

# Cytocompatibility, Antimicrobial and Antioxidant Activity of a Mucoadhesive Biopolymeric Hydrogel Embedding Selenium Nanoparticles Phyto-Synthesized by Sea Buckthorn Leaf Extract

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## Supplementary Information

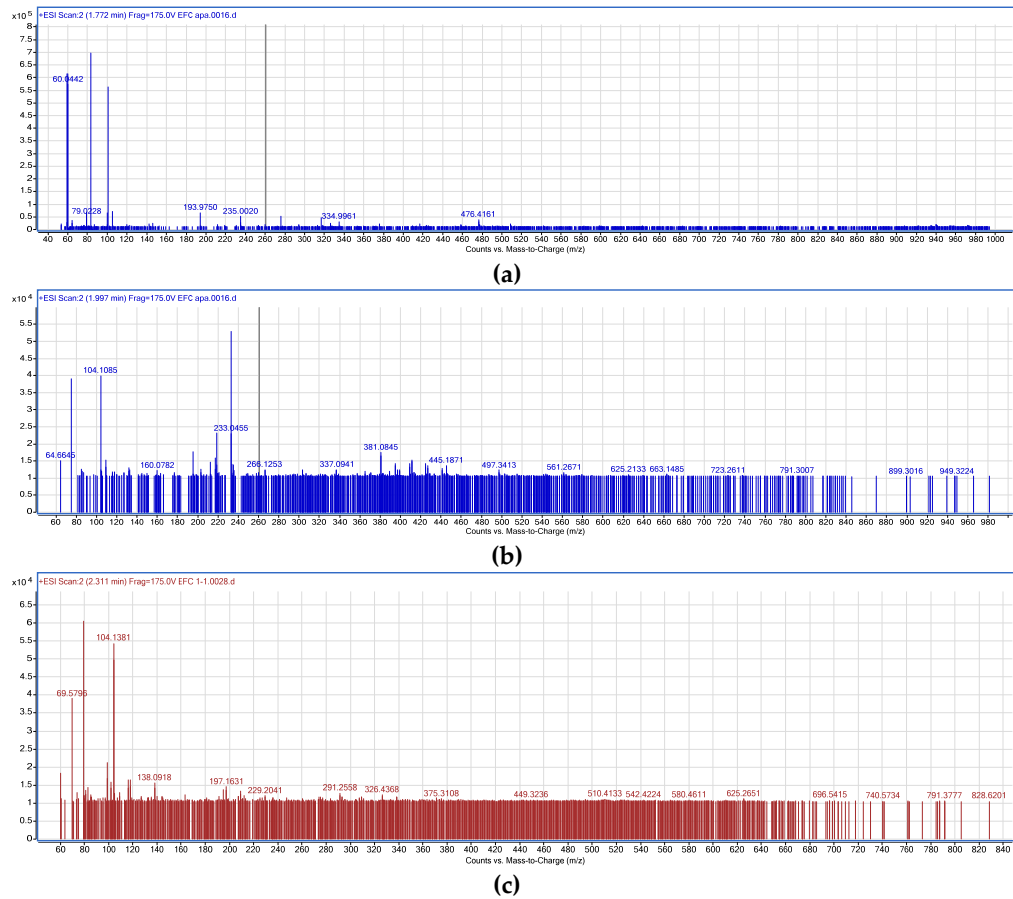
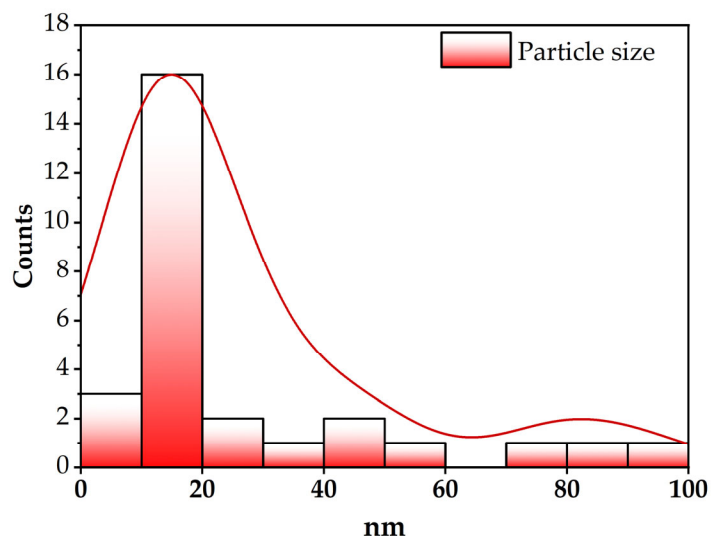
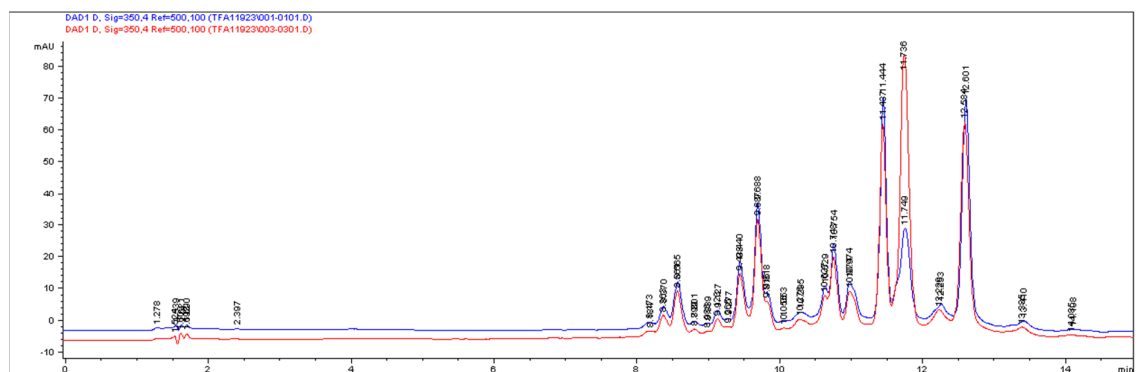
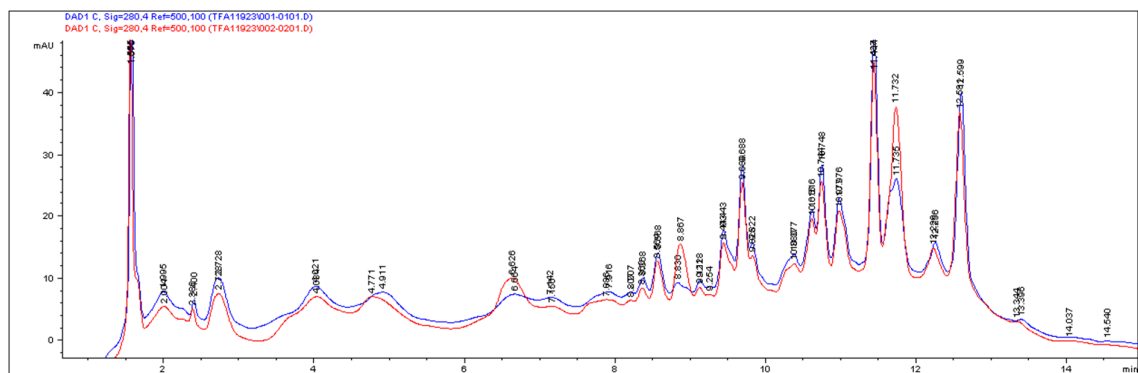


Figure S1. LC-TOF/MS chromatograms of SbLEx: (a)-(c)  $[M+H]^+$  (m/z).

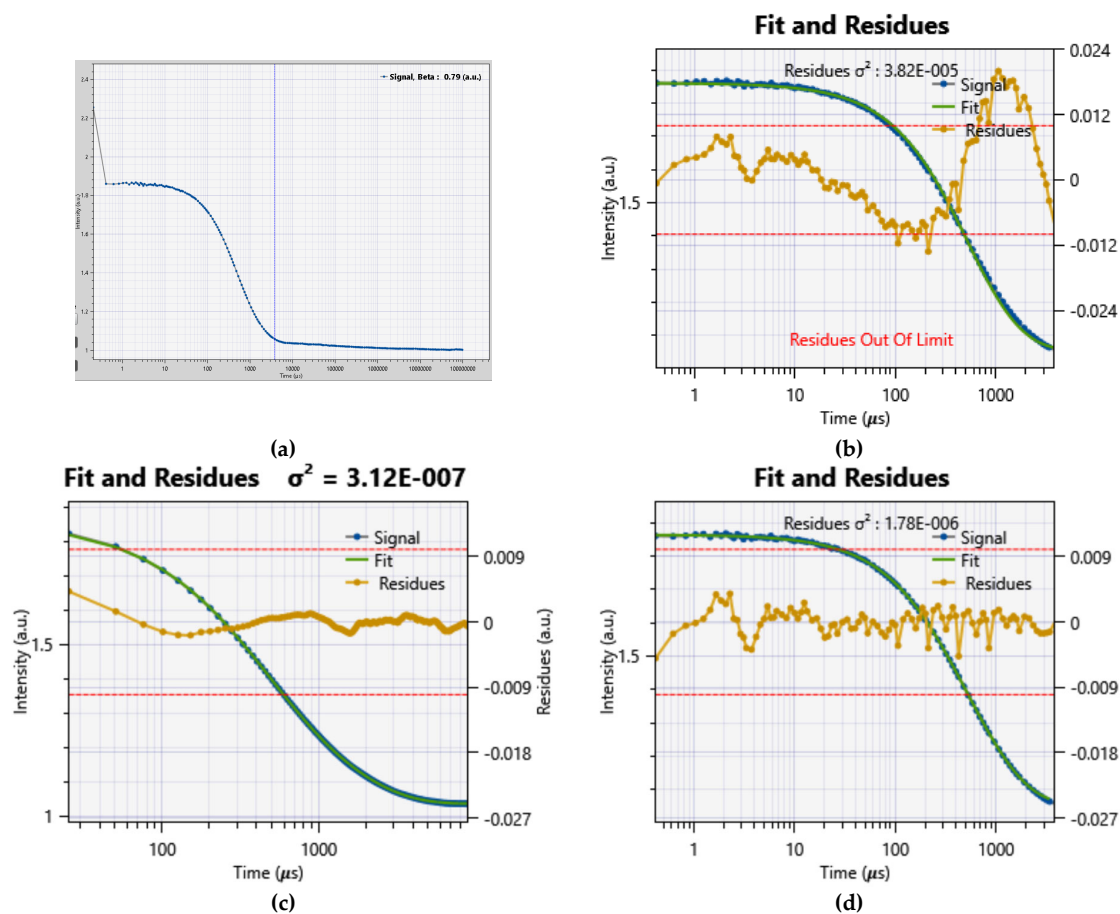
Table S1. HPLC-DAD linearity results

Compound	$\lambda$ (nm)	Regression equation	Correlation coefficient
catechin	280	$y = 6.482x + 1.894$	0.9999
epicatechin	280	$y = 8.102x + 0.904$	0.9998
quercetin 3-rutinoside	350	$y = 14.302x - 0.035$	0.9999

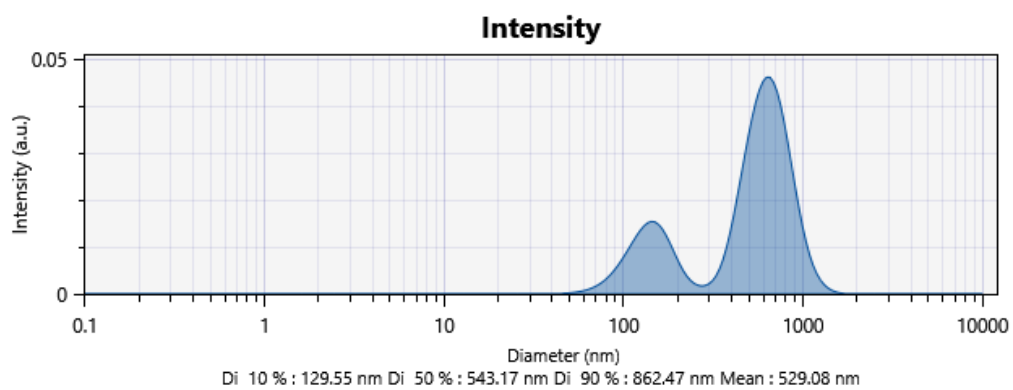


**Table S2.** EDX analysis of SeNPsSb

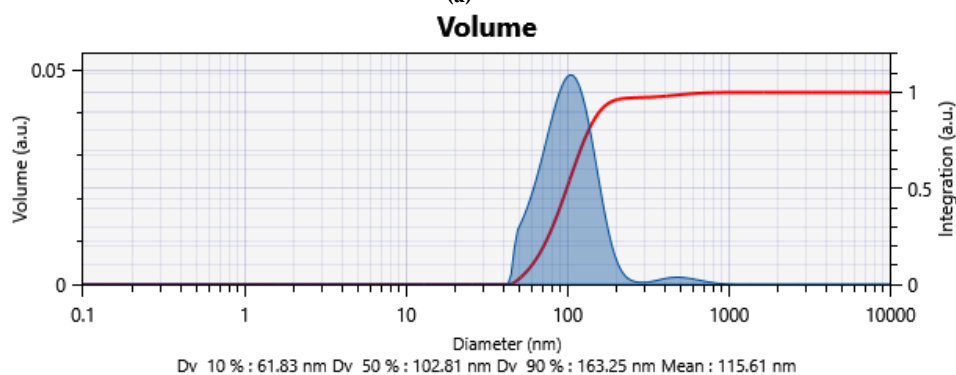
Element	Weight %	Atomic %	Uncert. %
C(K)	86.31%	92.89%	0.24
O(K)	7.22%	5.84%	0.15
Cu(K)	5.44%	1.10%	0.05
Se(K)	1.03%	0.17%	0.02
Total	100.00%	100.00%	



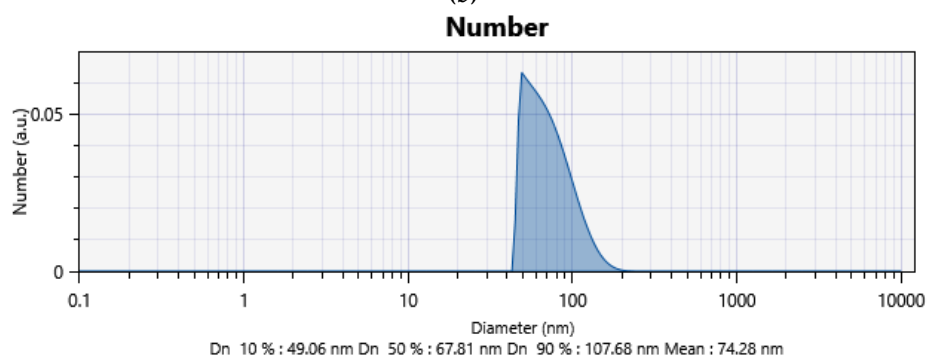
**Figure S5.** DLS analysis: (a) autocorrelation function for SeNPsSb; (b) simulation of autocorrelation function for Cumulants method; (c) simulation of autocorrelation function for Pade Laplace (PL) method; (d) simulation of autocorrelation function for SBL method.



(a)

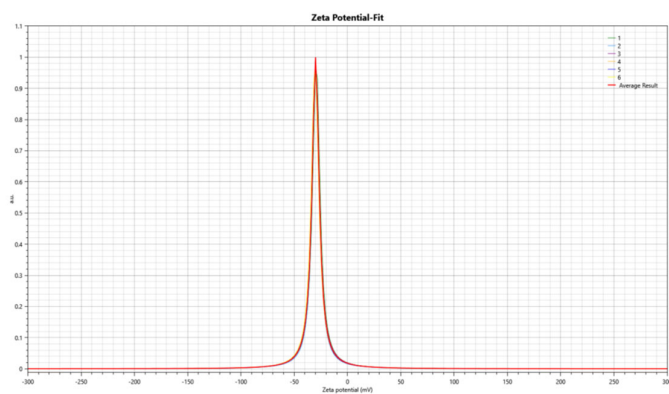


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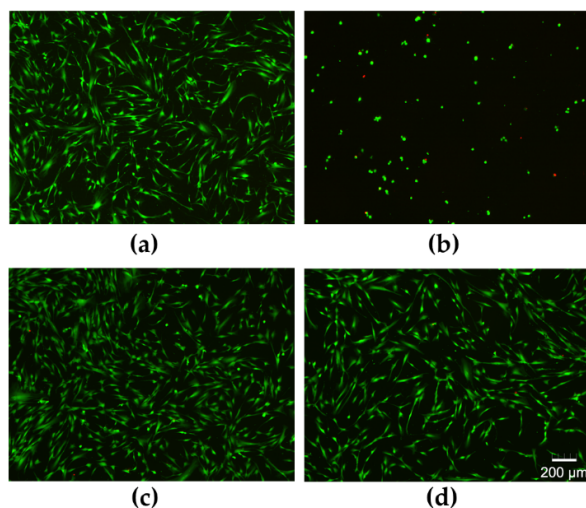


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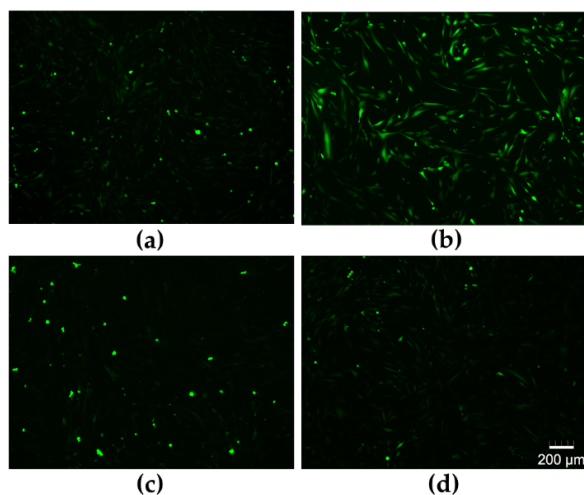
**Figure S6.** DLS analysis of SeNPsSb: (a) Intensity; (b) Volume; (c) Number.



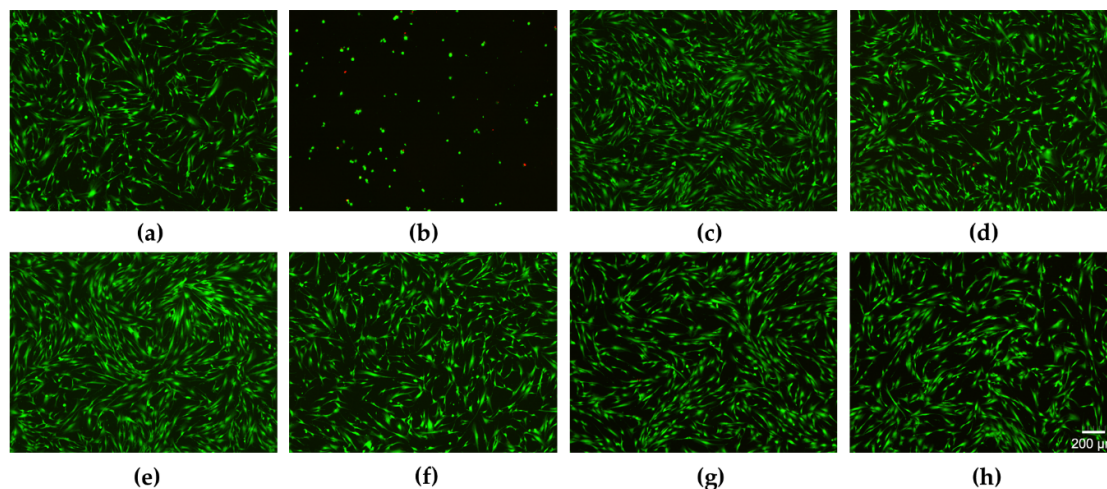
**Figure S7.** Zeta potential analysis of SeNPsSb.



**Figure S8.** Cytocompatibility of SeNPsSb: (a)–(d) LIVE/DEAD assay (green fluorescence indicates live cells, red fluorescence indicates dead cells): (a) untreated cells; (C–, negative cytotoxicity control); (b) cells treated with 7.5% DMSO (C+, positive cytotoxicity control); (c) cells treated with 0.5 µg/mL SeNPsSb; (d) cells treated with 2.5 µg/mL SeNPsSb.

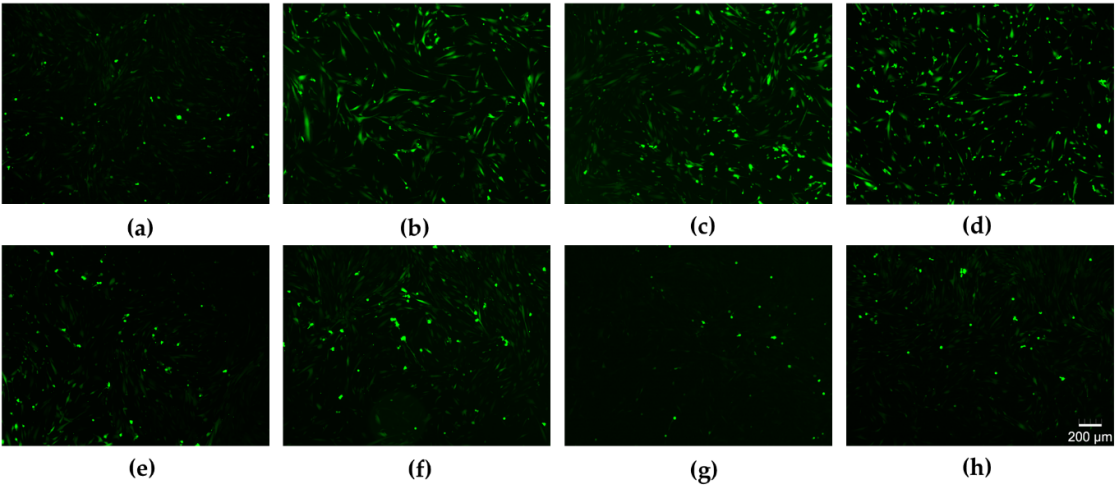


**Figure S9.** In vitro antioxidant activity of SeNPsSb: (a)–(d) Fluorescence microscopy images after labeling the total intracellular ROS with H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA (green fluorescence): (a) untreated cells (C–, negative control); (b) cells treated with 37 µM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (C+, positive control; ROS inducer); (d-e) HGF-1 cells incubated in the presence of ROS inducer and (c) 0.5 µg/mL SeNPsSb; (d) 2.5 µg/mL SeNPsSb.



**Figure S10.** Cytocompatibility of Se-HNF: (a)–(h) LIVE/DEAD assay (green fluorescence indicates live cells, red fluorescence indicates dead cells): (a) untreated cells; (C–; negative cytotoxicity control); (b) cells treated with 7.5% DMSO (C+; positive cytotoxicity control); (c) 25 µg/mL HNF; (d) 1000 µg/mL HNF; (e) 25 µg/mL 0.5 Se-HNF; (f) 1000 µg/mL 0.5 Se-HNF; (g) 25 µg/mL 0.5 Se-HNF; (h) 1000 µg/mL 0.5 Se-HNF.

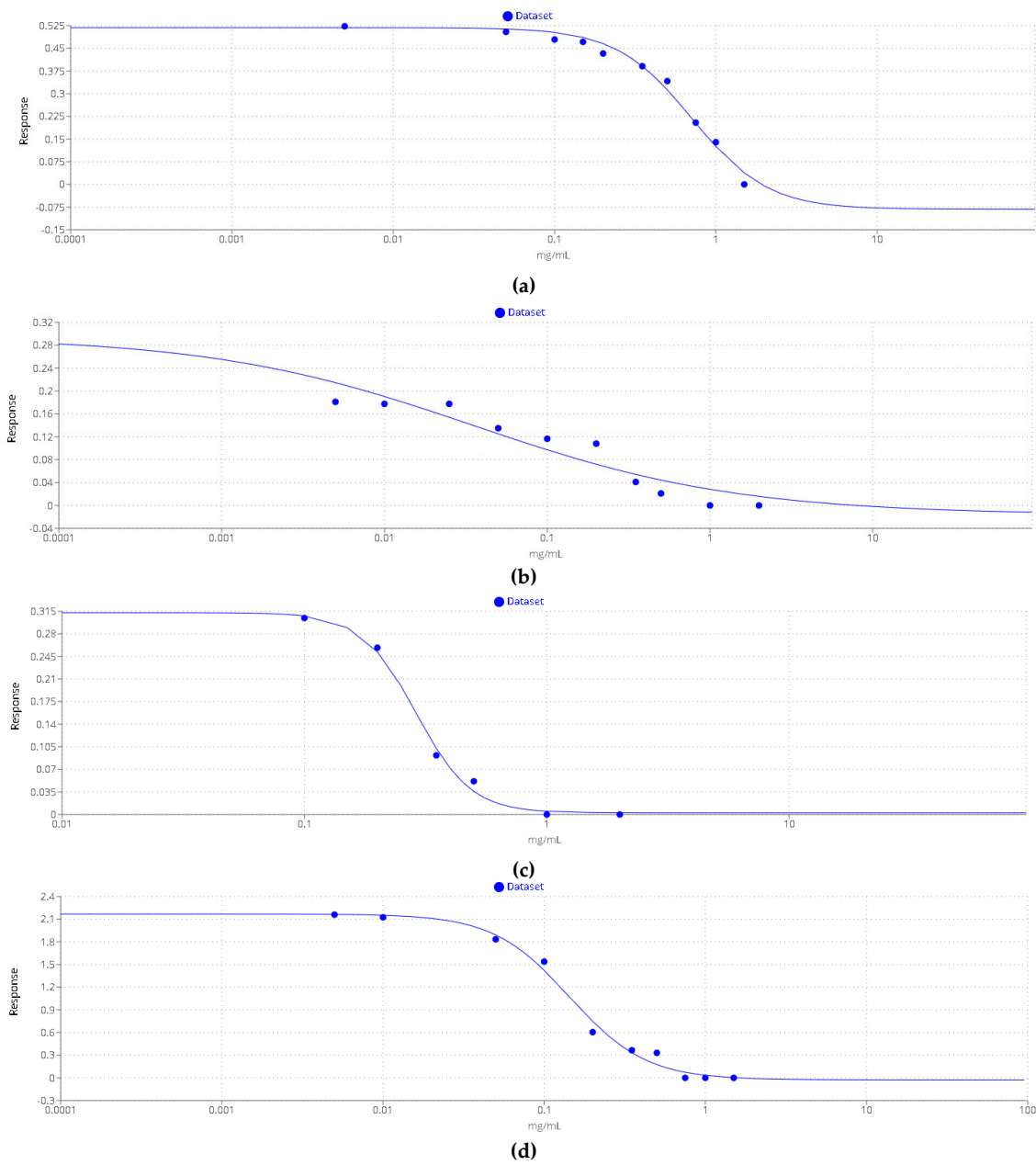
1000 µg/mL 0.5 Se-HNF; (g) 25 µg/mL 2.5 Se-HNF; (h) 1000 µg/mL 2.5 Se-HNF; HNF – 5% water-soluble chitosan in 0.4% never-dried bacterial nanocellulose; 0.5 Se-HNF – HNF with 0.5 µg/mL SeNPsSb; 2.5 Se-HNF – HNF with 2.5 µg/mL SeNPsSb.



**Figure S11.** In vitro antioxidant activity of hydrogel formulations: (a)–(h) Fluorescence microscopy images after labeling the total intracellular ROS with H<sub>2</sub>DCFDA (green fluorescence): (a) untreated cells (C–; negative control); (b) cells treated with 37 µM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (C+; positive control; ROS inducer); (e-i) HGF-1 cells incubated in the presence of ROS inducer and (c) 25 µg/mL HNF; (d) 1000 µg/mL HNF; (e) 25 µg/mL 0.5 Se-HNF; (f) 1000 µg/mL 0.5 Se-HNF; (g) 25 µg/mL 2.5 Se-HNF; (h) 1000 µg/mL 2.5 Se-HNF; HNF – 5% water-soluble chitosan in 0.4% never-dried bacterial nanocellulose; 0.5 Se-HNF – HNF with 0.5 µg/mL SeNPsSb; 2.5 Se-HNF – HNF with 2.5 µg/mL SeNPsSb.

**Table S3.** The inhibition zone 24 h after SeNPsSb treatment.

SeNPsSb (mg/mL)	<i>B. cereus</i>	<i>E. faecalis</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>C. albicans</i>
0.05				
0.1				
0.2				
0.5				
1				
2				



**Figure S12.** IC50 plot: (a) *B. cereus*; (b) *E. faecalis*; (c) *S. aureus*; (d) *C. albicans*.