



Supporting Information

for

Differences in surface chemistry of iron oxide nanoparticles result in different routes of internalization

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Expression of clathrin and caveolin, cytotoxicity of MNPs and endocytic inhibitors, time-lap imaging and fluorescent microscopy of A549 cells

Expression of the key proteins involved in endocytosis in A549 cells

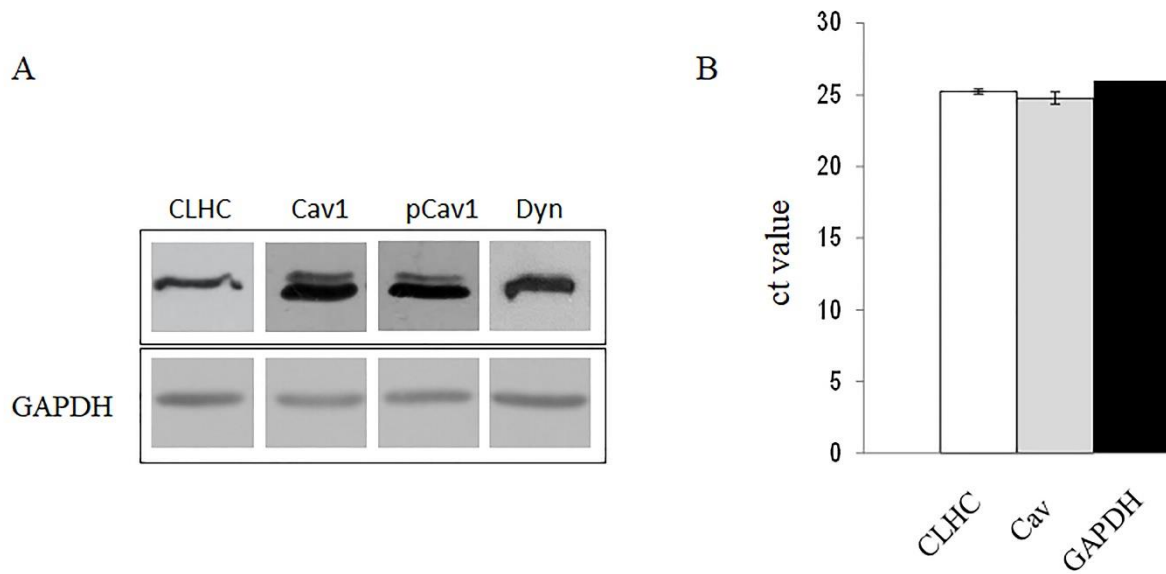


Figure S1: Expression of dynamin, clathrin, and caveolin in A549 cells. A – Western blotting, B – RT-PCR. Dyn – dynamin ($M_w = 100$ kDa), CLHC – clathrin heavy chain ($M_w = 190$ kDa), Cav1 – caveolin 1 ($M_w = 21, 24$ kDa), pCav1 – phospho-caveolin 1 ($M_w = 23, 25$ kDa), and GAPDH – glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase ($M_w = 36$ kDa, housekeeping gene/protein).

Real-time phase-contrast images of A549 cells after exposure to surface-modified MNPs and endocytic inhibitors

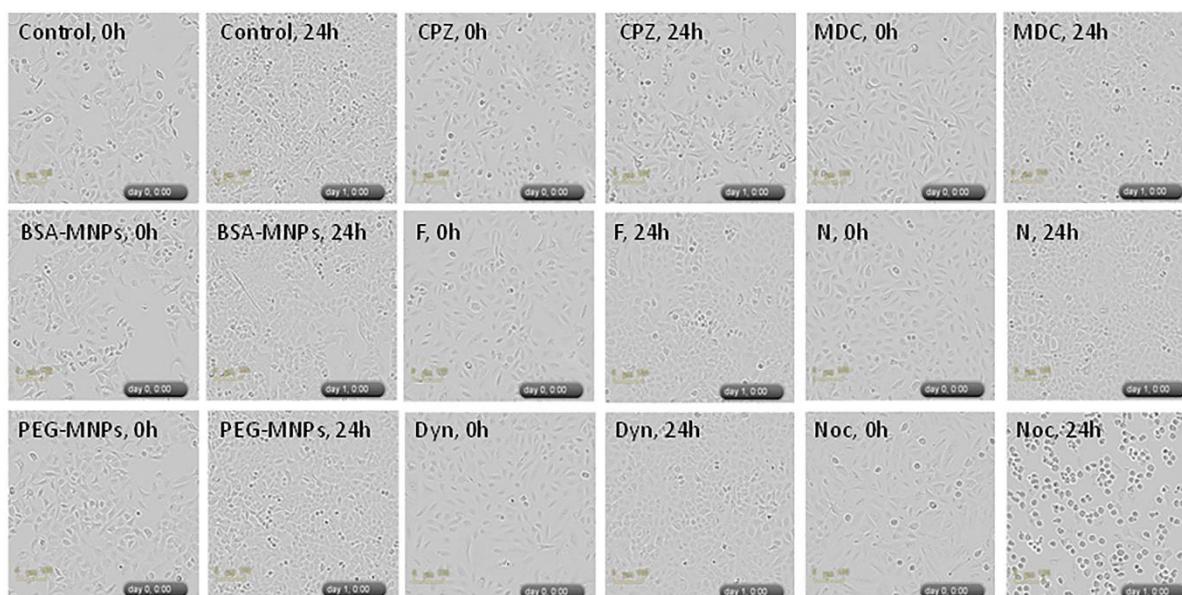


Figure S2: After treatment with MNPs (1 h) and endocytic inhibitors (2 h), cells were post-cultivated in fresh medium and screened for 24 h using the IncuCyte ZOOM™ Live Content Imaging System (Essen BioScience). CPZ – chlorpromazine, MDC – monodansylcadaverine, F – filipin, N – nystatin, Dyn – dynasore, and Noc – nocodazole. Scale bars represent 100 μm .

**The effect of endocytic inhibitors on the internalization of positive controls:
transferrin and cholera toxin**

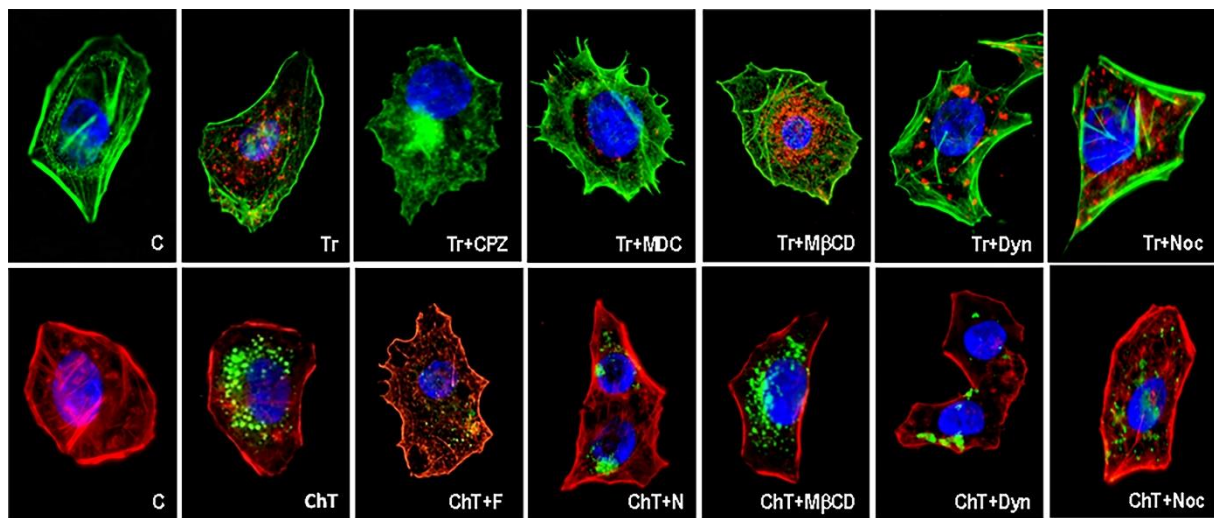


Figure S3: The effect of endocytic inhibitors on the internalization of positive controls: Tr (Alexa Fluor 594–Transferrin conjugate), positive control for clathrin-mediated endocytosis (CME), ChT (cholera Toxin B subunit–FITC conjugate), positive control for caveolin-mediated endocytosis (Cav1). Inhibitors: C – control, CPZ – chlorpromazine and MDC – monodansylcadaverine (CME), F – filipin, N – nystatin, M β CD – methyl- β -cyclodextrin (CavME/lipid raft), Dyn – dynasore, and Noc – nocodazole (inhibitor of microtubules). Tr – red, ChT – green, nucleus – blue (DAPI, 4,6-diamide-2-phenylindole), F-Actin – Alexa Fluor Phalloidin 488 (green) or Alexa Fluor Phalloidin 546 (red); magnification 630 \times .

Stable expression of green fluorescent protein tagged with clathrin light chain (CLLCb-GFP)

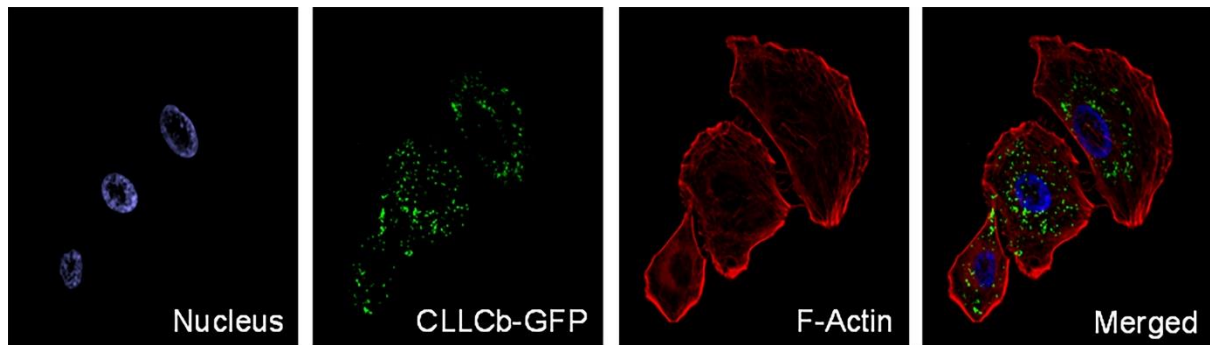


Figure S4: Stable expression of green fluorescent protein (GFP)-tagged clathrin light chain (CLLCb-GFP) in A549 cells. Blue – nucleus (DAPI, 4,6-diamide-2-phenylindole), green – CLLCb-GFP, and red – F-actin (Alexa Fluor Phalloidin 546); magnification 630 \times .

Cytotoxicity of surface-modified MNPs assessed by MTT assay

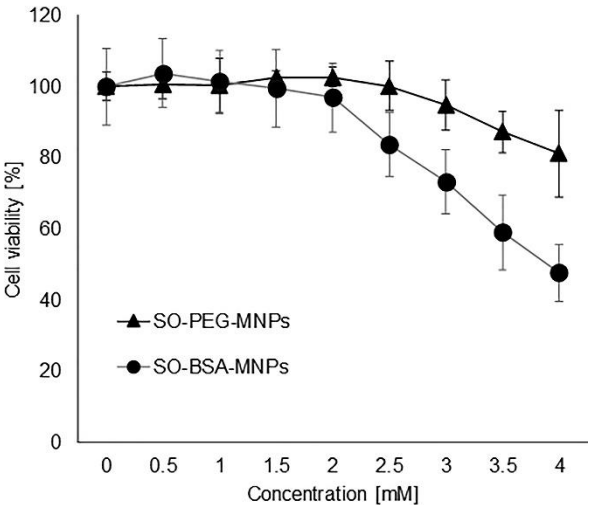


Figure S5: A549 cells were exposed to different concentrations of BSA-SO-MNPs and PEG-SO-MNPs for 1 h. Data are given as mean values \pm SD from at least two independent experiments with eight parallel measurements.

Cytotoxicity of endocytic inhibitors assessed by MTT assay

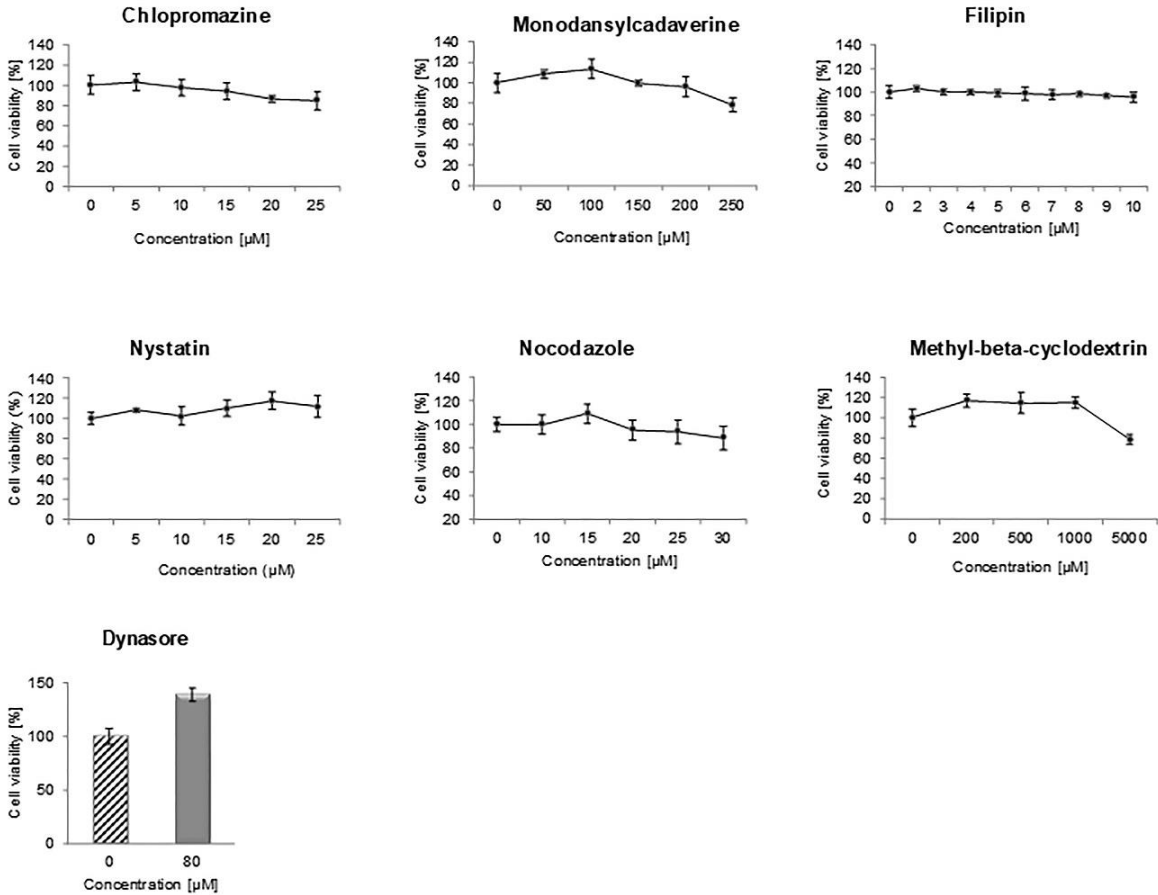


Figure S6: A549 cells were treated with various inhibitors of endocytosis for 2 h. Data are given as mean values \pm SD from at least two independent experiments with eight parallel measurements.