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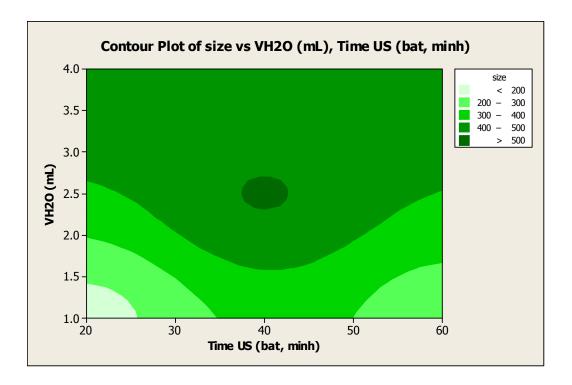
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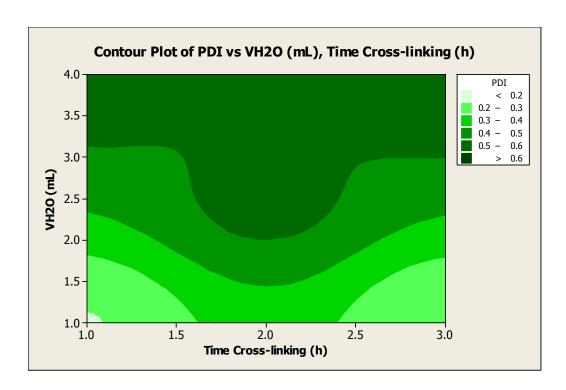
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## **Supporting Information**

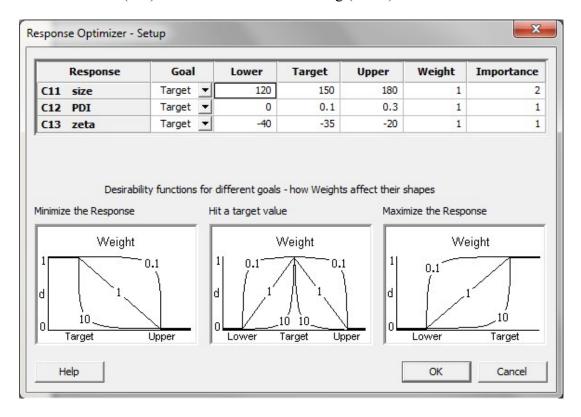
## DoE-Optimized Fabrication of HSA Core NPs – Complementary Graphs & Data relating to the Fabrication of Optimized HSA Core NPs



**Figure SI-1.** DoE-optimized fabrication of  $HSA_{DoE}$  NPS - 2D contour plot of size vs. both relative volume of  $H_2O$  (mL) and the time of ultrasonication (minutes)

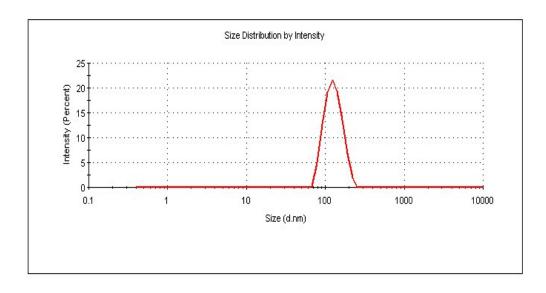


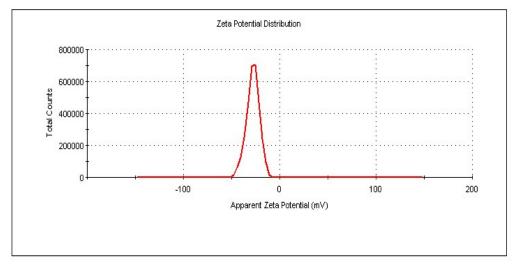
**Figure SI-2.** DoE-optimized fabrication of  $HSA_{DoE}$  NPS – 2D contour plot of PDI vs. both relative volume of  $H_2O$  (mL) and the time of cross-linking (hours)



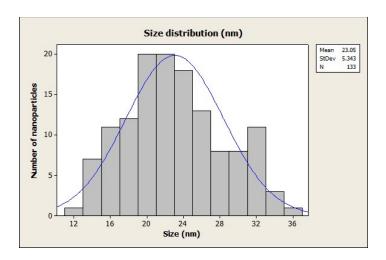
**Figure SI-3.** DoE-optimized fabrication of HSA<sub>DoE</sub> NPS − NP specifications for MINITAB® 16 software profile optimizer tool calculations

## $DoE\text{-}Optimized\ HSA_{DoE}\ NPS-Additional\ Characterization\ Data$

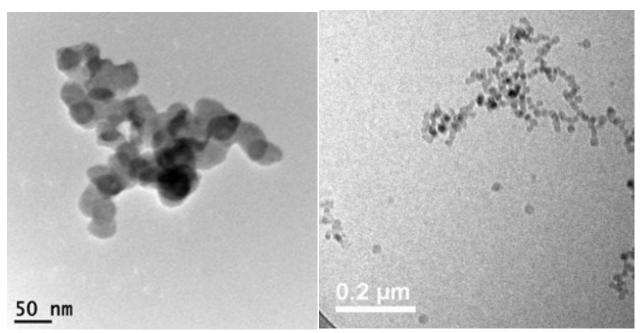




**Figure SI-4.** DLS Analysis of DoE-optimized (i)  $149.56\pm1.8$  nm - sized (*top*) and  $-35.4\pm2.4$  mV-charged (*bottom*) HSA<sub>DoE</sub> NPS (MINITAB® 16 software profile optimizer tool output)



**Figure SI-5.** Size distribution histogram of small 23.05±5.3 nm-sized core HSA<sub>DoE</sub> NPs (MINITAB® 16 software profile optimizer tool output, TEM microphotograph analysis)



**Figure SI-6.** TEM images of core HSA<sub>DoE</sub> NPS: TEM (*left*, scale bar: 50 nm) and cryo-TEM (*right*, scale bar:  $0.2 \mu m$ ) microphotographs of  $23.05\pm5.3$  nm-sized core HSA<sub>DoE</sub> NPs

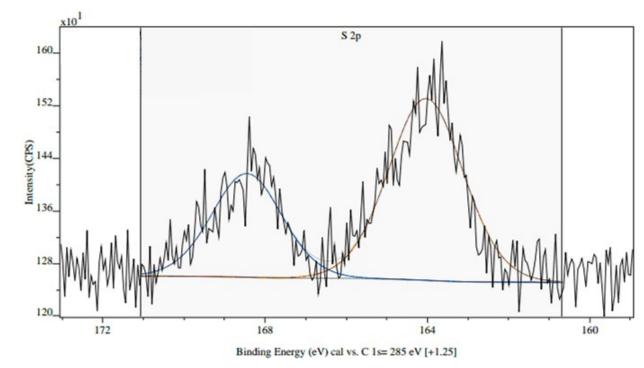


Figure SI-7: Core  $HSA_{DoE}$  NPs - XPS Spectrum (NPs fabrication using a 10% DVS EtOH solution)