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# Lipoic Acid Capped Silver Nanoparticles: A Facile Route to Covalent Protein Capping and Oxidative Stability Within Biological Systems

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#### S1. SDS-Electrophoresis of HSA-AgNP Conjugate



**Figure S1.** Representative image of SDS-Electrophoresis experiment. The gel was run for 1 h at 80 V. Gel was stained with Coomassie Blue R-250 to visualize the protein bands. Image was obtained by scanning gel.

#### S2. TEM and Size Histogram of Lipoic Acid Capped AgNP



**Figure S2.** A) TEM image of 0  $\mu$ M lipoic acid AgNP. B) Corresponding size histogram with >100 random particles counted per sample.



**Figure S3.** A) TEM image of 2.5  $\mu$ M lipoic acid AgNP. B) Corresponding size histogram with >100 random particles counted per sample.



**Figure S4.** A) TEM image of 5  $\mu$ M lipoic acid AgNP. B) Corresponding size histogram with >100 random particles counted per sample.



**Figure S5.** A) TEM image of 10  $\mu$ M lipoic acid AgNP. B) Corresponding size histogram with >100 random particles counted per sample.



**Figure S6.** A) TEM image of 20  $\mu$ M lipoic acid AgNP. B) Corresponding size histogram with >100 random particles counted per sample.



**Figure S7.** A) TEM image of 40  $\mu$ M lipoic acid AgNP. B) Corresponding size histogram with >100 random particles counted per sample.



**Figure S8.** A) TEM image of 80  $\mu$ M lipoic acid AgNP. B) Corresponding size histogram with >100 random particles counted per sample.



Figure S9. A) TEM image of 100  $\mu$ M lipoic acid AgNP. B) Corresponding size histogram with >100 random particles counted per sample.

## S3. Composition of DMEM – High Glucose Liquid Media (HyClone Cat. No. SH30284.01)

Component description	mg/L	mmol/L
Inorganic salts		
Calcium chloride	200	1.8021
Ferric nitrate-9H <sub>2</sub> 0	0.1	0.0002
Potassium chloride	400	5.3655
Magnesium sulfate	97.67	0.8112
Sodium chloride	6400	109.514
Sodium phosphate monobasic H <sub>2</sub> 0	125	0.9059
Amino acids		
L-Arginine-HCl	84	0.3987
L-Cystine-2HCl	62.57	0.1998
L-Glutamine	584	3.9959
Glycine	30	0.3996
L-Histidine-HCl-H <sub>2</sub> 0	42	0.2004
L-Isoleucine	104.8	0.7989
L-Leucine	104.8	0.7990
L-Lysine-HCl	146.2	0.8004
L-Methionine	30	0.2011
L-Phenylalanine	66	0.3995
L-Serine	42	0.3997
L-Threonine	95.2	0.7992
L-Tryptophan	16	0.0783
L-Tyrosine-2Na-2H <sub>2</sub> 0	103.79	0.3974
L-Valine	93.6	0.7990
Vitamins		
Calcium D-pantothenate	4	0.0084
D-Pantothenic acid Na salt	0	0
Choline chloride	4	0.0286
Folic acid	4	0.0091
Myo-inositol	7	0.0389
Niacinamide	4	0.0328
Pyridoxine-HCl	4	0.0195
Riboflavin	0.4	0.0011
Thiamine-HCl	4	0.0119
Other		
D-Glucose	4500	24.9778
HEPES	0	0
Phenol red-Na	0	0
Sodium pyruvate	0	0
Sodium bicarbonate	3700	44.0424