



Supplementary Materials

Differential Cytotoxicity Induced by Transition Metal Oxide Nanoparticles is a Function of Cell Killing and Suppression of Cell Proliferation

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Supplementary Table S1: Morphology, APS and SSA of metal oxide nanoparticles [1].

	TiO ₂	Cr ₂ O ₃	Mn ₂ O ₃	Fe ₂ O ₃	NiO	CuO	ZnO
SSA (m ² /g)	179	11.4	8.7	31.4	70.9	9	44.6
APS (nm)	46 ± 20	63 ± 34	82 ± 31	48 ± 13	16 ± 5	47 ± 2	27 ± 1
Morphology	Rod-like shape	Roughly spherical	Roughly spherical	Roughly spherical	Roughly spherical	Roughly spherical	Spherical / Rod-like
From Data Sheet Supplied by Manufacturer							
SSA (m ² /g)	160	N/A	N/A	40	50–80	N/A	50
APS (nm)	50	60	30–60	20–30	10–20	30–50	20

Supplementary Table S2: Cell viability after 24-h exposure to NPs. Each experiment was repeated three times independently with each treatment group having triplicate samples. Data are presented as mean ± standard deviation. Red numbers are significantly different from the control.

Nanoparticle	Nanoparticle Concentration (µg/mL)					
	0	10	25	50	75	100
Cr ₂ O ₃	100.0 ± 0.0	100.7 ± 1.7	95.3 ± 4.8	93.8 ± 1.6	98.6 ± 6.1	98.9 ± 7.0
Fe ₂ O ₃	100.0 ± 0.0	102.2 ± 9.3	100.6 ± 8.0	102.9 ± 7.0	104.4 ± 8.1	106.2 ± 6.5
TiO ₂	100.0 ± 0.0	96.3 ± 1.6	81.1 ± 7.0	77.4 ± 3.0	79.1 ± 3.2	76.2 ± 5.1
NiO	100.0 ± 0.0	82.1 ± 0.8	62.4 ± 1.4	55.8 ± 0.8	52.5 ± 2.5	36.8 ± 4.6
Mn ₂ O ₃	100.0 ± 0.0	85.6 ± 4.2	58.1 ± 1.9	45.9 ± 2.0	39.1 ± 7.2	40.4 ± 5.5
	0	4	8	12	16	20
ZnO	100.0 ± 0.0	100.1 ± 3.4	94.0 ± 3.4	73.4 ± 12.8	48.6 ± 2.1	6.8 ± 1.9
CuO	100.0 ± 0.0	24.8 ± 2.6	10.4 ± 2.2	7.7 ± 2.2	5.4 ± 1.6	3.5 ± 1.0

Supplementary Table S3: Cell viability after 48-h exposure to NPs. Each experiment was repeated three times independently with each treatment group having triplicate samples. Data are presented as mean \pm standard deviation. Red numbers are significantly different from the control.

Nanoparticle	Nanoparticle Concentration ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)					
	0	10	25	50	75	100
Cr ₂ O ₃	100.0 \pm 0.0	106.1 \pm 3.9	101.6 \pm 2.4	104.5 \pm 6.4	102.7 \pm 3.1	104.5 \pm 8.0
Fe ₂ O ₃	100.0 \pm 0.0	104.4 \pm 4.7	100.9 \pm 4.8	100.0 \pm 3.6	98.3 \pm 3.7	92.8 \pm 3.0
TiO ₂	100.0 \pm 0.0	96.8 \pm 2.4	84.8 \pm 0.6	78.7 \pm 1.1	77.7 \pm 3.0	72.8 \pm 4.7
NiO	100.0 \pm 0.0	58.7 \pm 3.2	36.6 \pm 4.0	30.2 \pm 3.0	22.8 \pm 2.0	9.7 \pm 1.8
Mn ₂ O ₃	100.0 \pm 0.0	80.6 \pm 6.4	35.2 \pm 5.8	20.6 \pm 4.5	17.6 \pm 5.7	15.7 \pm 5.1
	0	4	8	12	16	20
ZnO	100.0 \pm 0.0	92.2 \pm 5.3	48.4 \pm 3.4	4.4 \pm 3.2	1.6 \pm 0.1	1.6 \pm 0.6
CuO	100.0 \pm 0.0	30.6 \pm 6.8	15.5 \pm 4.1	11.8 \pm 5.8	8.8 \pm 4.4	6.6 \pm 2.9

Supplementary Table S4: Apoptosis after 24-h exposure to NPs. Each experiment was repeated three times independently. Data are presented as mean \pm standard deviation. Red numbers are significantly different from the control.

Nanoparticle	Nanoparticle Concentration ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)			
	0	25	50	100
Cr ₂ O ₃	6.9 \pm 1.4	7.2 \pm 1.4	6.7 \pm 0.8	5.8 \pm 0.6
Fe ₂ O ₃	4.5 \pm 1.4	4.6 \pm 1.7	4.9 \pm 1.6	5.8 \pm 2.1
TiO ₂	4.6 \pm 1.7	6.3 \pm 2.4	9.0 \pm 2.3	12.5 \pm 2.9
NiO	4.7 \pm 2.0	7.4 \pm 2.6	7.8 \pm 1.2	13.8 \pm 2.5
Mn ₂ O ₃	4.6 \pm 0.4	9.9 \pm 3.2	17.3 \pm 4.6	21.6 \pm 5.4
	0	5	10	20
ZnO	5.8 \pm 2.6	5.1 \pm 2.0	10.1 \pm 2.1	77.5 \pm 7.8
CuO	10.6 \pm 2.4	70.2 \pm 2.7	79.9 \pm 1.5	88.2 \pm 5.3

Supplementary Table S5: Apoptosis after 48-h exposure to NPs. Each experiment was repeated three times independently. Data are presented as mean \pm standard deviation. Red numbers are significantly different from the control.

Nanoparticle	Nanoparticle Concentration ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)			
	0	25	50	100
Cr ₂ O ₃	5.1 \pm 1.4	4.9 \pm 0.2	5.6 \pm 0.9	3.5 \pm 0.1
Fe ₂ O ₃	4.8 \pm 0.6	5.0 \pm 0.9	5.3 \pm 1.0	6.2 \pm 1.7
TiO ₂	3.0 \pm 0.5	7.3 \pm 2.0	7.1 \pm 1.0	8.3 \pm 0.2
NiO	1.9 \pm 0.8	4.2 \pm 0.6	6.6 \pm 0.2	7.1 \pm 1.1
Mn ₂ O ₃	2.7 \pm 0.2	7.5 \pm 2.2	13.3 \pm 4.0	23.8 \pm 7.2
	0	5	10	20
ZnO	3.7 \pm 0.8	4.2 \pm 1.4	4.3 \pm 1.0	68.4 \pm 6.3
CuO	4.0 \pm 1.4	34.8 \pm 9.0	54.6 \pm 3.3	86.6 \pm 4.6

Supplementary Table S6: Proliferation after 24-h exposure to NPs. Each experiment was repeated four times independently with each treatment group having quadruplicate samples. Data are presented as mean \pm standard deviation. Red numbers are significantly different from the control.

Nanoparticle	Nanoparticle Concentration ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)					
	0	10	25	50	75	100
Cr ₂ O ₃	100.0 \pm 0.0	99.1 \pm 4.3	96.4 \pm 3.4	89.7 \pm 1.2	84.5 \pm 3.2	74.5 \pm 10.4
Fe ₂ O ₃	100.0 \pm 0.0	94.0 \pm 1.6	91.2 \pm 3.2	85.4 \pm 2.0	84.8 \pm 5.2	79.6 \pm 0.2
TiO ₂	100.0 \pm 0.0	90.8 \pm 2.1	84.3 \pm 1.7	78.8 \pm 6.8	71.5 \pm 9.2	69.6 \pm 8.9
NiO	100.0 \pm 0.0	86.6 \pm 3.1	76.8 \pm 4.2	63.1 \pm 7.5	53.8 \pm 4.4	43.8 \pm 4.6
Mn ₂ O ₃	100.0 \pm 0.0	61.1 \pm 13.9	31.2 \pm 8.9	24.7 \pm 8.5	19.6 \pm 6.7	15.2 \pm 5.5
	0	4	8	12	16	20
ZnO	100.0 \pm 0.0	92.8 \pm 5.9	71.3 \pm 16.0	48.8 \pm 6.1	12.5 \pm 5.3	1.7 \pm 0.3
CuO	100.0 \pm 0.0	10.0 \pm 4.9	4.0 \pm 1.9	2.4 \pm 1.1	1.8 \pm 0.9	1.7 \pm 0.6

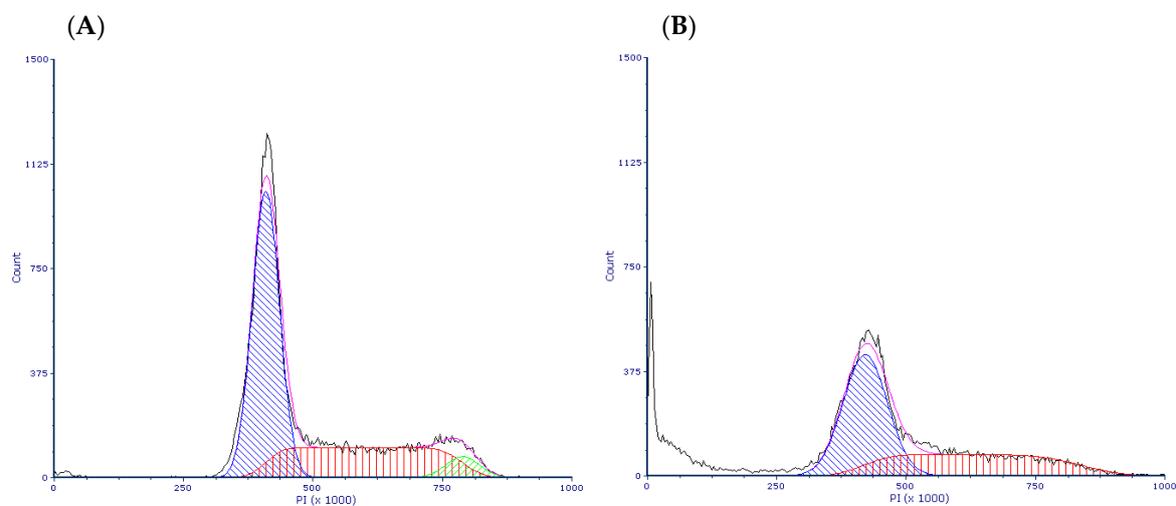
Supplementary Table S7: Proliferation after 48-h exposure to NPs. Each experiment was repeated four times independently with each treatment group having quadruplicate samples. Data are presented as mean \pm standard deviation. Red numbers are significantly different from the control.

Nanoparticle	Nanoparticle Concentration ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)					
	0	10	25	50	75	100
Cr ₂ O ₃	100.0 \pm 0.0	96.0 \pm 3.0	92.4 \pm 4.4	87.9 \pm 3.4	86.2 \pm 3.3	73.9 \pm 5.6
Fe ₂ O ₃	100.0 \pm 0.0	96.4 \pm 7.3	92.3 \pm 5.7	88.1 \pm 0.5	83.8 \pm 3.6	75.3 \pm 0.3
TiO ₂	100.0 \pm 0.0	83.1 \pm 4.4	81.6 \pm 1.5	76.8 \pm 4.0	66.3 \pm 2.4	61.6 \pm 2.9
NiO	100.0 \pm 0.0	80.5 \pm 5.9	63.8 \pm 7.5	46.8 \pm 10.8	33.5 \pm 6.7	21.6 \pm 4.9
Mn ₂ O ₃	100.0 \pm 0.0	27.4 \pm 6.3	16.1 \pm 6.0	11.3 \pm 3.3	7.8 \pm 2.6	5.8 \pm 2.2
	0	4	8	12	16	20
ZnO	100.0 \pm 0.0	91.9 \pm 5.0	77.2 \pm 12.8	31.2 \pm 14.8	1.9 \pm 1.5	1.0 \pm 0.7
CuO	100.0 \pm 0.0	3.1 \pm 1.9	1.3 \pm 0.4	0.9 \pm 0.1	0.7 \pm 0.3	0.6 \pm 0.3

Supplementary Table S8: Cell cycle distribution after 24- and 48-h exposure to NPs. Each experiment was repeated three times independently. Data are presented as mean \pm standard deviation. Red numbers are significantly different from the control.

Nanoparticle	Phase	Nanoparticle Concentration ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)			
		0	5	10	20
ZnO 24 h	G ₀ /G ₁	58.4 \pm 0.8	58.5 \pm 2.3	58.3 \pm 1.4	55.3 \pm 2.8
	S	35.4 \pm 1.0	34.6 \pm 1.9	33.8 \pm 0.9	44.7 \pm 2.8
	G ₂ /M	6.2 \pm 0.7	6.9 \pm 0.5	7.8 \pm 1.3	0.0 \pm 0.0
ZnO 48 h	G ₀ /G ₁	61.6 \pm 2.3	60.4 \pm 2.0	58.7 \pm 1.7	50.6 \pm 2.3
	S	31.1 \pm 2.4	32.5 \pm 0.7	34.7 \pm 1.0	48.9 \pm 2.9
	G ₂ /M	7.4 \pm 0.4	7.0 \pm 1.3	6.6 \pm 0.7	0.5 \pm 0.7
CuO 24 h	G ₀ /G ₁	58.3 \pm 1.2	64.7 \pm 5.1	61.1 \pm 1.2	54.4 \pm 3.9
	S	34.0 \pm 0.1	34.9 \pm 5.1	38.9 \pm 1.2	45.6 \pm 3.9
	G ₂ /M	7.7 \pm 1.1	0.4 \pm 0.6	0.0 \pm 0.0	0.0 \pm 0.0
CuO 48 h	G ₀ /G ₁	60.3 \pm 0.4	46.8 \pm 0.5	44.0 \pm 2.3	45.1 \pm 0.3
	S	33.2 \pm 0.1	52.5 \pm 1.5	54.9 \pm 0.9	54.9 \pm 0.3
	G ₂ /M	6.6 \pm 0.4	0.7 \pm 1.0	1.1 \pm 1.6	0.0 \pm 0.0

Supplementary Figure S1: Cell cycle distributions calculated in FCS Express 6 for cells exposed to (A) 0 and (B) 20 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ of ZnO after 24 h



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