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## Multimodal nanogels combining ZW800-1 as an optical absorber and gadolinium chelates for multispectral optoacoustic tomography (MSOT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

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(ZW800-1/NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>initial</sub> [% mol]	a	b
10%	2.85%	2.66%
5%	1.16%	1.24%

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(ZW800-1/NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>initial</sub> [% mol]	(ZW800-1) <sub>T</sub> /CS [% mol] <sub>average</sub>	(ZW800-1) <sub>G</sub> / (ZW800-1) <sub>T</sub> [% mol] <sub>average</sub>	$DS^{ZW800 - 1}_{CS} = ZW800-1_{G}/CS$ [% mol] average
10	2.75	61	1.68
5	1.20	65	0.78



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		SBM	SBM + SS	
q(*)		1		
D	$m^2s^{-1}$	6.5 ×10 <sup>-10</sup>		
d(*)	nm	0.36		
r(*)	nm	0.31		
τ <sub>R</sub>	ns	0.83	0.84	
τ	ps	33.2	34.3	
τѕο	ps	145	102	
τ <sub>M</sub> (*)	ns	100		
q <sub>ss</sub>			2.4	
$\tau_{ss}(*)$	ps		40	
r <sub>ss</sub> (*)	nm		0.36	

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(\*) = parameters fixed during the fit