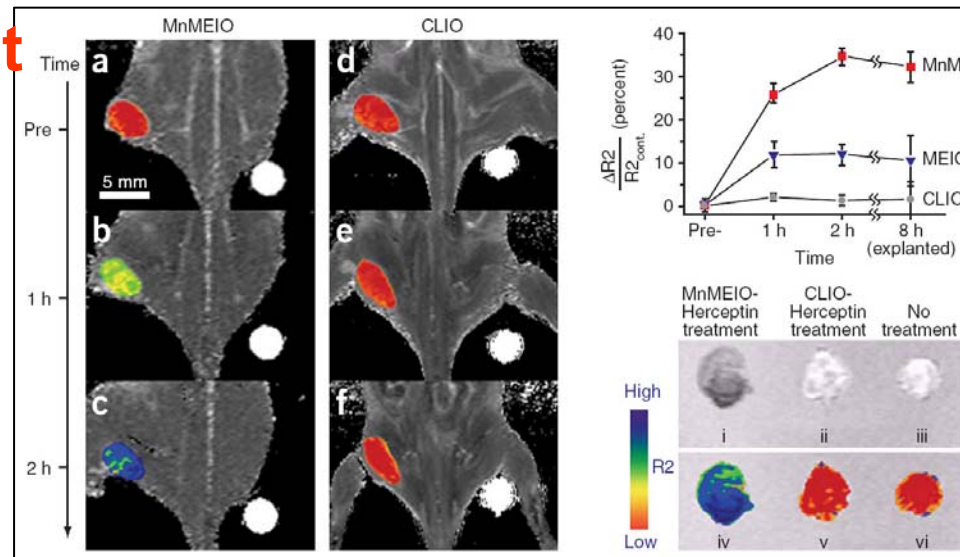
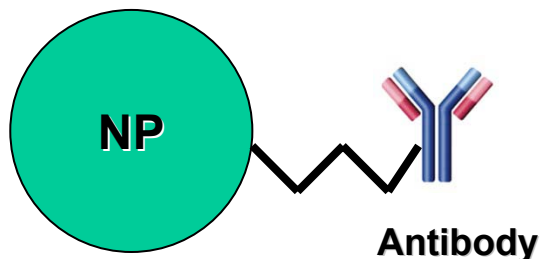




# T2 MR Contrast Agents using Ferrite Nanoparticles

- **Negative contrast agents:** becomes darker
- Produce spin-spin relaxation effects → Shorter T2 relaxation.
- Superparamagnetic iron oxide (SPIO) nanoparticles
- Problems: 1) Dark signal is confused with pathologic conditions; 2) blooming effect: signal loss or distorted background image, overestimated image

Nonetheless, Magnetic Important  
for Molecular Imaging  
because of easy derivatization  
of targeting agent



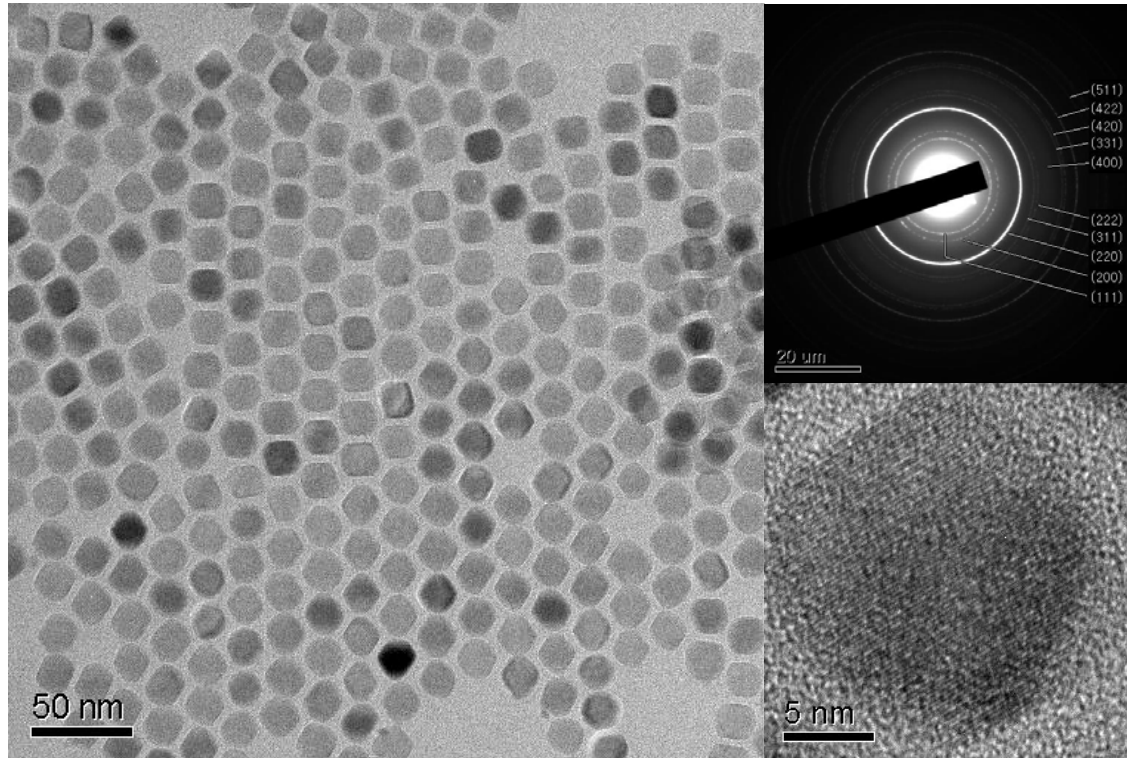
# What is Ideal MRI contrast agent for Molecular & Cellular Imaging?

- 1) Efficient **positive (T1)** contrast ability,
- 2) **Nanoparticle shape**  
for Easy labeling with targeting agents
- 3) High **intracellular uptake** and accumulation  
for Cellular imaging
- 4) Facile delivery, safe clearance,  
and minimal side effects.



Manganese Oxide Nanoparticle contrast Enhanced  
T1 weighted MRI (**MONEMRI**)

# Ultra-large scale Synthesis of Monodisperse Nanocrystals

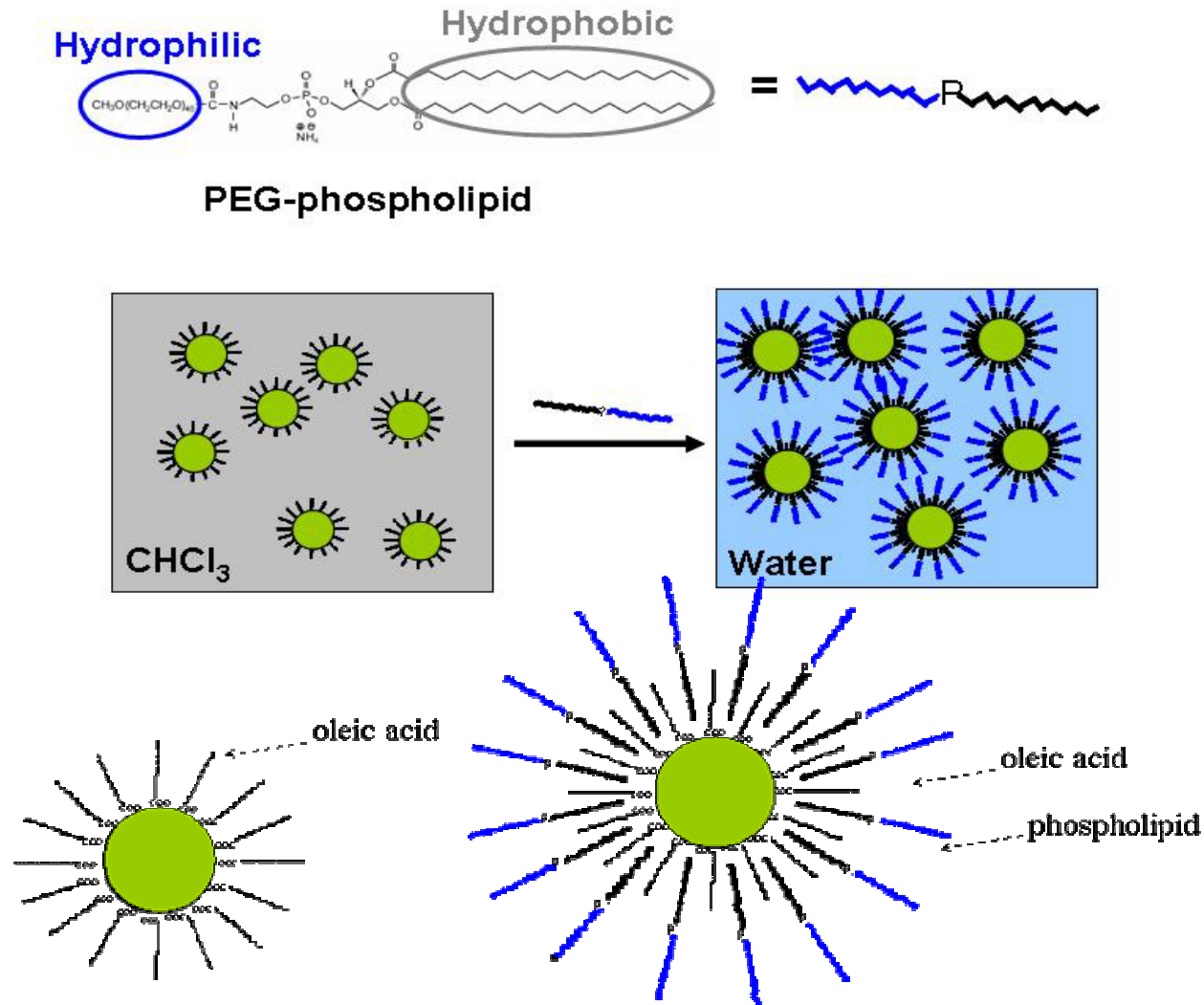


## Monodisperse MnO Nanocrystals

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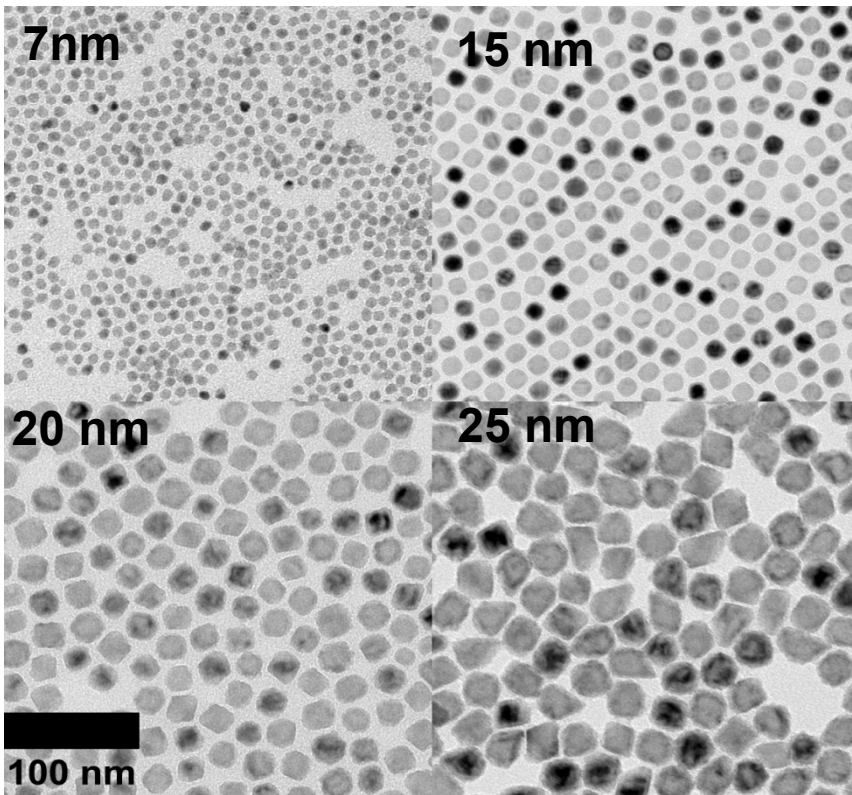


# Water-dispersible MnO nanoparticles

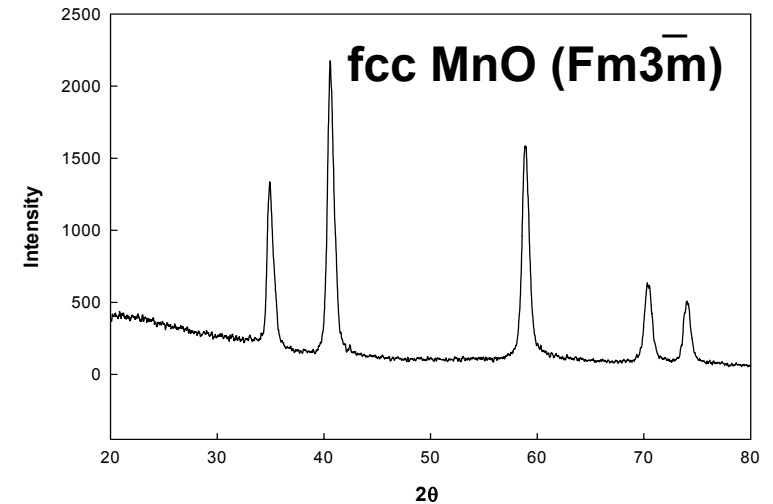


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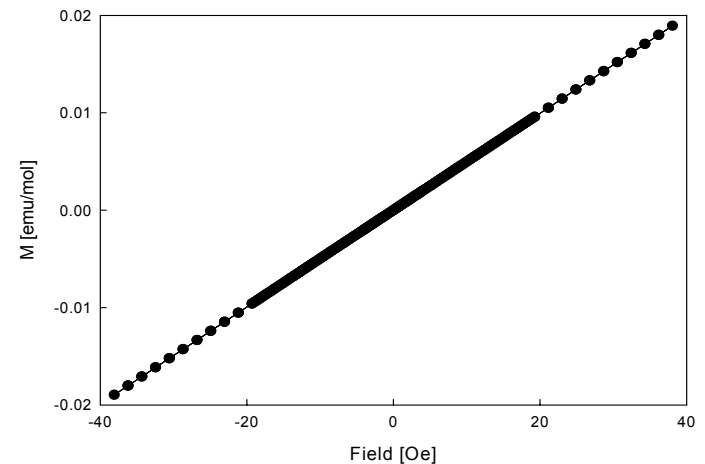
# Water-dispersible MnO nanoparticles



XRD of MnO nanoparticles



Magnetic property of MnO nanoparticles at  $T = 300\text{K}$



# In vivo MRI - mouse



- 8 weeks mouse
- 20~25 g of mouse

Vol (ml)	0.15~0.3
Mn (mg)	0.70
Mouse (g)	20
Dose (mg/kg body)	35.00

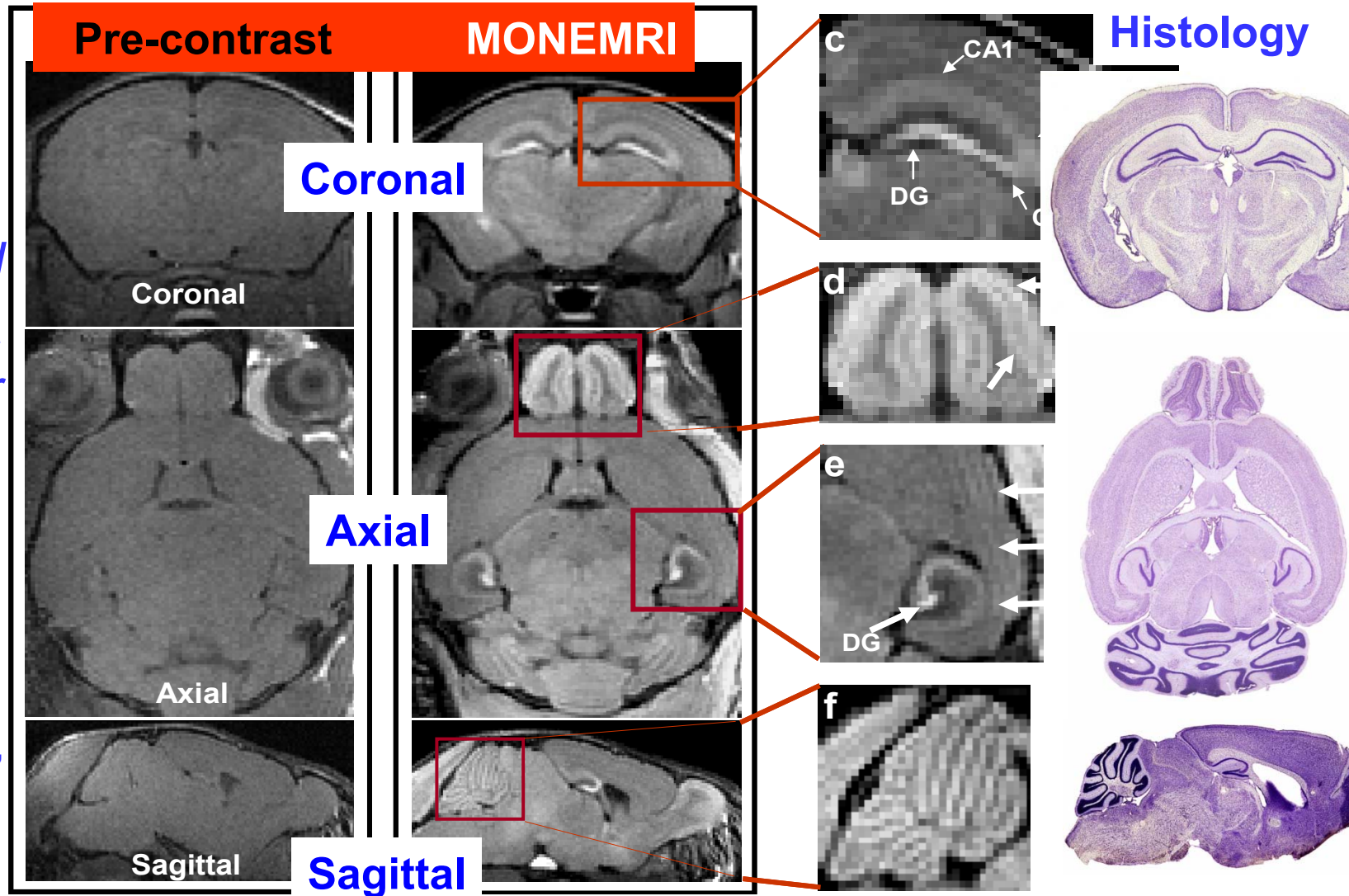


# WAS BLIND, BUT NOW I SEE\*

## MONE-MRI of Mouse Brain

Conventional  
Gd-DTPA  
gives similar  
image as  
Pre-contrast

Amazing Grace,  
Newton, 1779.



**MONE-MRI shows clear sub-anatomic structure of brain**

# Concentration of MnO nanoparticles that inhibited 50% of cell growth (IC<sub>50</sub>)

Cell line	Characteristics	IC <sub>50</sub> (Mn mM)
MRC-5	Human normal lung fibroblast	4.73
HEK 293	Human embryonic kidney cell	1.33
NCI-H460	Human large cell lung cancer cell	0.36
Huh7	Human hepatoma cell	0.66
U87-MG	Human glioblastoma cell	3.57
MCF-7	Human breast adenocarcinoma cell	0.44

- No appreciable toxicity below 0.82 mM (Mn) was observed in human normal and cancer cell lines
- No abnormal behavior of mouse during MRI for > 1 month

# **MONEMRI combines T1 positive contrast ability with Nanoparticle Shape for Targeted MRI**

**Gd, Mn ion agents**

- Poor stability
- Toxicity

- T1 imaging agent
- Positive Imaging

- Long stability
- BBB permeability
- Particular shape
- Potential Targeting agents

- T2 imaging agent
- Negative Imaging

**Iron Oxide agents**

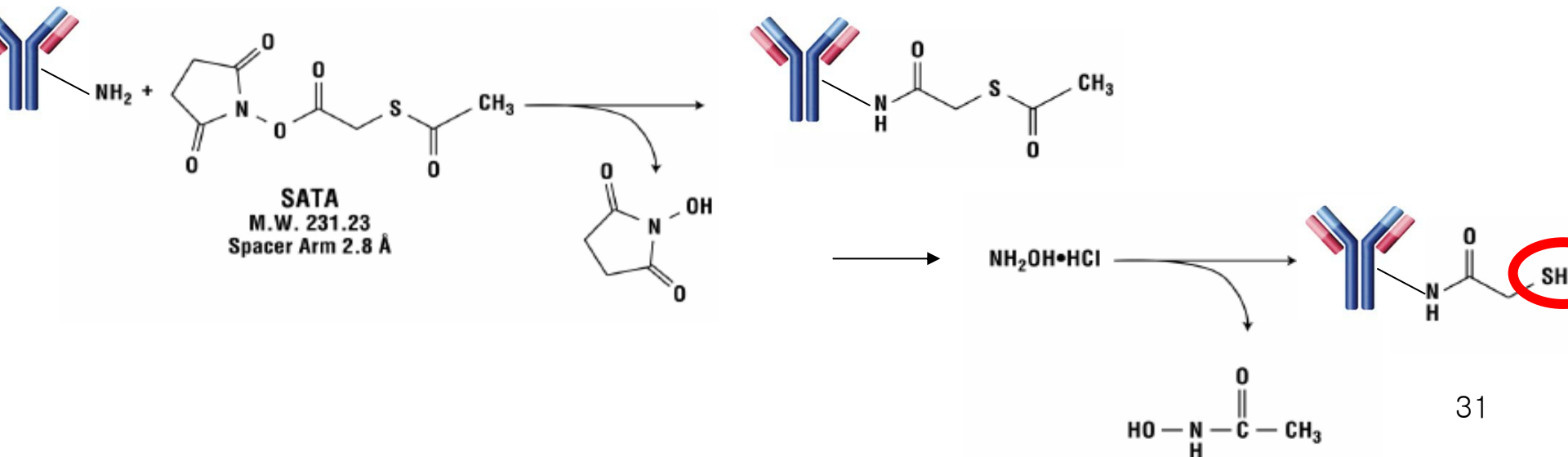


# Targeting MnO agent – antibody conjugation

**Trastuzumab (Herceptin®) – MW : ~150 kDa**

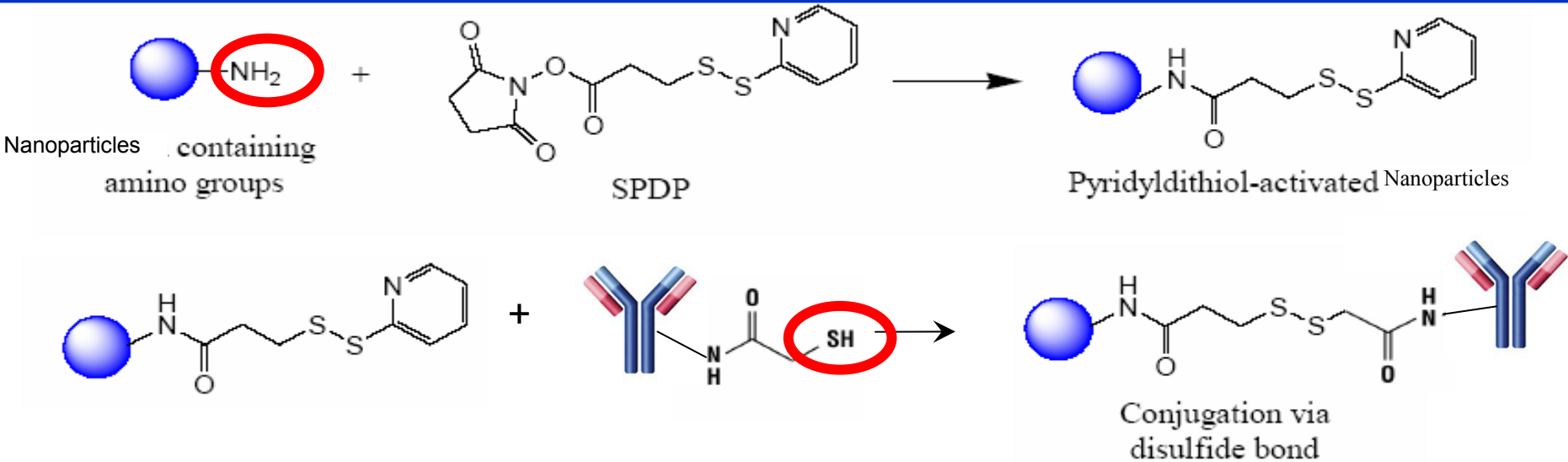
an anti-cancer therapy that acts on the **HER2/neu (erbB2)** receptor (breast cancer). Cells treated with Herceptin undergo arrest during the G1 phase of the cell cycle so there is **reduced proliferation**.

## 1. Antibody modification – Thiol group

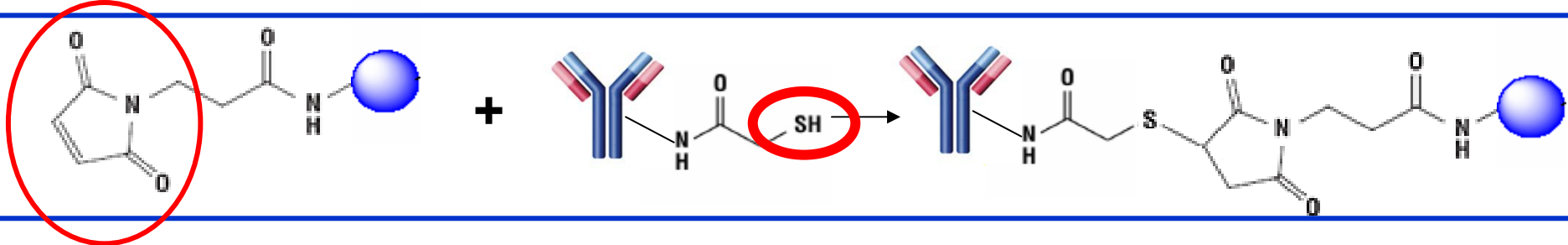


## 2. NPs modification

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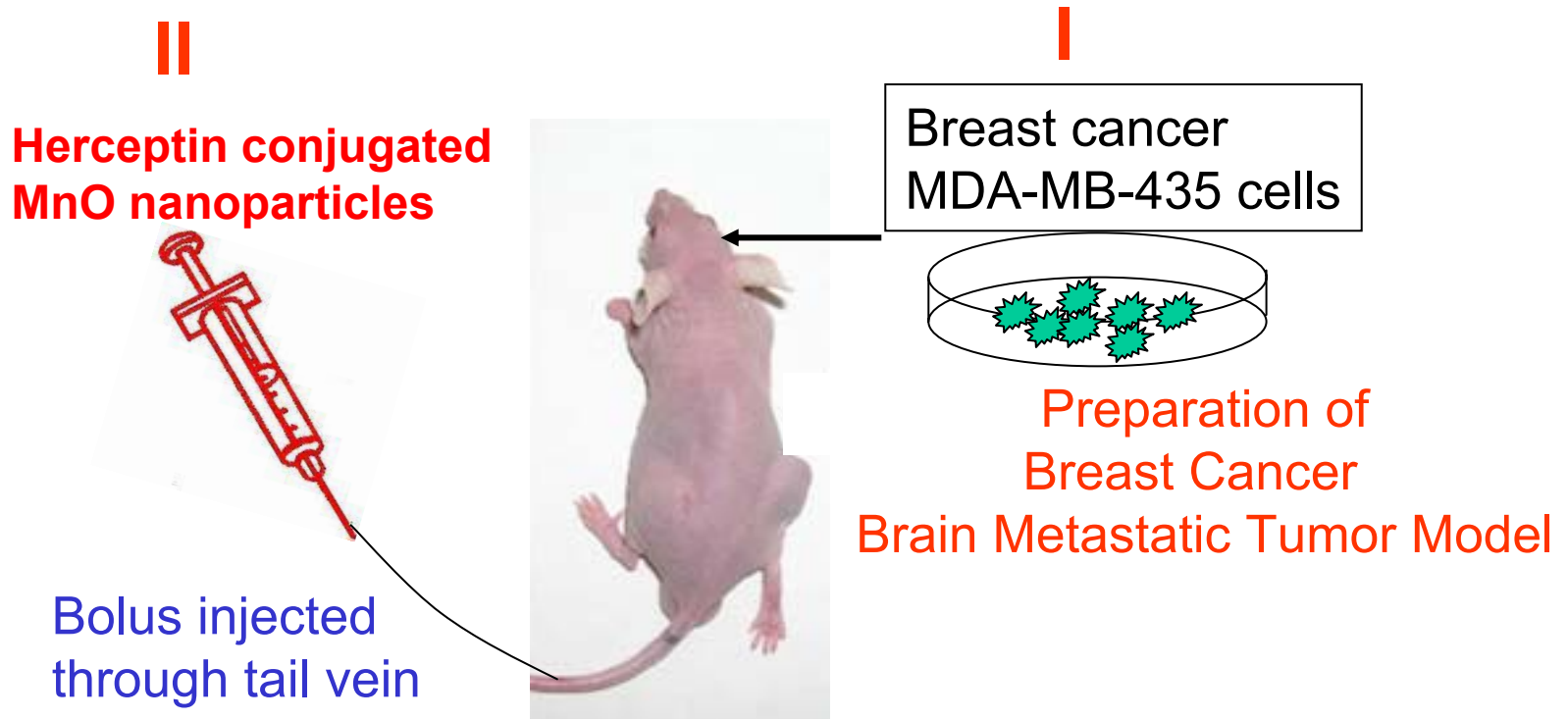


### Method 2.



# Herceptin-MnO Nanoparticles for Targeting to Breast Cancer Brain Metastatic Tumor

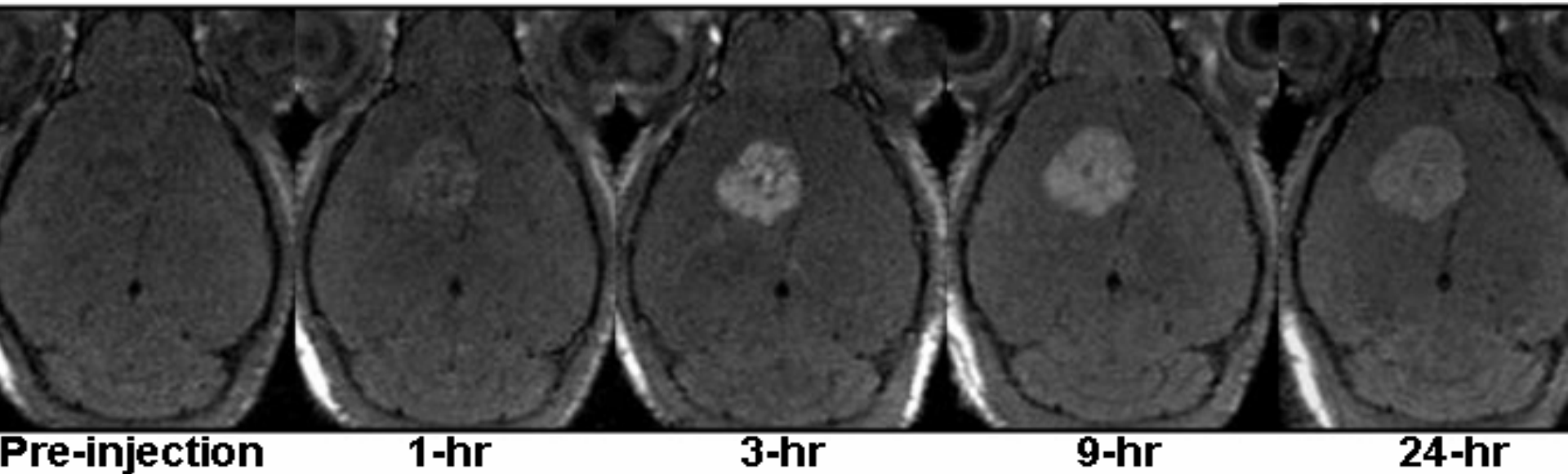
## III. Collection of MRI images



The tumor was grown for 12-17 days.



# Imaging Selectively the Breast Cancer Cells in the Metastatic Brain Tumor Model Using Herceptin Conjugated MnO Nanoparticles

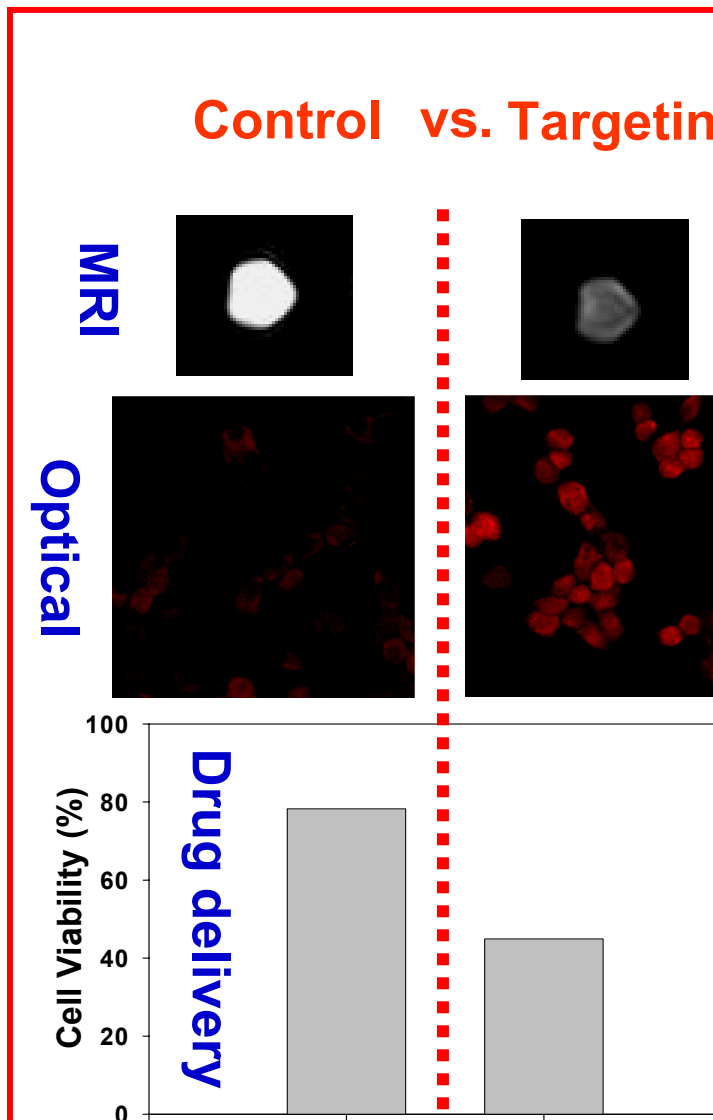
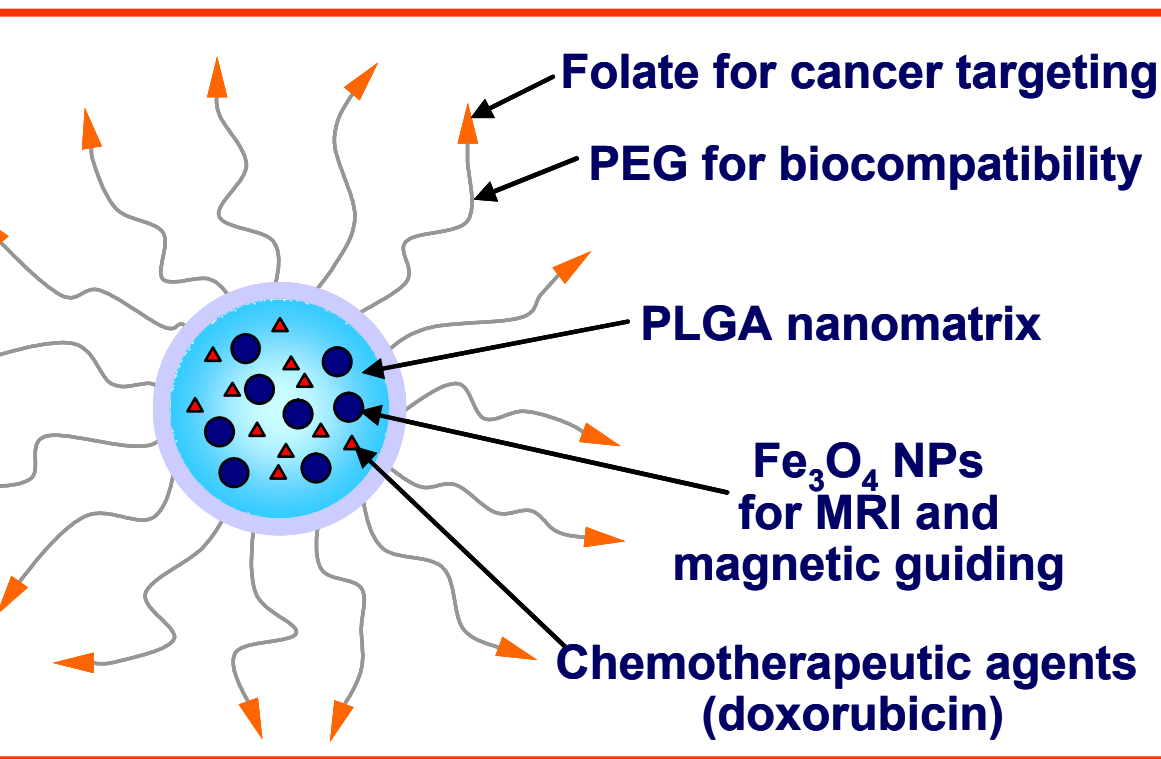


**1) Imaging selectively the breast cancer cells  
in the metastatic brain tumor model**

**2) Boundary between Tumor and Normal Cells are clearly Defined  
which is very important for brain tumor surgery**

# Multifunctional Nanomedical Platforms

## Multimodal Imaging multaneous Diagnosis & Therapy

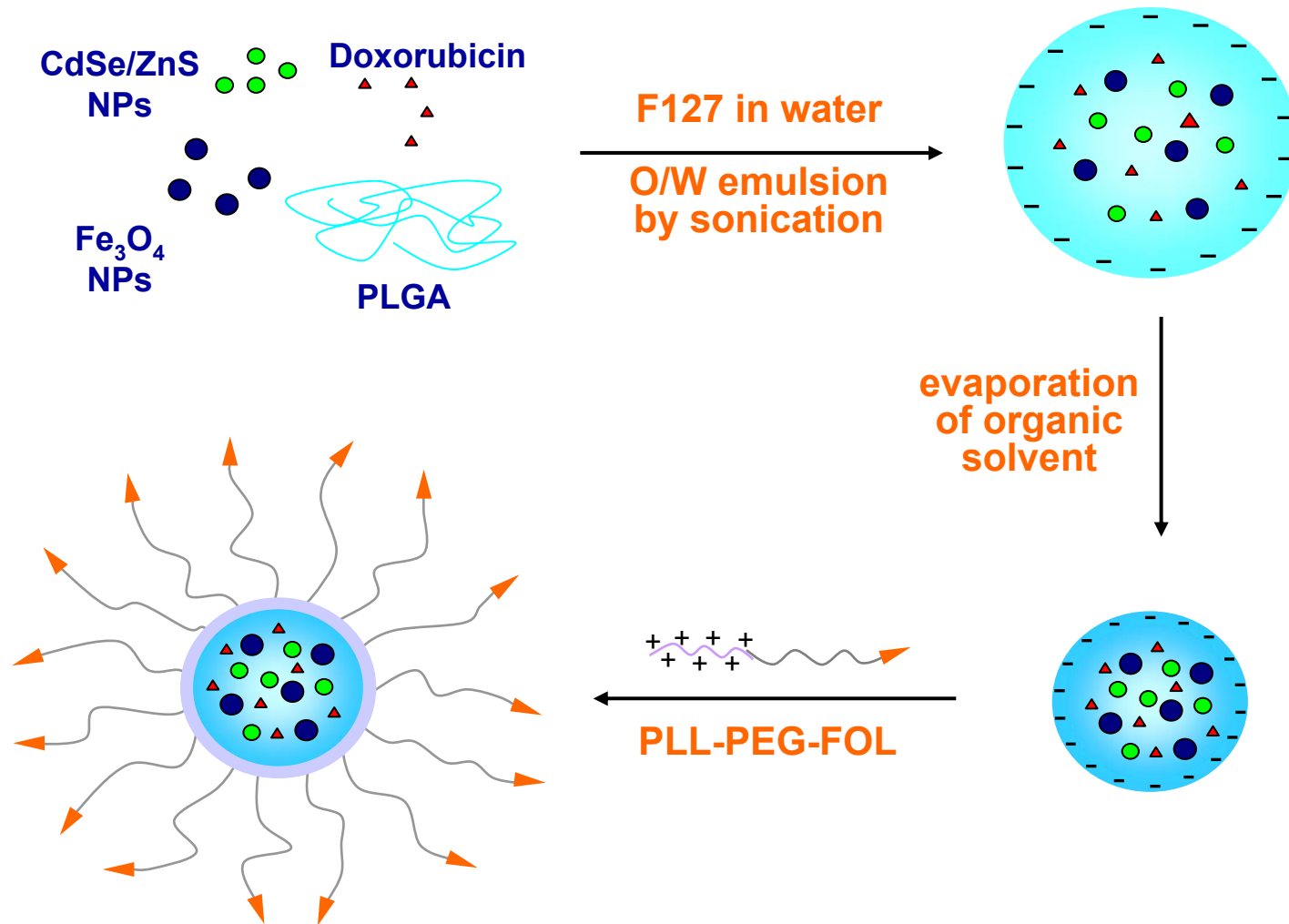


# **Multifunctional Polymer Nanoparticles: Magnetic Guided Diagnostic and Therapeutic Nanomedicine**

J. Kim et al. *Adv. Mater.* **2008**, 20, 478.

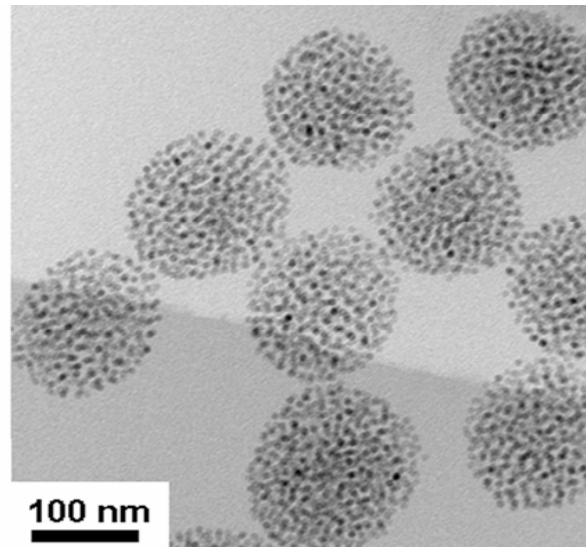
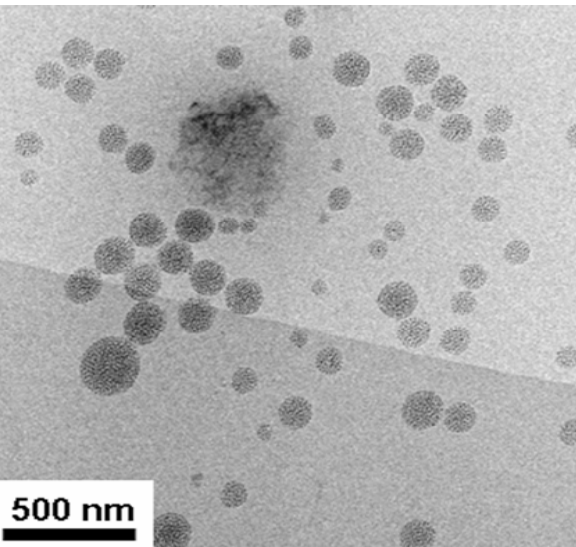
# Scheme

## Multifunctional Polymer Nanoparticles for Cancer Imaging and Therapy

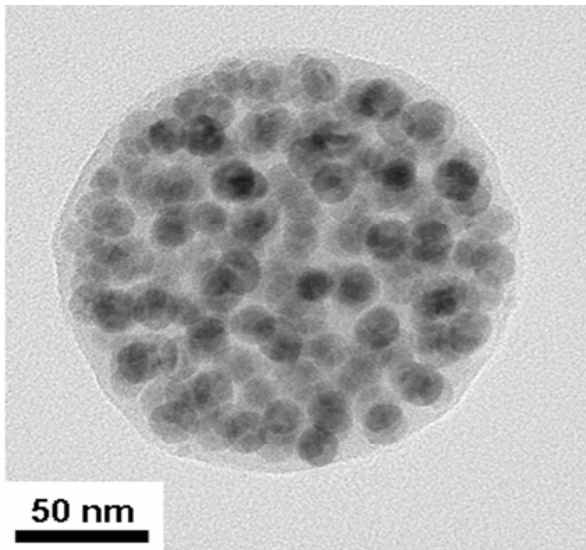
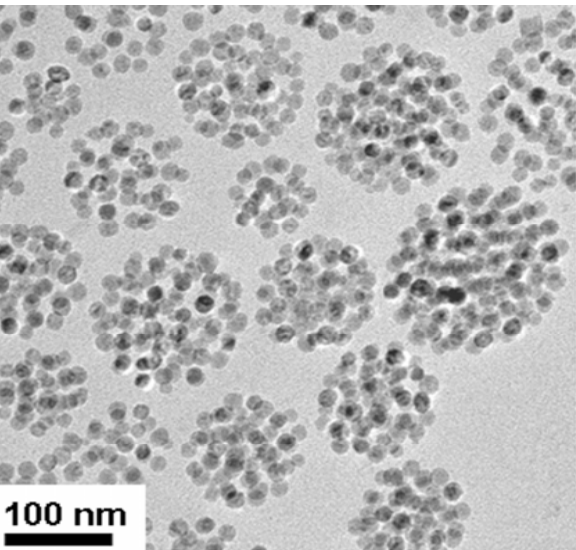




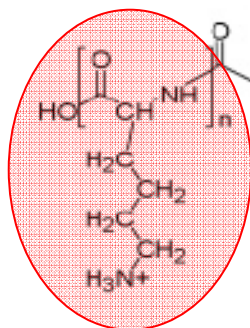
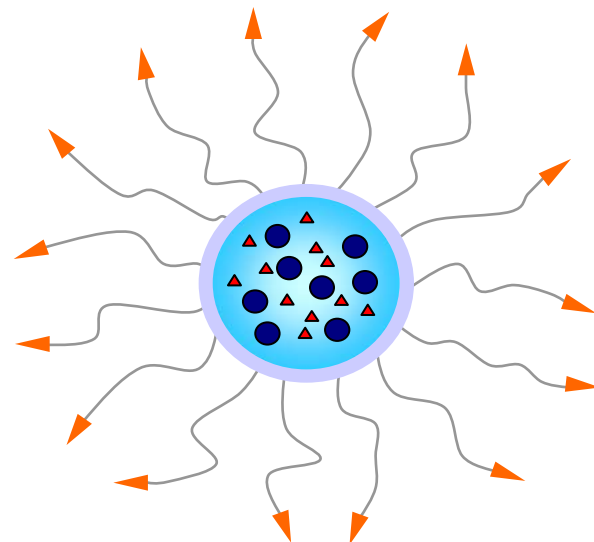
# PLGA (MNP/DOXO) Nanoparticles



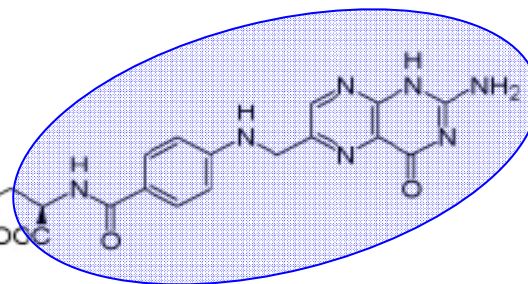
- ▶ **7 nm** Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles in PLGA nanoparticles
- ▶ 100 ~ 200 nm sized PLGA nanoparticles



- ▶ **15 nm** Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles
- ▶ 100 ~ 200 nm sized PLGA nanoparticles



## PEG Groups for Biocompatibility

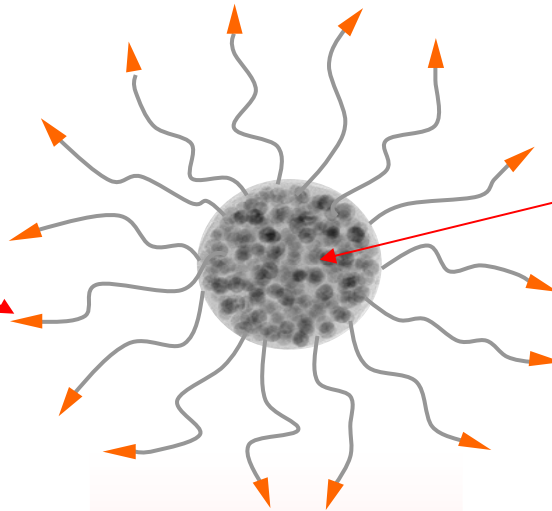


## Folate Groups to Target the Folate Receptors on Cancer Cells

# In Vitro Targeted MRI and Drug Delivery

**(1) Folate Targeting**

**(2) Magnetic Attraction  
(High Magnetic Moment)**

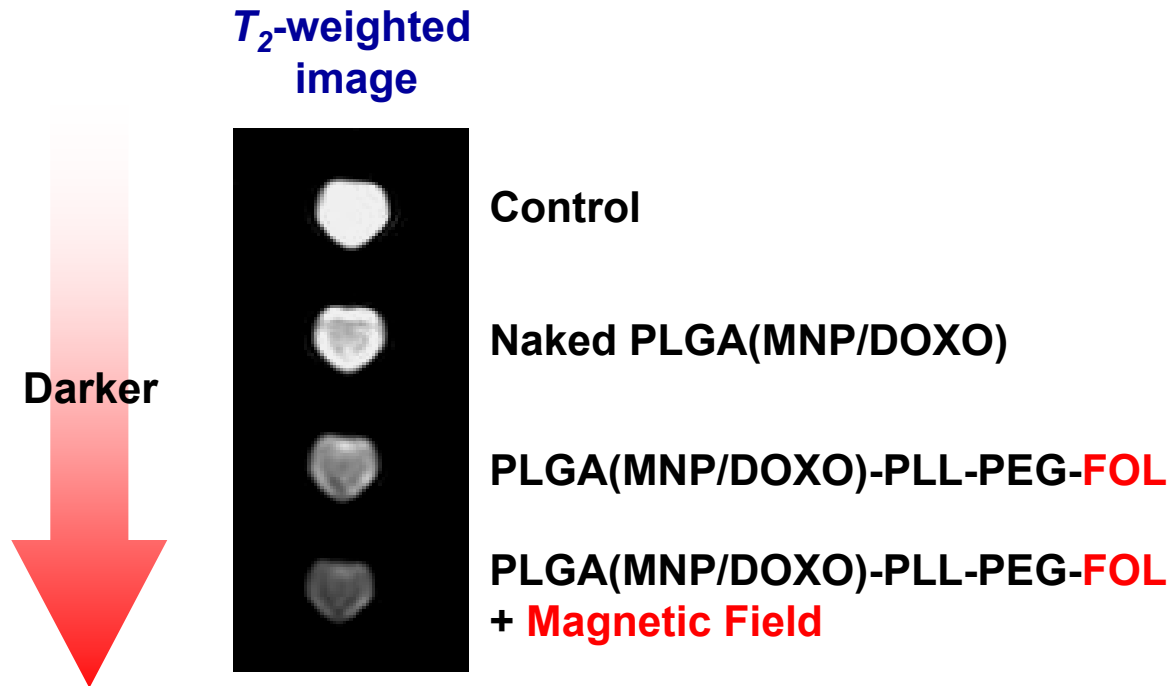


**KB cell : a human epidermal carcinoma cell line  
folate receptor-overexpressing cell line**

- Imaging of Cancer Cells Using  $T_2$  MRI
- Cell Growth Inhibition by Doxorubicin

# In Vitro $T_2$ MRI

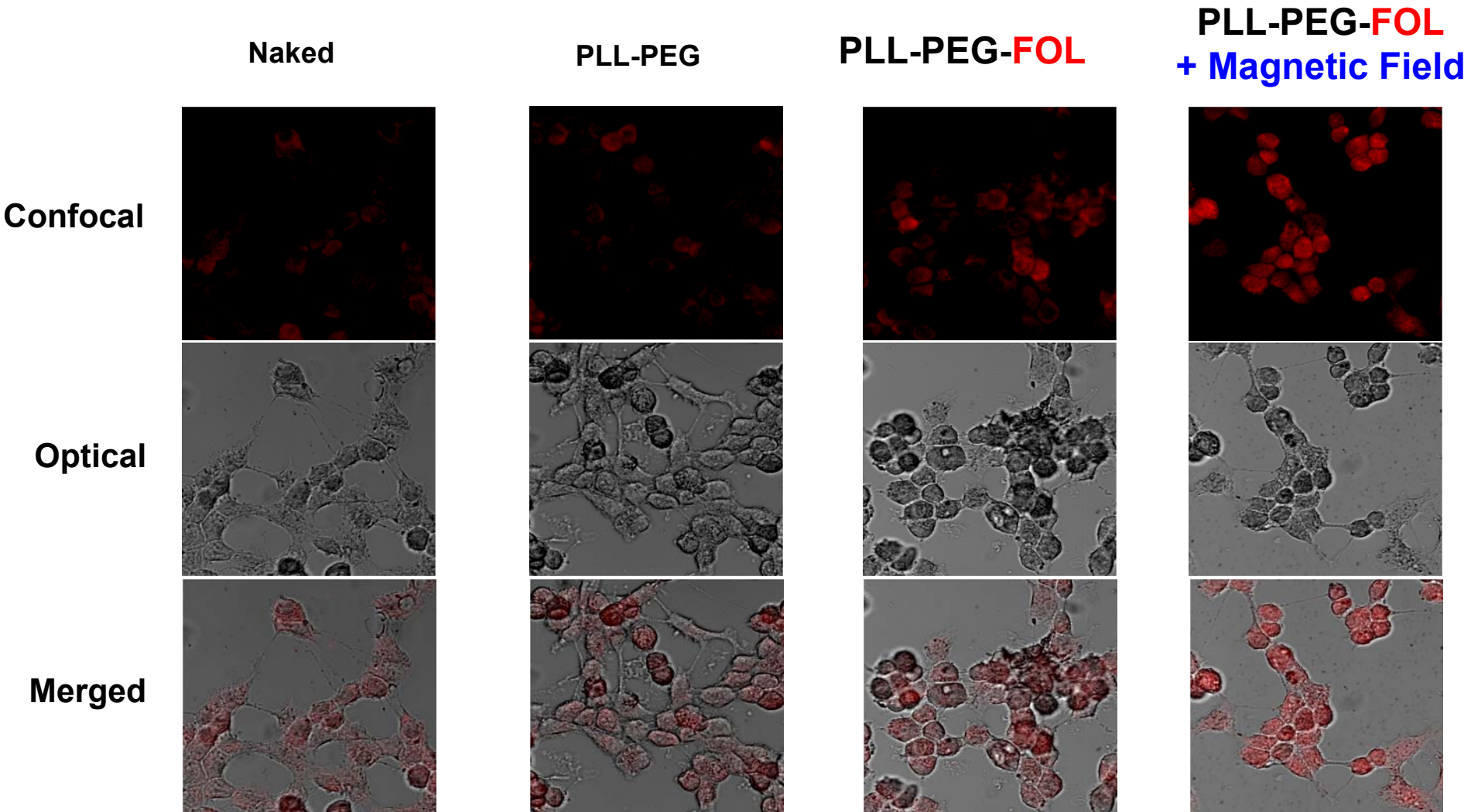
KB cells were mixed with 1% agarose solution for MRI scan



PLGA(MNP/DOXO) nanoparticles can be used as a  $T_2$  contrast agent in targeted MRI for the detection of cancer cells

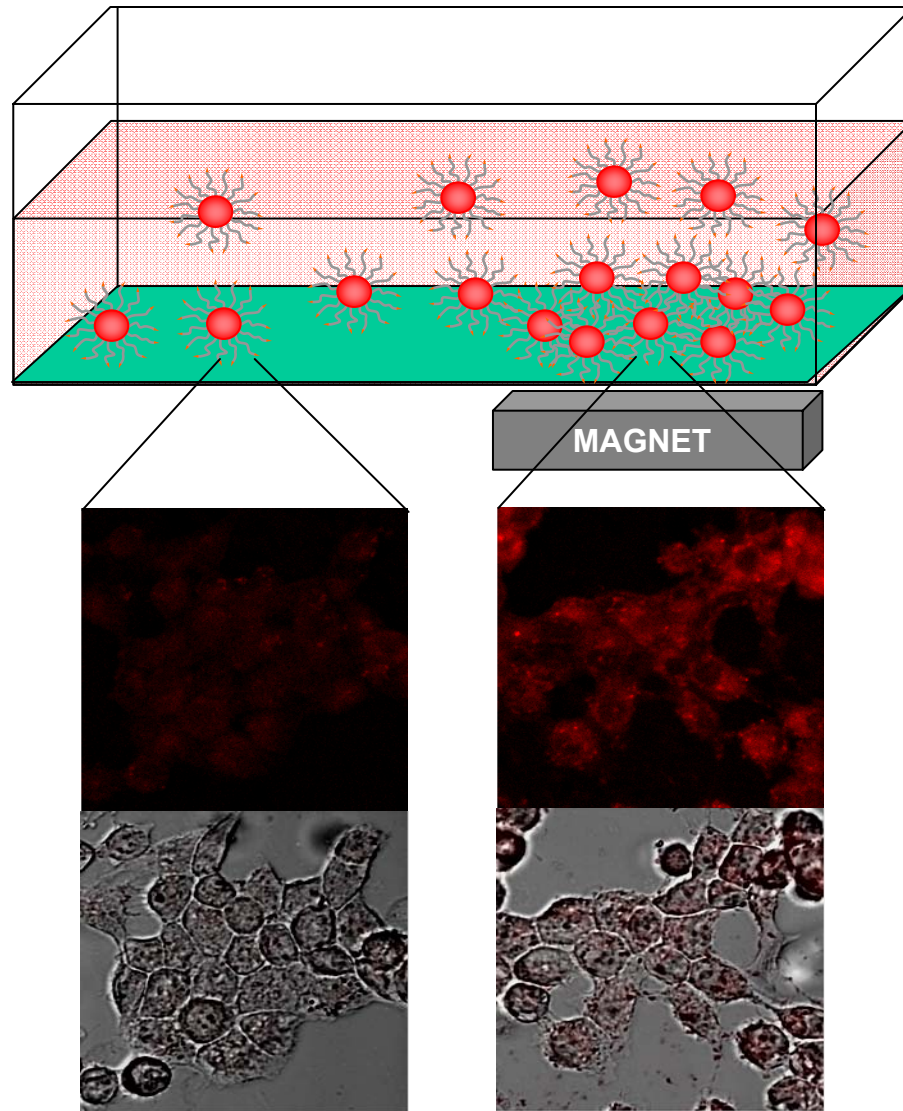


# Cellular Uptake (CLSM)



MAGNET

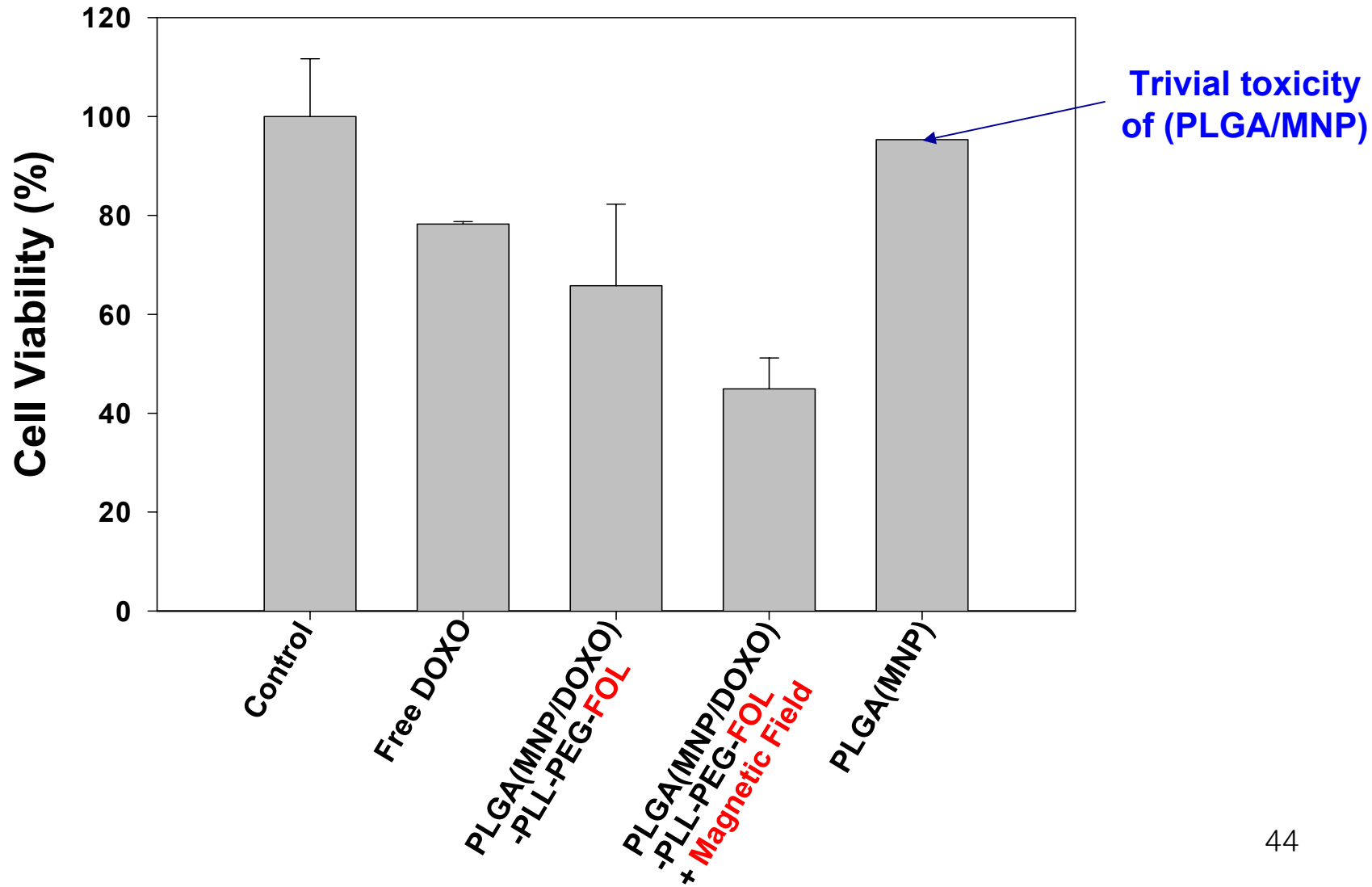
# Magnetic Guiding Effect

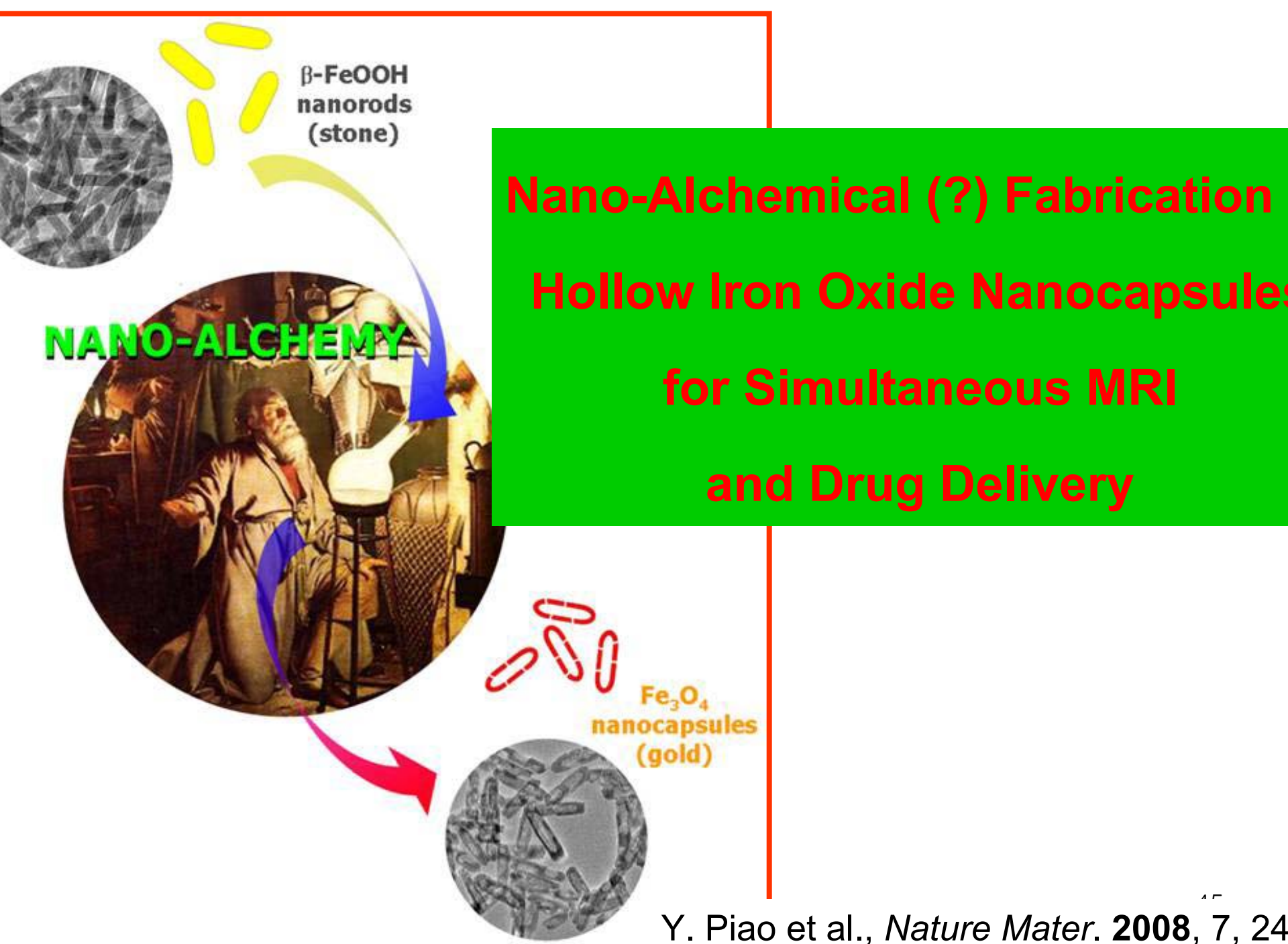


**The Magnetic Field Enhanced the Uptake of PLGA(MNP/DOXO) Nanoparticles**

# Cytotoxicity Assay

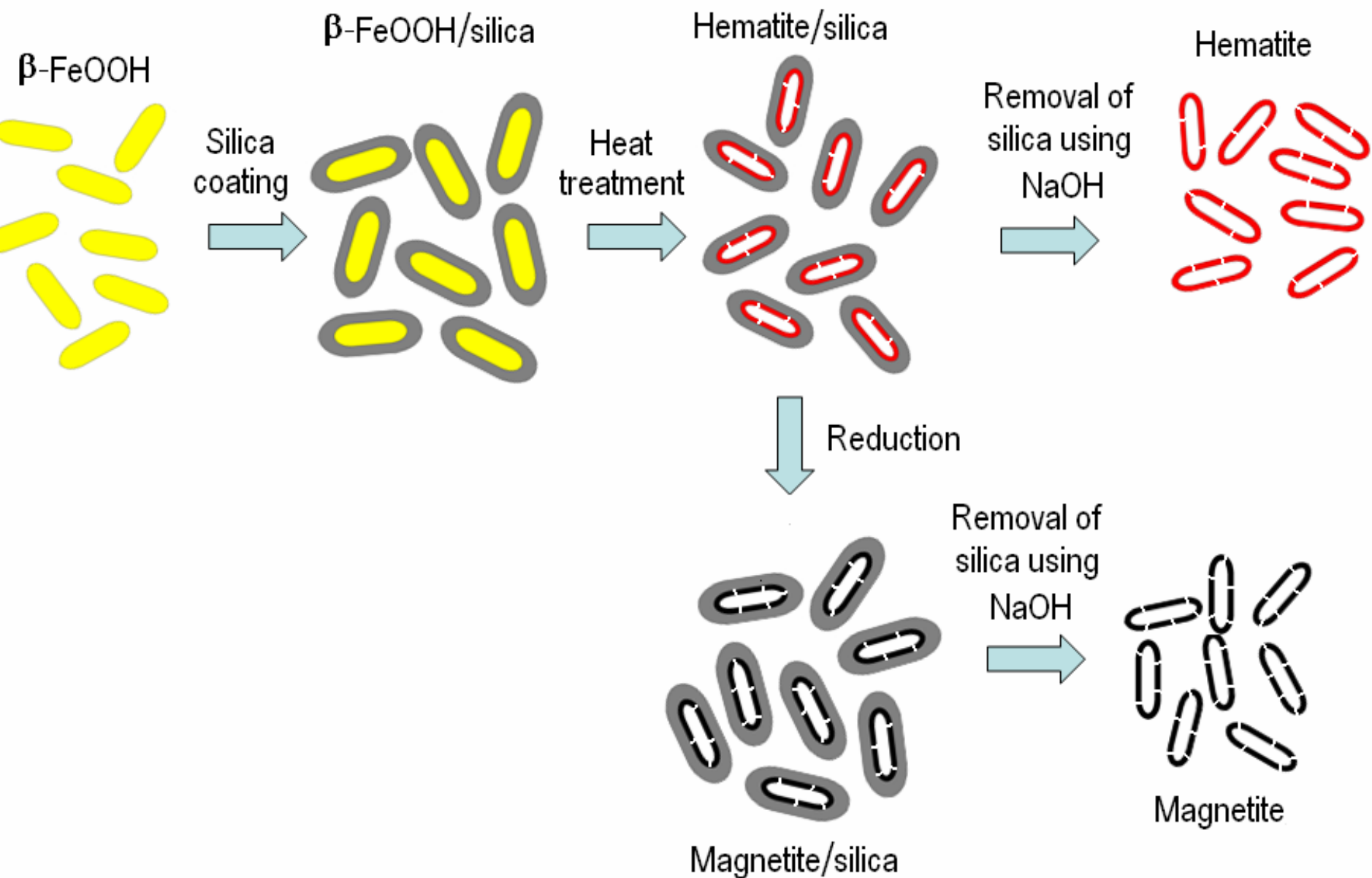
0.4  $\mu\text{M}$  DOXO, 4h incubation at 37 °C,  
After further incubation for 5 days, CCK-8 assay



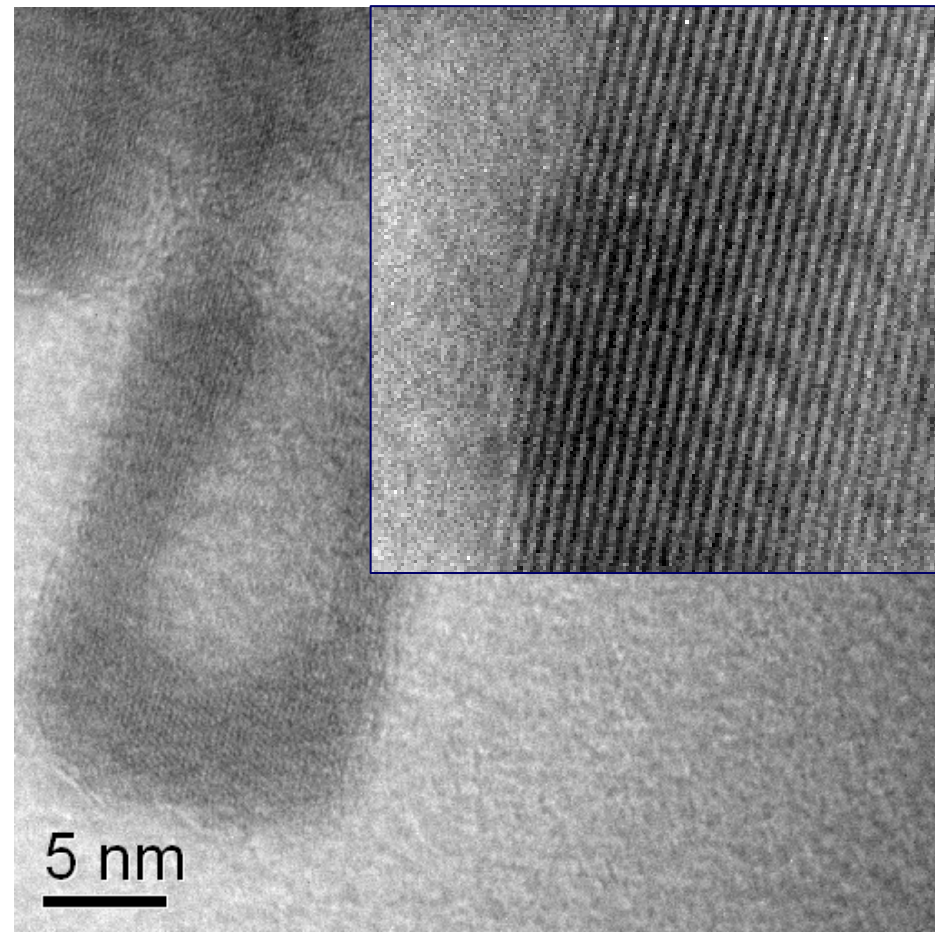
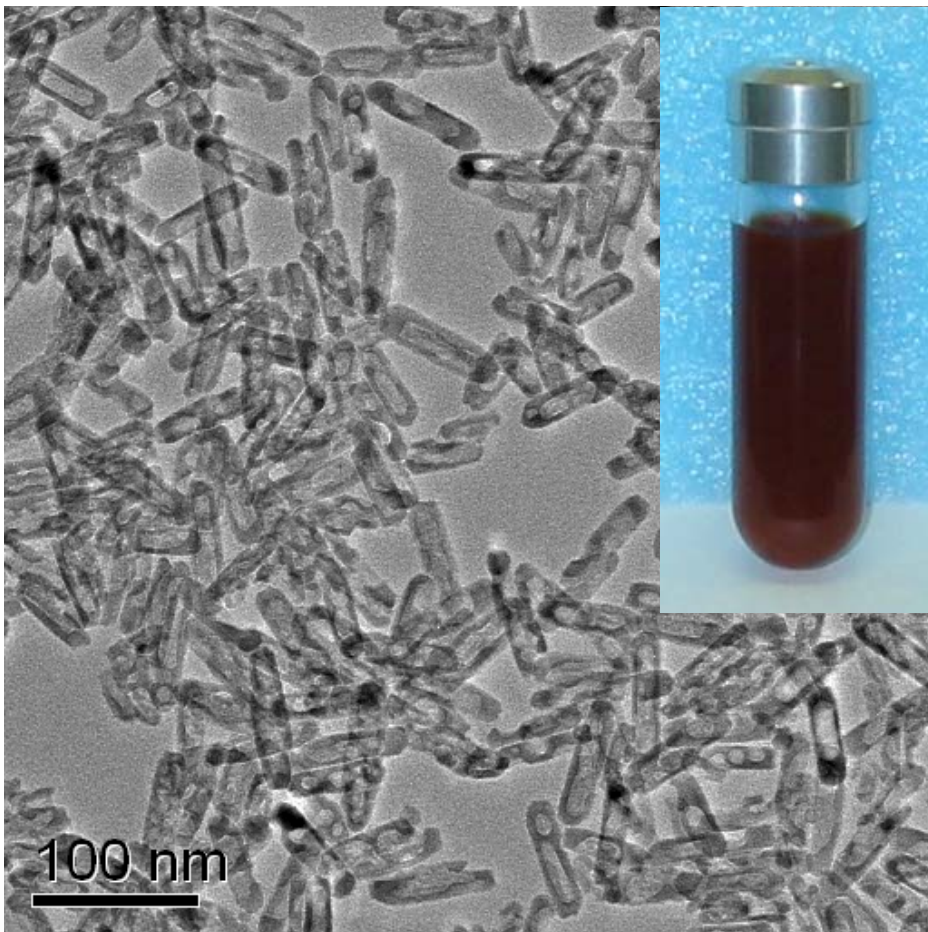




# Wrap/Bake/Peel Process for Nanostructural Transformation from $\beta\text{-FeOOH}$ Nanorods to Biocompatible Iron Oxide Nanocapsule

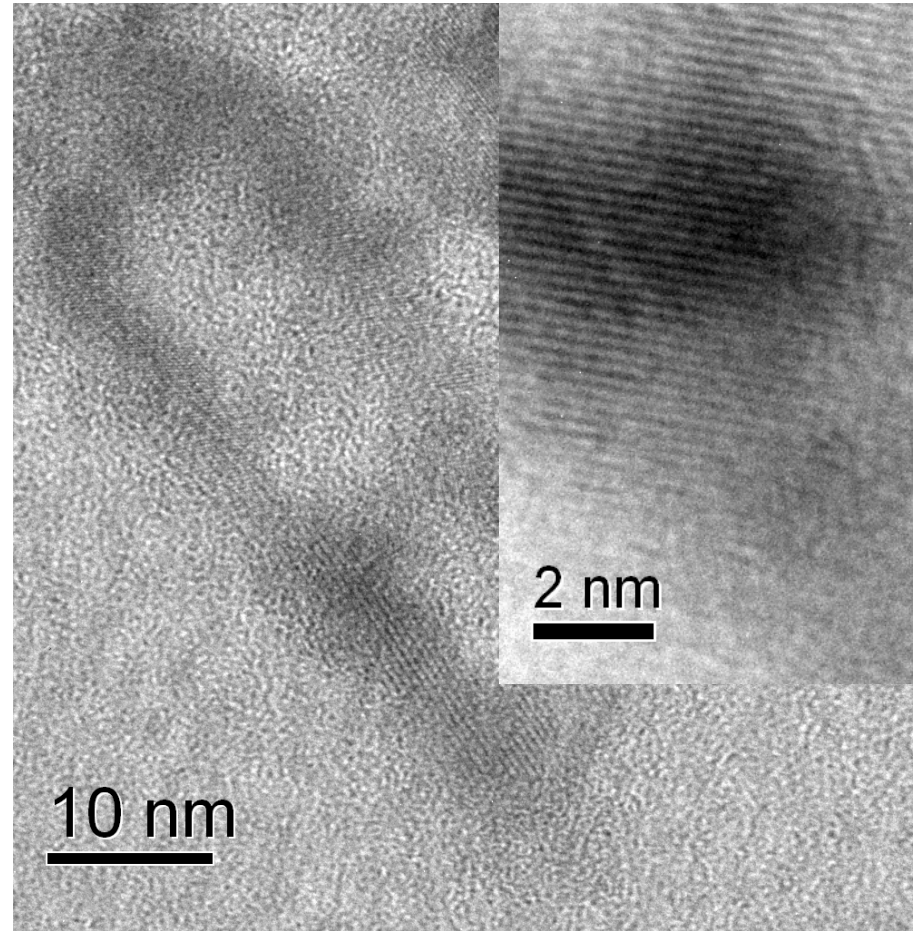
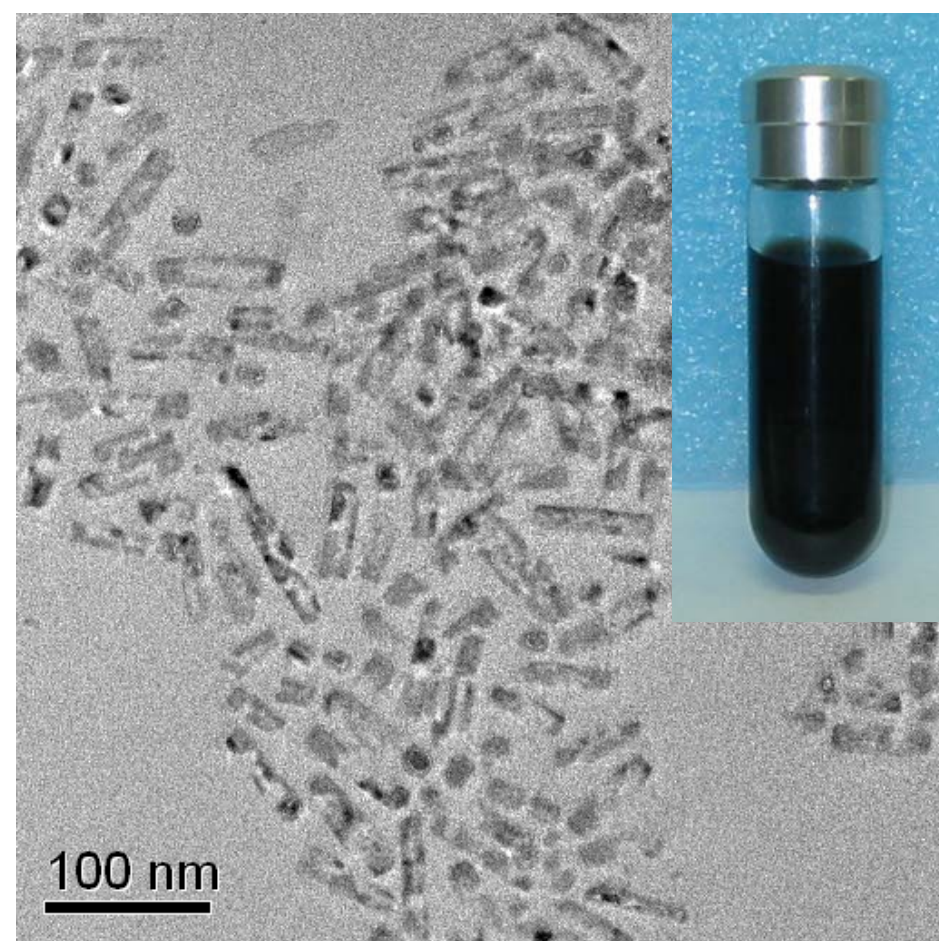


# Hollow Hematite ( $\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ) Nanocapsules

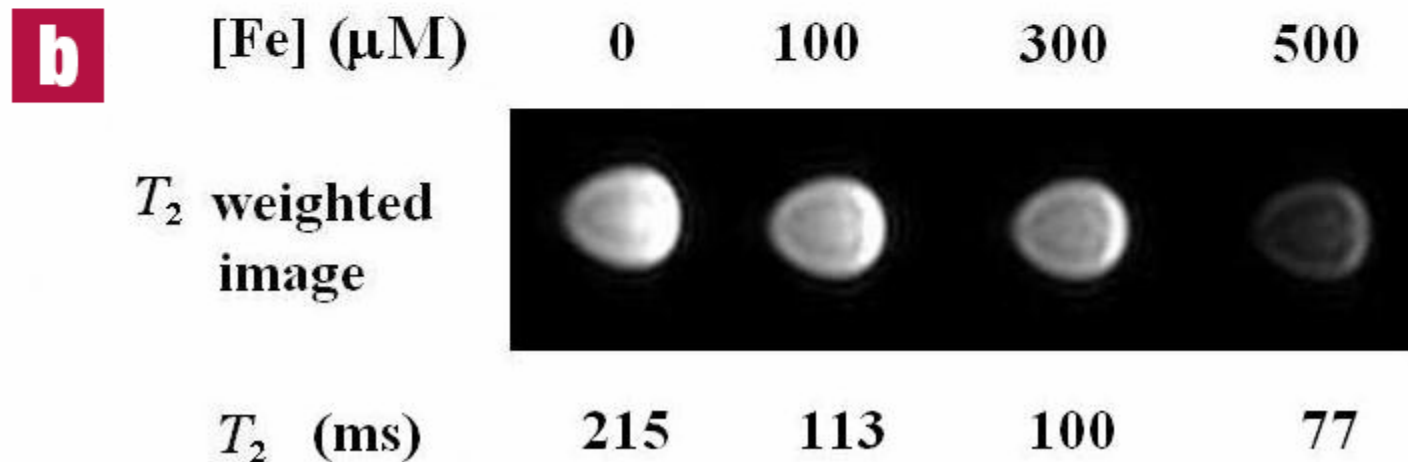
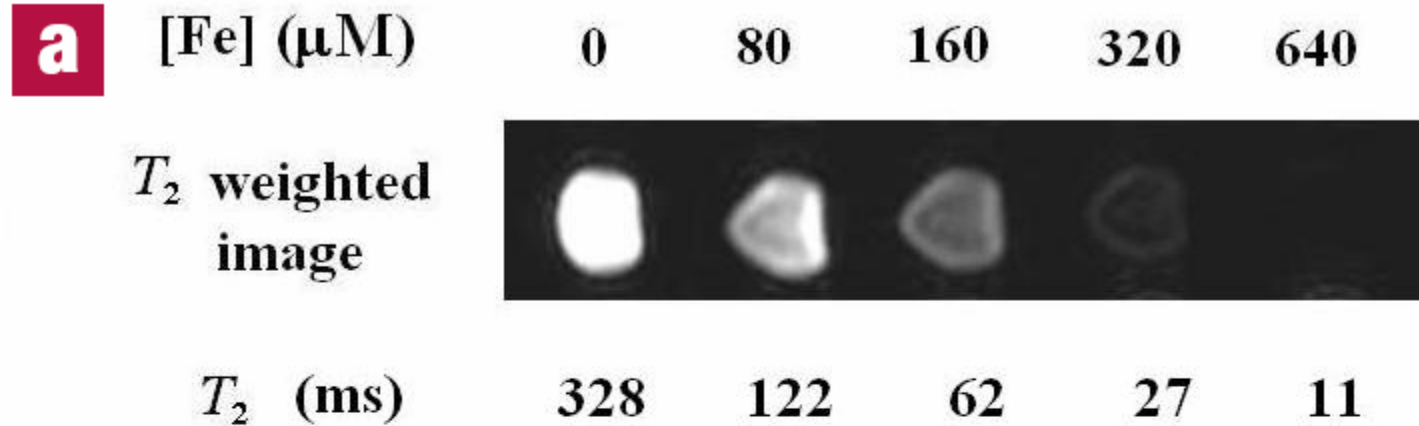




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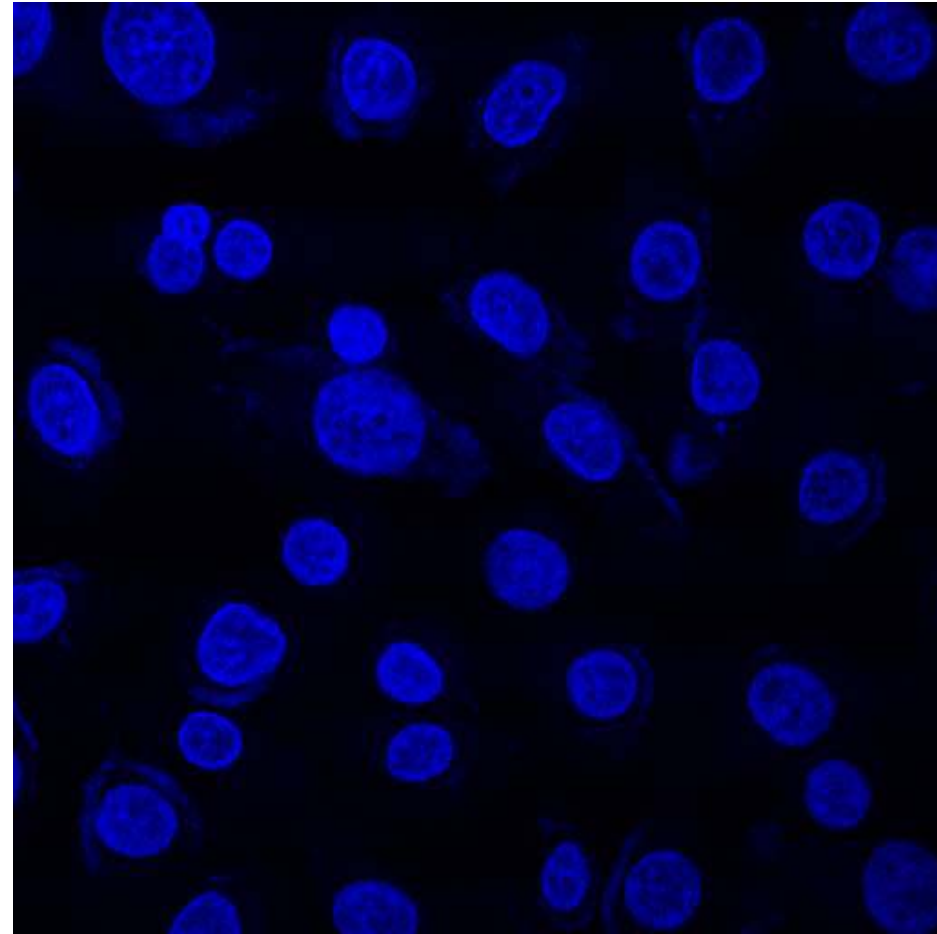
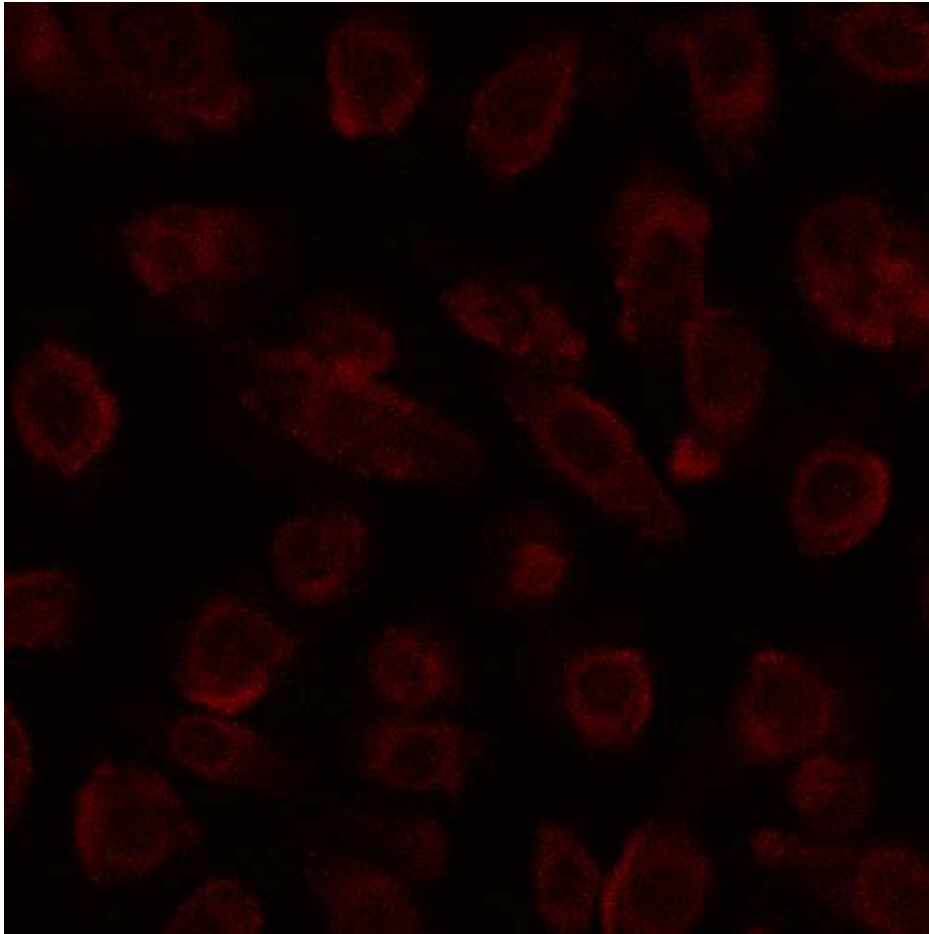


# **T2-weighted MR images of the magnetite nanocapsule**





# Uptake of free DOX and PEG-MNC-DOX in cancer cells



**PEG-MNC-DOX was accumulated mostly in the cytoplasm, whereas free DOX was mostly found in the cell nuclei<sup>50</sup>**

# SUMMARY

We developed a new **T1 MRI contrast agent using MnO nanoparticles**. We demonstrated MnO nanoparticle contrast-enhanced MRI (MONEMRI) with clear imaging of various mouse brain structures as well as selective imaging of metastatic cancer cells in the brain.

**Multifunctional drug delivery vehicle** based on monodisperse nanoparticles embedded in uniform pore-sized mesoporous silica spheres and PLGA particles were fabricated.

We fabricated **water-dispersible and biocompatible hollow iron oxide nanocapsules** via wrap/bake/peel process. The synthesized water-dispersible magnetite nanocapsules were successfully employed not only as a **drug delivery vehicle**, but also as a **T2 MRI contrast agent**.

We fabricated **magnetic gold nanoshells** consisting of gold nanoshells that are embedded with  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles, and conjugated them with cancer targeting agent for **simultaneous MRI imaging and NIR cancer therapy**.

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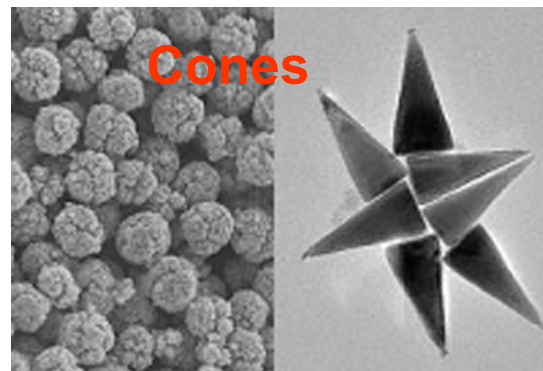
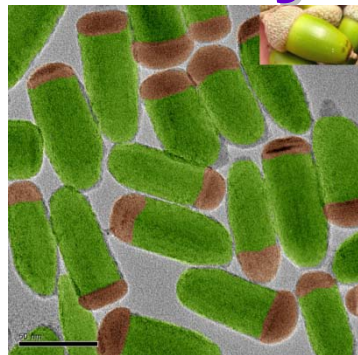
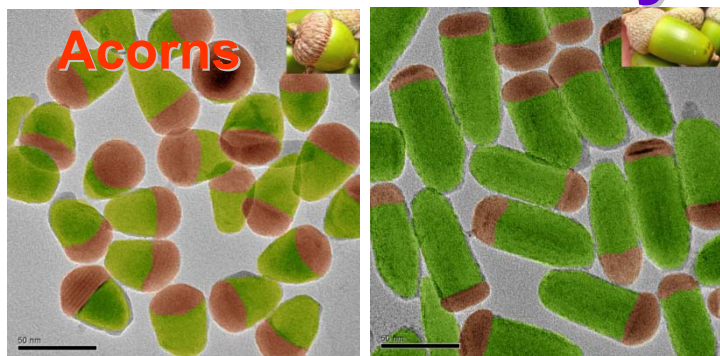
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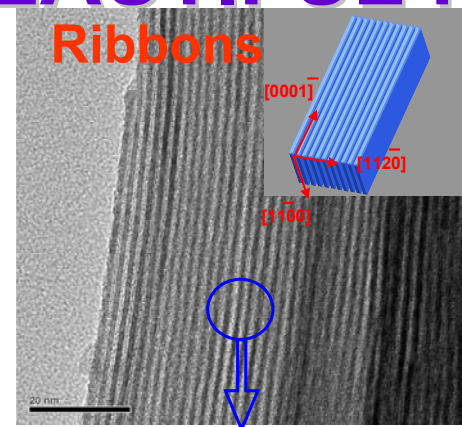


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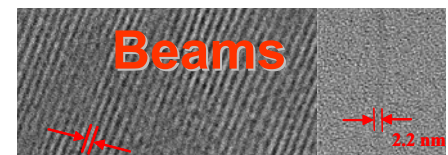
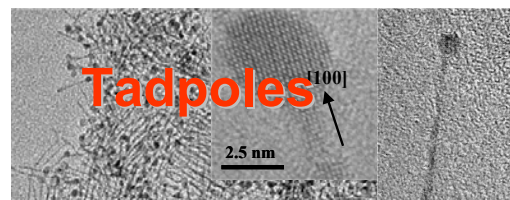
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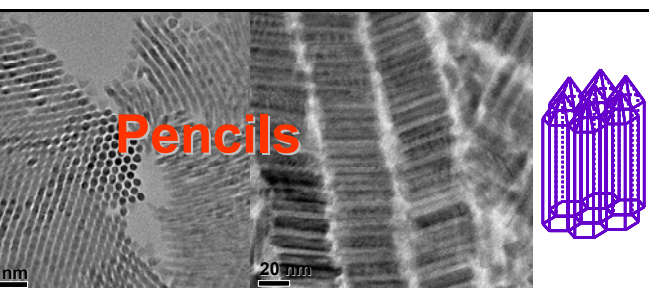


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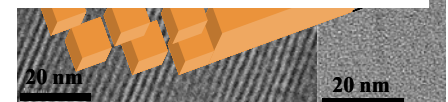
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