

## Functionalized silica nanoparticles as adjuvant factor to increase the cytotoxicity of metallodrugs toward human tumor cells

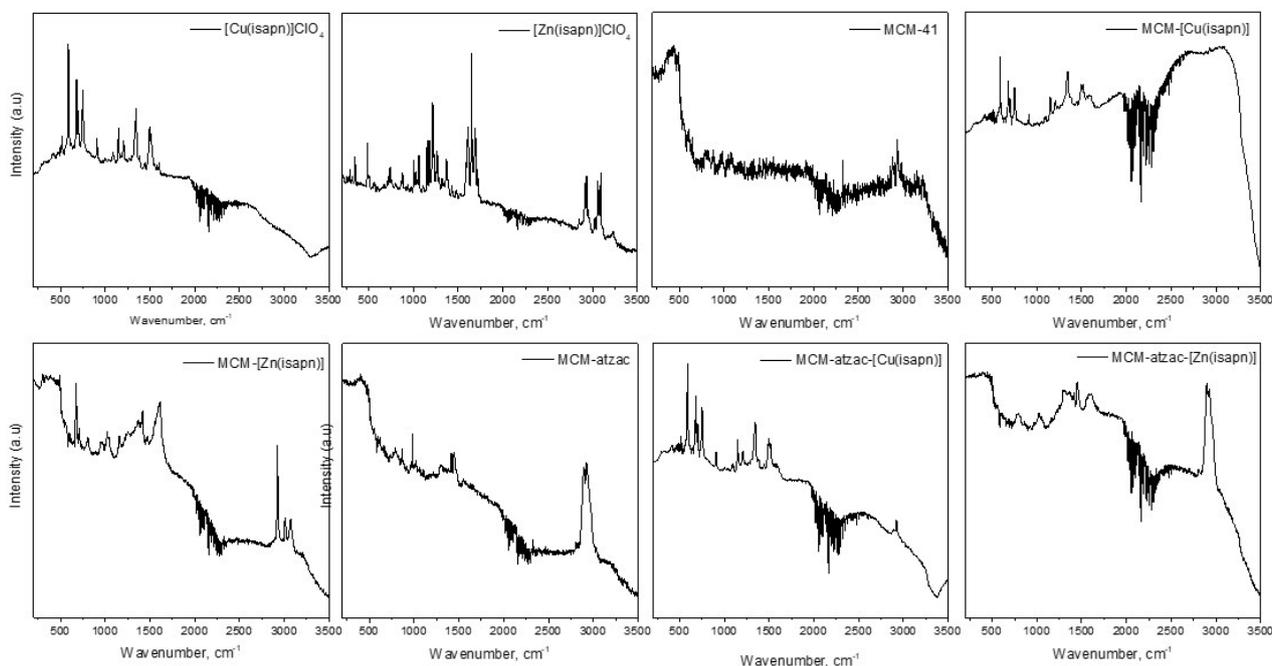
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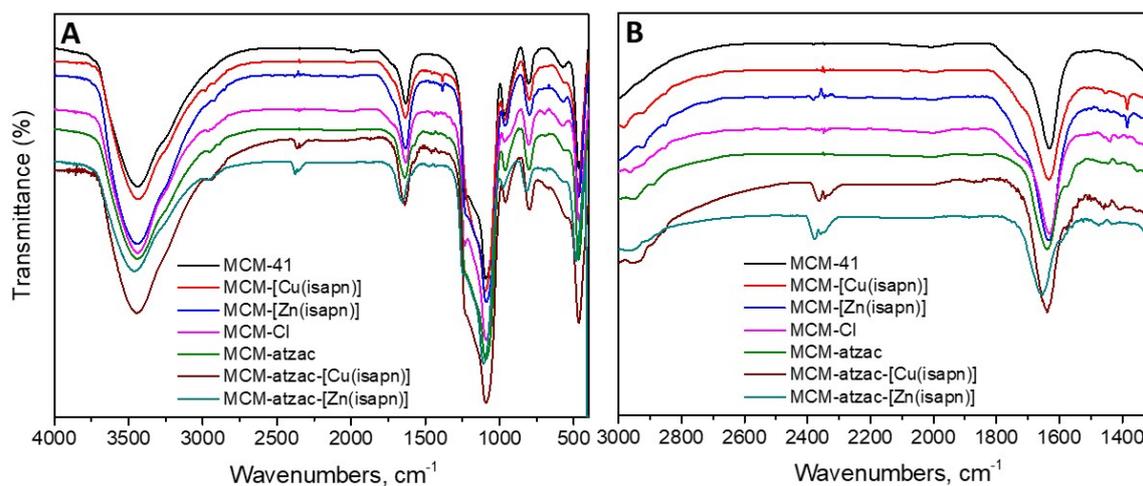
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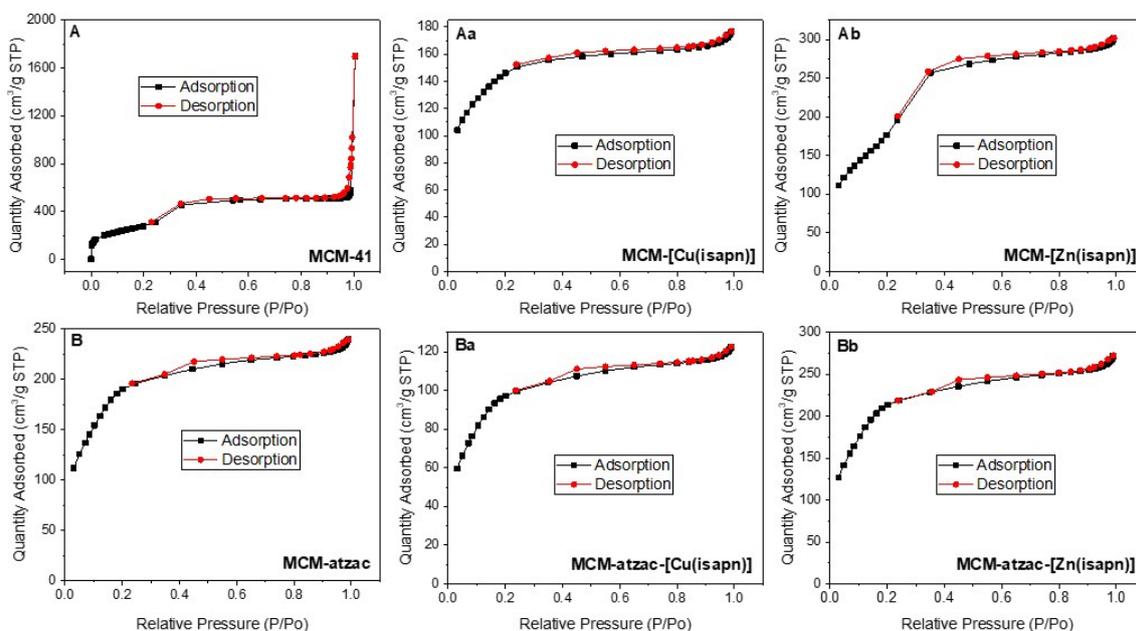
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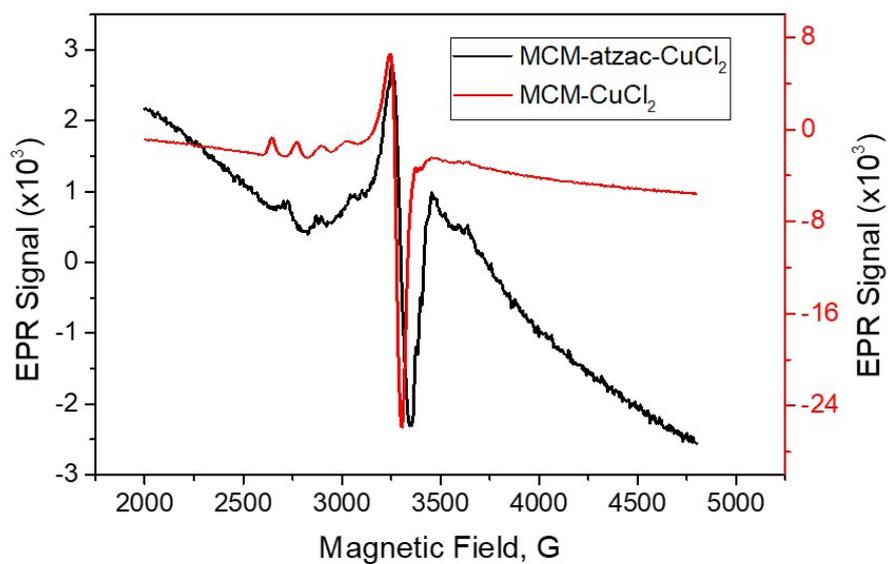
**Figure S1:** FT-Raman spectra without treatment of each prepared compound.



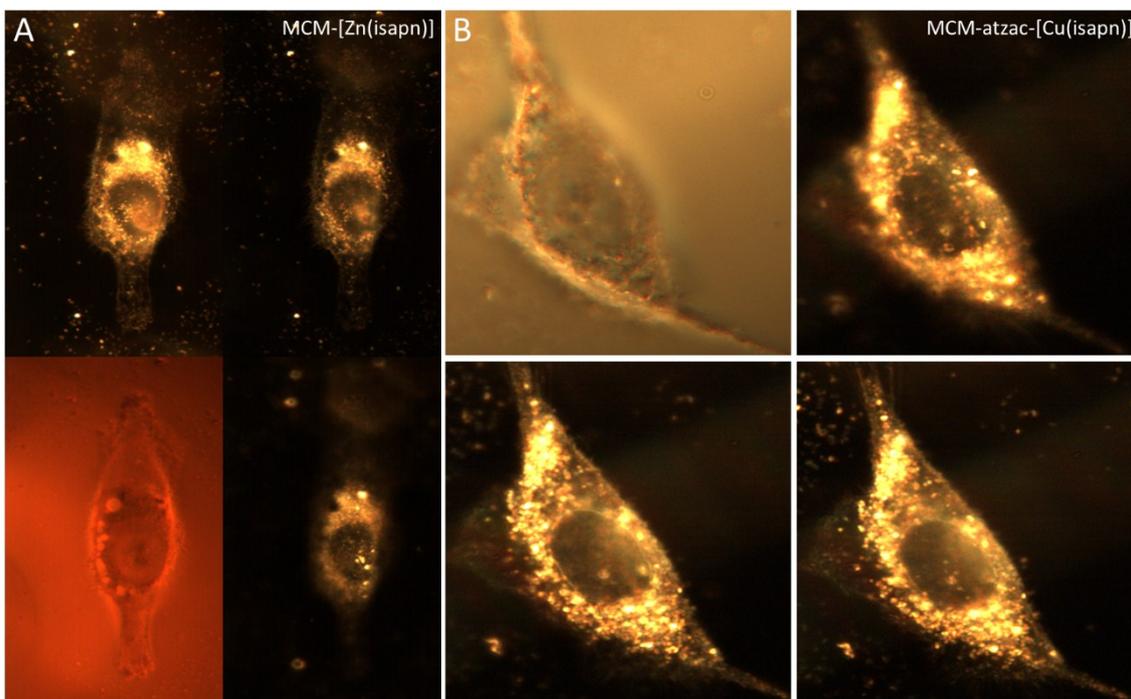
**Figure S2:** FT infrared spectra of the copper and zinc complexes immobilized into the pure and functionalized matrices. A – normal scale from 400 to 4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and B – expanded scale from 1500 to 3000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



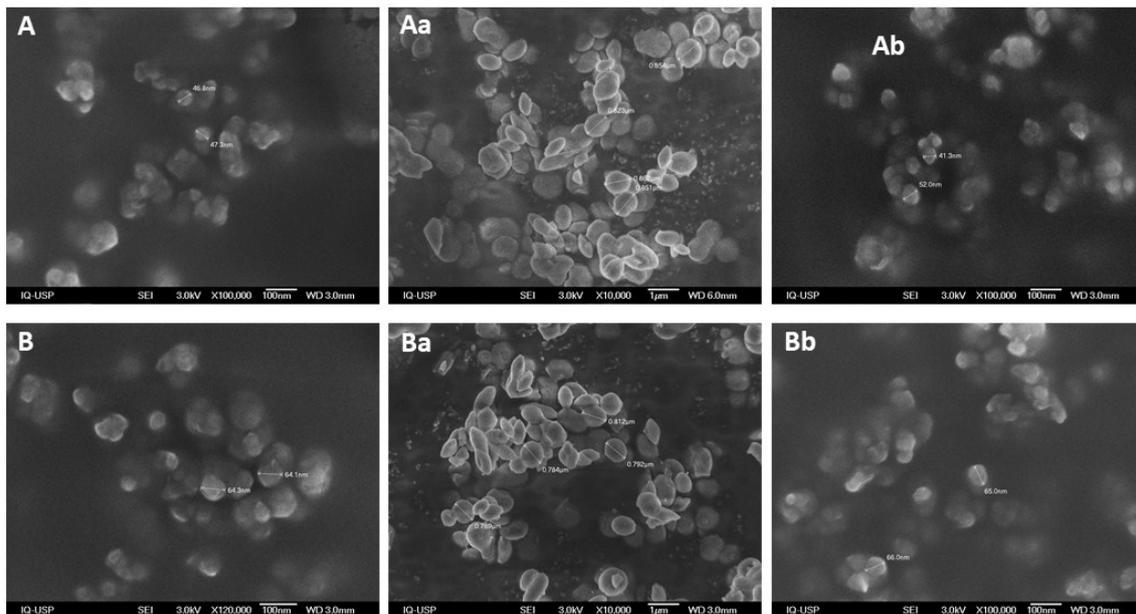
**Figure S3:** Nitrogen adsorption–desorption isotherms of MCM-41 (A), MCM-[Cu(isapn)] (Aa), MCM-[Zn(isapn)] (Ab), MCM-atzac (B), MCM-atzac-[Cu(isapn)] (Ba) and MCM-atzac-[Zn(isapn)] (Bb).



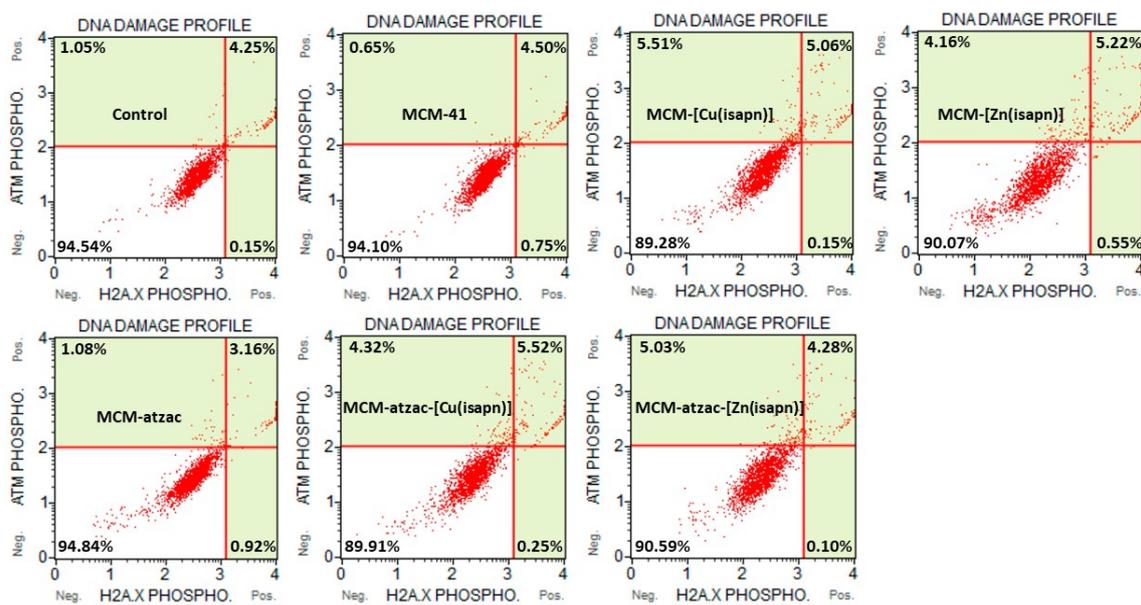
**Figure S4:** X-band EPR spectra of the CuCl<sub>2</sub> immobilized into the unmodified and modified matrix at 77K.



**Figure S5:** Optical image acquired with the Cytoviva™ instrument of SKMEM-147 cells incubated for 24h with MCM-[Zn(isapn)] and MCM-atzac-[Cu(isapn)] nanoparticles in different focal planes.



**Figure S6:** Scanning electron microscopy of MCM-41 (A), MCM-[Cu(isapn)] (Aa), MCM-[Zn(isapn)] (Ab), MCM-atzac (B), MCM-atzac-[Cu(isapn)] (Ba) and MCM-atzac-[Zn(isapn)] (Bb).



**Figure S7:** DNA damage response after treatment in melanoma cancer cells, SKMEL-147.