

## Supplementary tables

Optimization of SPIO injection for sentinel lymph node dissection in a rat model.

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**Table S1.** Descriptive statistics of the dose increase experiment and the MRI experiment.

Group	Iron in the SLN ( $\mu\text{g}$ )	Iron at the injection site ( $\mu\text{g}$ )	Iron in the secondary node ( $\mu\text{g}$ )	Artefact size at the SLN on MRI (cm)
2	0.05 (0.04 , 0.09)	6.97 (4.47 , 7.58)	-	0 (0 , 0.14)
10	0.86 (0.32 , 1)	36.04 (25.33 , 159.89)	-	-
20	2.05 (1.71 , 3.06)	18.81 (17.92 , 32.63)	-	0.27 (0.2 , 0.29)
40	3.34 (2.6 , 4.49)	29.57 (25.79 , 30.63)	-	0.35 (0.27 , 0.44)
100	9.35 (6.29 , 15.55)	67.09 (43.86 , 76.38)	-	0.6 (0.49 , 0.63)
200	19.96 (13.49 , 24.48)	128.54 (111.24 , 179.38)	-	0.61 (0.56 , 0.7)
1000	64.93 (48.63 , 85.49)	589.74 (551.1 , 679.1)	40.79 (36.83 , 44.74)	-
2000	80.54 (57.9 , 139)	1205.05 (1101.51 , 1594.41)	68.59 (55.17 , 94.59)	0.86 (0.79 , 0.98)
2790	73.07 (49.12 , 98.5)	1716.23 (1497.99 , 1950.29)	73.96 (50.77 , 94.04)	-
4000	80.52 (61.26 , 98.01)	3052.68 (2627.55 , 3312.71)	-	-

Values were reported as median (range). SLN: sentinel lymph node. MRI; magnetic resonance imaging.

Table S2. Descriptive statistics of the dilution and time-course experiment.

Group				
Dilution	Time (min)	Iron in the SLN ( $\mu\text{g}$ )	Iron at the injection site ( $\mu\text{g}$ )	Iron in the secondary node ( $\mu\text{g}$ )
x1	10	0.46 (0.21 , 3.2)	185.72 (162.91 , 212.36)	-
	30	1.95 (0.47 , 5.01)	175.33 (134.95 , 192.14)	-
	60	1.6 (0.84 , 2.36)	188.22 (180 , 197.65)	-
	360	10.37 (7.14 , 13.24)	140.09 (62.65 , 187.89)	-
	1440	16.41 (15.86 , 21.26)	143.65 (139.44 , 151.64)	3.07 (2.82 , 3.32)
x2	10	2.17 (0.28 , 4.97)	186.83 (177.74 , 218.57)	-
	30	0.44 (0.36 , 2.45)	182.59 (162.5 , 209.01)	-
	60	2.6 (1.41 , 8)	167.99 (152.5 , 193.34)	-
	360	11.65 (9.9 , 13.29)	141.68 (97.93 , 181.13)	-
	1440	19.67 (14.82 , 28.62)	147.93 (112.19 , 158.87)	3.73 (2.62 , 4.85)
x5	10	0.66 (0.56 , 3.91)	194.7 (174.69 , 209.98)	-
	30	1.19 (0.48 , 2.48)	186.15 (118.13 , 209.8)	-
	60	3.79 (2.09 , 8.71)	169.85 (167.01 , 192.64)	-
	360	16.22 (12.74 , 17.32)	178.83 (120.37 , 189.29)	-
	1440	22.84 (16.51 , 31.67)	156.73 (146.59 , 169.79)	2.89 (0.76 , 5.02)
x10	10	3 (1.49 , 6.92)	169.06 (165.76 , 177.37)	-
	30	5.03 (1.13 , 8.13)	182.72 (168.93 , 195.74)	-
	60	2.68 (1.69 , 19.23)	176.3 (155.17 , 181.59)	-
	360	17.61 (14.73 , 20.38)	164.48 (160.96 , 171.18)	-
	1440	17.94 (13.89 , 23.3)	160.62 (157.31 , 161.72)	2.69 (0.92 , 4.46)

Values were reported as median (range). SLN: sentinel lymph node.

**Table S3.** Results of the regression analysis for square root of the SLN iron amount.

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Standard error</b>	<b>Z score</b>	<b>P value</b>	<b>95% Confidence intervals</b>
constant	-1.24E+00	1.34E+00	-9.21E-01	0.3569	-3.873774, 1.396580
standard deviation sigma	5.85E-01	4.62E-02	1.26E+01	0.0000	0.494063, 0.675250
Time (min)	7.94E-03	7.66E-04	1.04E+01	0.0000	0.006439, 0.009440
Time sq	-4.09E-06	4.96E-07	-8.25E+00	0.0000	-0.000005, -0.000003
Dilution	1.56E-01	9.23E-02	1.68E+00	0.0926	-0.025785, 0.337471
Dilution sq	-7.75E-03	8.10E-03	-9.58E-01	0.3382	-0.023624, 0.008116
Injection site	3.46E-02	1.72E-02	2.01E+00	0.0445	0.000849, 0.068358
Injection site sq	-1.28E-04	5.55E-05	-2.31E+00	0.0208	-0.000237, -0.000019

**Table S4.** Results of the regression analysis for the iron amount at the injection site.

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Standard error</b>	<b>Z score</b>	<b>P value</b>	<b>95% Confidence intervals</b>
constant	1.75E+02	7.20E+00	2.43E+01	0.000	160.890852, 189.105540
standard deviation sigma	2.19E+01	1.73E+00	1.26E+01	0.000	18.476101, 25.251812
Time (min)	-1.14E-01	2.56E-02	-4.44E+00	0.000	-0.164159, -0.063656
Time sq	6.33E-05	1.71E-05	3.70E+00	0.000	0.000030, 0.000097
Dilution	4.33E+00	3.43E+00	1.26E+00	0.207	-2.397195, 11.054380
Dilution sq	-3.28E-01	3.00E-01	-1.09E+00	0.275	-0.915252, 0.260188