

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

# Novel Oxygen- and Curcumin-Laden Ionic Liquid@Silica Nanocapsules for Enhanced Antimicrobial Photodynamic Therapy

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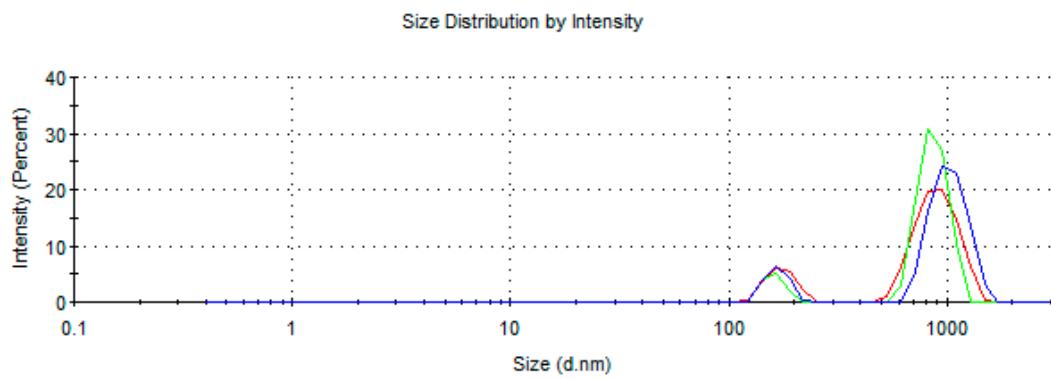
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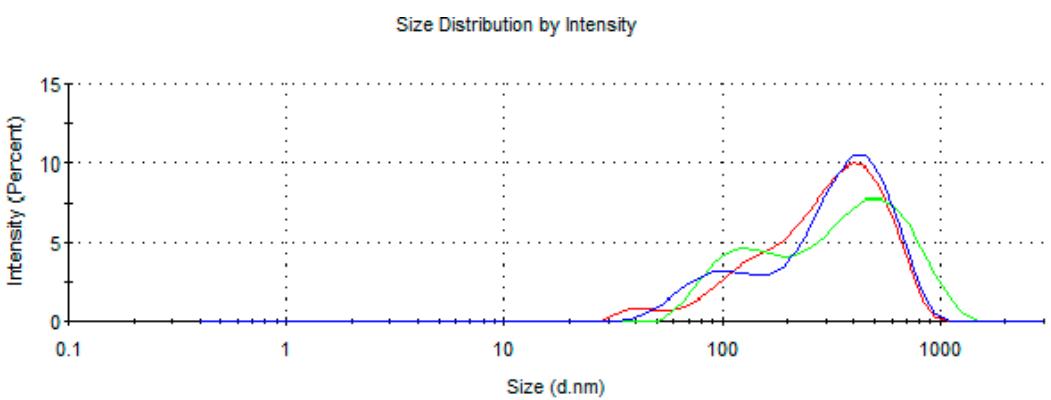
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**Table S1.** Average hydrodynamic sizes of IL/water emulsions and of the correspondent nanocapsules (mean  $\pm$  SD, n=3).

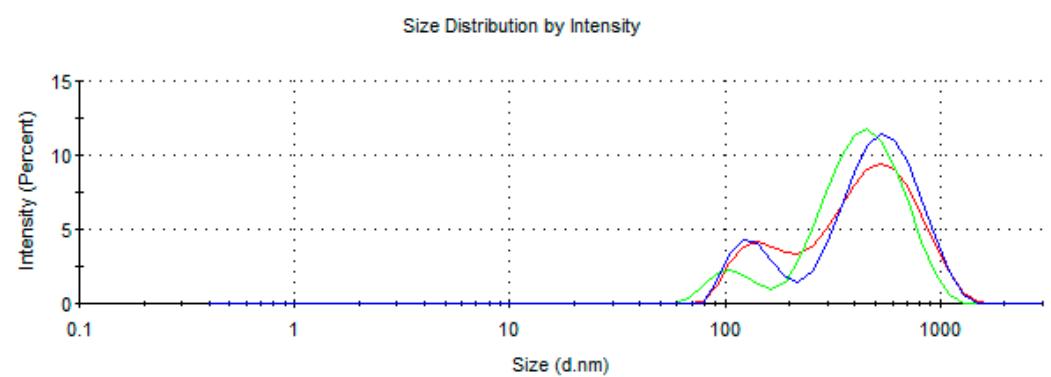
Sample	Z average size (nm)	PDI	Peak 1 (nm)	Peak 2 (nm)
CUR-[BMPYRR][NTf <sub>2</sub> ]/Water	283 $\pm$ 29	0.399 $\pm$ 0.023	343 $\pm$ 28	14 $\pm$ 1
CUR-[OMIM][NTf <sub>2</sub> ]/Water	207 $\pm$ 37	0.405 $\pm$ 0.001	285 $\pm$ 68	69 $\pm$ 16
CUR-[P <sub>6,6,6,14</sub> ][NTf <sub>2</sub> ]/Water	221 $\pm$ 3	0.278 $\pm$ 0.027	309 $\pm$ 11	-
CUR-[BMPYRR][NTf <sub>2</sub> ]@ncSi	2901 $\pm$ 479	0.947 $\pm$ 0.048	933 $\pm$ 83	167 $\pm$ 7
CUR-[OMIM][NTf <sub>2</sub> ]@ncSi	324 $\pm$ 42	0.425 $\pm$ 0.021	417 $\pm$ 76	89 $\pm$ 41
CUR-[P <sub>6,6,6,14</sub> ][NTf <sub>2</sub> ]@ncSi	394 $\pm$ 7	0.394 $\pm$ 0.009	532 $\pm$ 50	135 $\pm$ 22



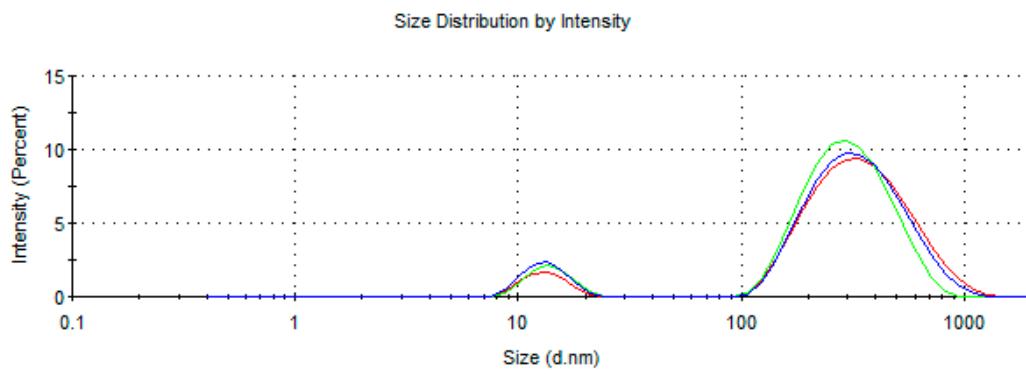
**Figure S1.** Size distribution of CUR-[BMPYRR][NTf<sub>2</sub>]@ncSi nanoparticles



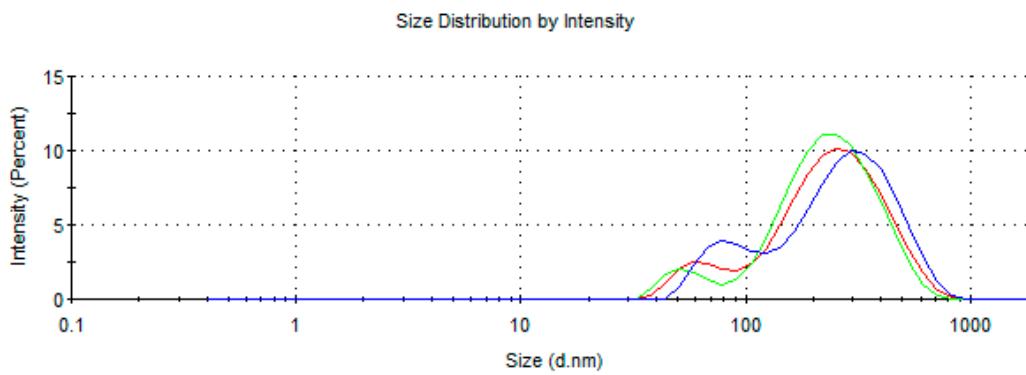
**Figure S2.** Size distribution of CUR-[OMIM][NTf<sub>2</sub>]@ncSi nanoparticles



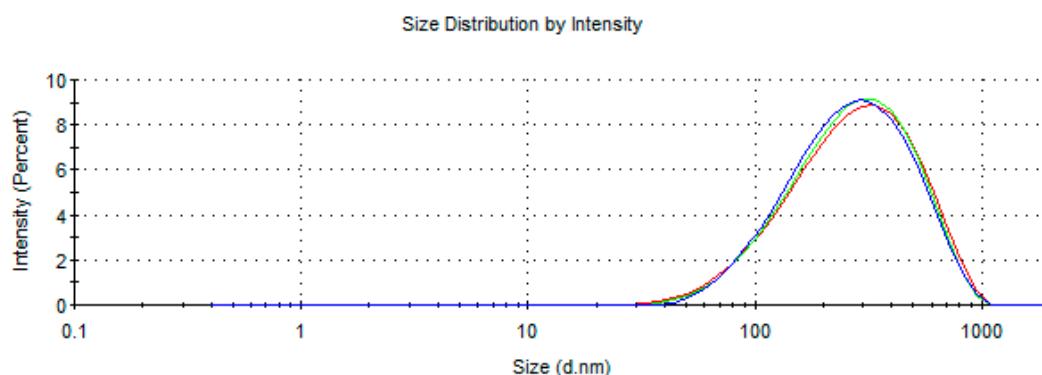
**Figure S3.** Size distribution of CUR-[P<sub>6,6,6,14</sub>][NTf<sub>2</sub>]@ncSi nanoparticles



**Figure S4.** Size distribution of the IL droplets in the CUR-[BMPYRR][NTf<sub>2</sub>]/Water emulsion.



**Figure S5.** Size distribution of the IL droplets in the CUR-[OMIM][NTf<sub>2</sub>]/Water emulsion.



**Figure S6.** Size distribution of the IL droplets in the CUR-[P<sub>6,6,6,14</sub>][NTf<sub>2</sub>]/Water emulsion.

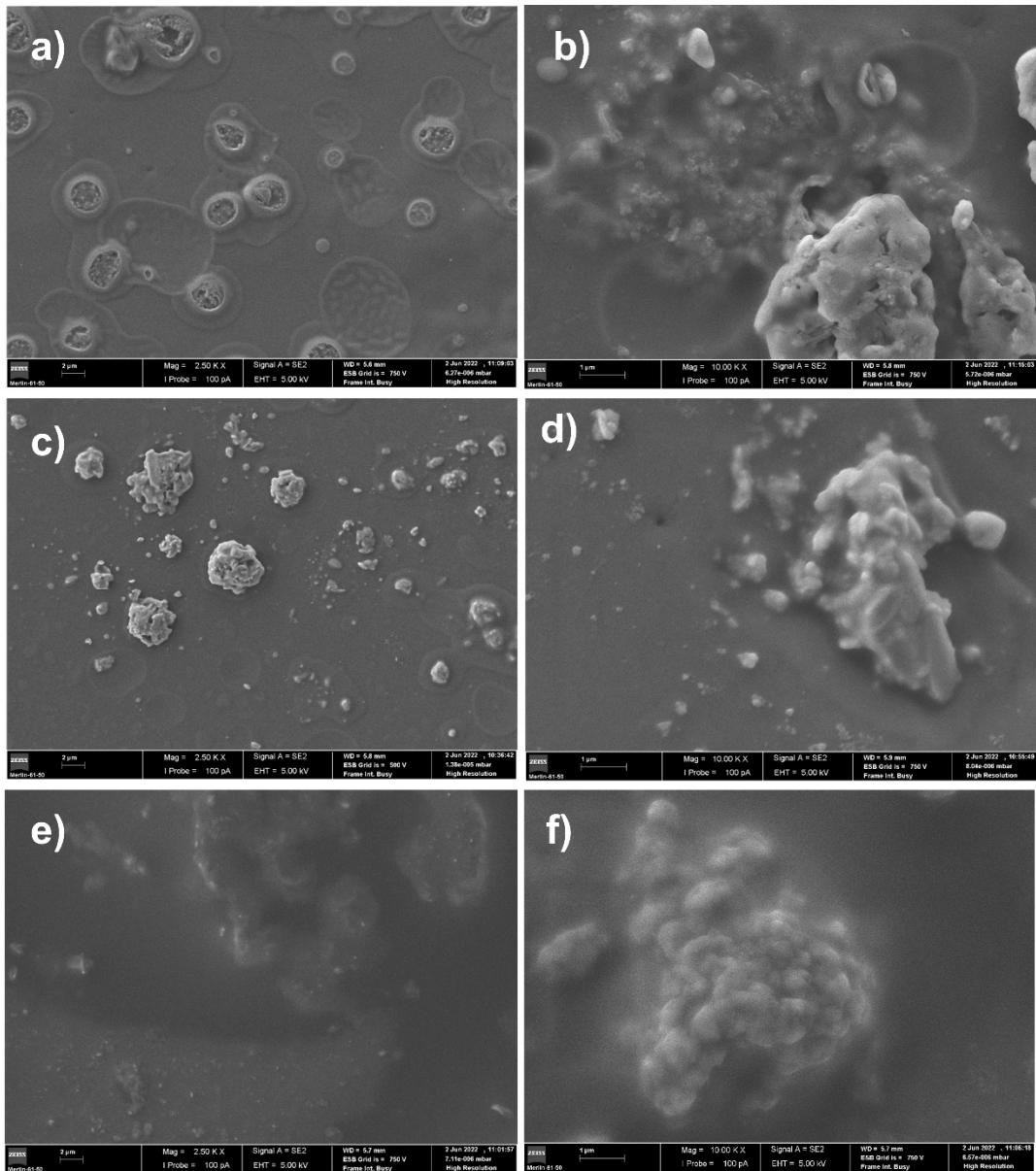
**Table S2.** Maximum concentration of dissolved oxygen ( $pO_{2\text{Max}}$ ) and the correspondent time ( $t_{\text{Max}}$ ) registered for the different samples. IL/water and nanocapsules/water overall volumetric mass transfer coefficients ( $K_{\text{La}}$ ).

Sample	$t_{\text{Max}}$ (min)	$pO_{2\text{Max}}$ (ppm)	$K_{\text{La}}^*$ ( $\text{h}^{-1}$ )
Water	2.5	$5.4 \pm 0.3$	---
CUR-[BMPYRR][NTf <sub>2</sub> ]/Water	5.0	$6.7 \pm 0.5$	$58 \pm 0$
CUR-[BMPYRR][NTf <sub>2</sub> ]@ncSi	3.0	$8.4 \pm 0.5$	$127 \pm 21$
CUR-[OMIM][NTf <sub>2</sub> ]/Water	3.0	$7.0 \pm 0.2$	$157 \pm 24$
CUR-[OMIM][NTf <sub>2</sub> ]@ncSi	2.0	$7.7 \pm 1.5$	$259 \pm 3$
CUR-[P <sub>6,6,6,14</sub> ][NTf <sub>2</sub> ]/Water	3.0	$7.6 \pm 0.8$	$167 \pm 19$
CUR-[P <sub>6,6,6,14</sub> ][NTf <sub>2</sub> ]@ncSi	2.5	$8.1 \pm 0.3$	$179 \pm 39$

\*Calculated by plotting the initial linear segment of data represented in Figure 4 in the form of  $\ln(pO_{2\text{Max}}/( pO_{2\text{Max}} - pO_2))$  vs time and by the performing of a linear adjustment.  $K_{\text{La}}$  corresponds to the slope of the fitted line.



**Figure S7.** Gelatin film (left) and gelatin film loaded with CUR-[OMIM][NTf<sub>2</sub>]@ncSi nanocapsules (right).



**Figure S8.** SEM images of the surface of gelatin films incorporating CUR-IL@ncSi nanocapsules: a), b) CUR-[BMPYRR][NTf<sub>2</sub>]@ncSi; c), d) CUR-[OMIM][NTf<sub>2</sub>]@ncSi; e), f) CUR-[P<sub>6,6,6,14</sub>][NTf<sub>2</sub>]@ncSi. Magnifications: 2500 $\times$  (a, c, e); 10000 $\times$  (b, d, f).