## Supplementary information

Surfactant-free tantalum oxide nanoparticles: synthesis, colloid properties, and application as a contrast agent for computed tomography

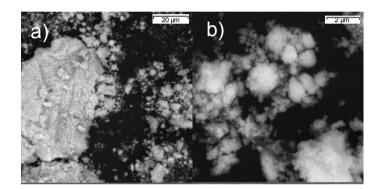
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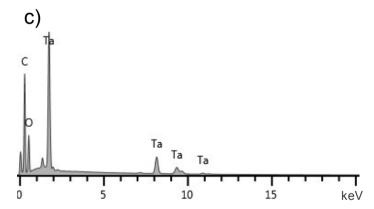


Fig. S1. SEM images (a, b) and EDX spectra (c) of tantalum oxide powder.

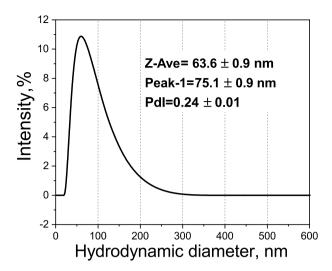


Fig. S2. Size characterization by DLS: aggregates of primary particles in water (when obtaining by pH modification).

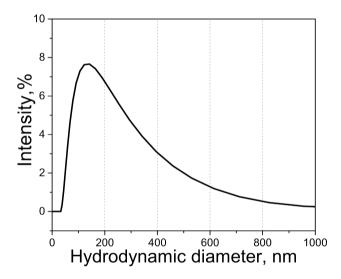


Fig. S3. Size characterization by DLS: hydrosol with the  $Ta_2O_5$  NPs concentration of 20 mg/ml.