

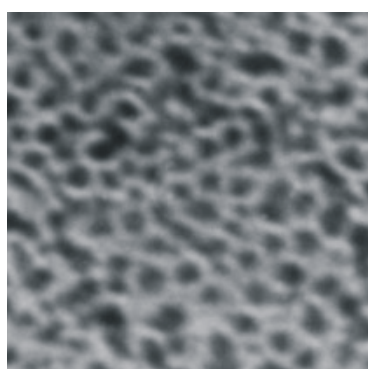
Dendron-stabilised gold nanoparticles: generation dependence of core size and thermal stability

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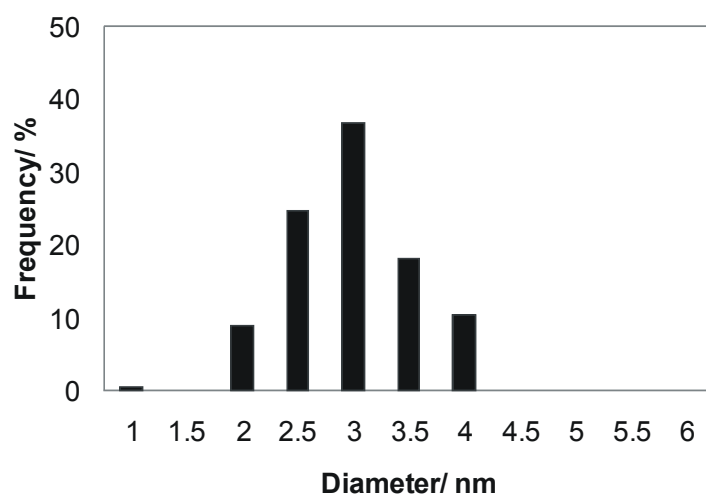
Supplementary Information

TEM images of dendron-stabilised Au nanoparticles

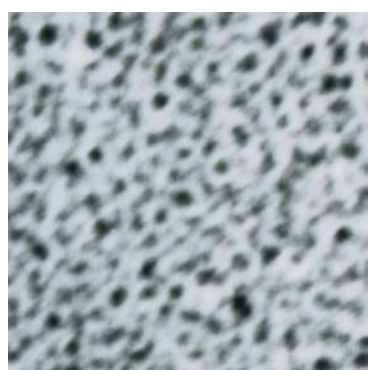
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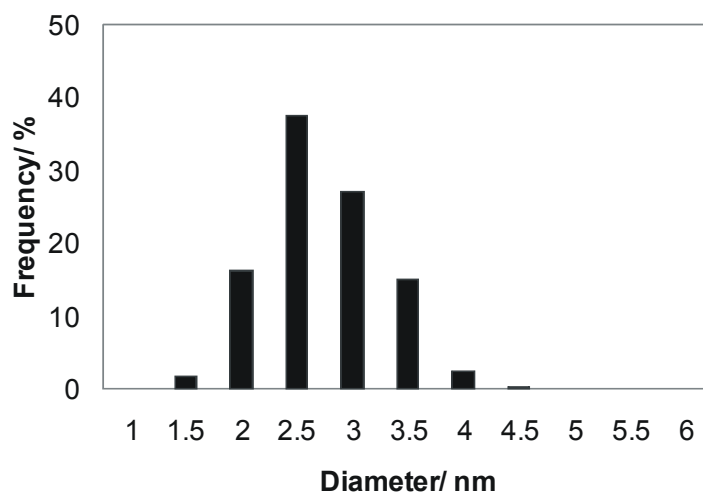
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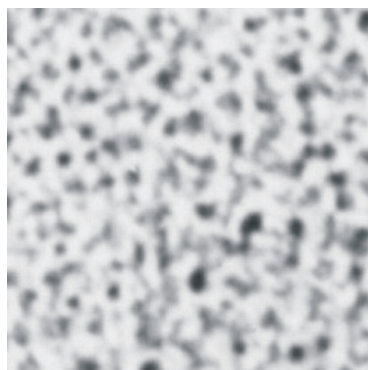
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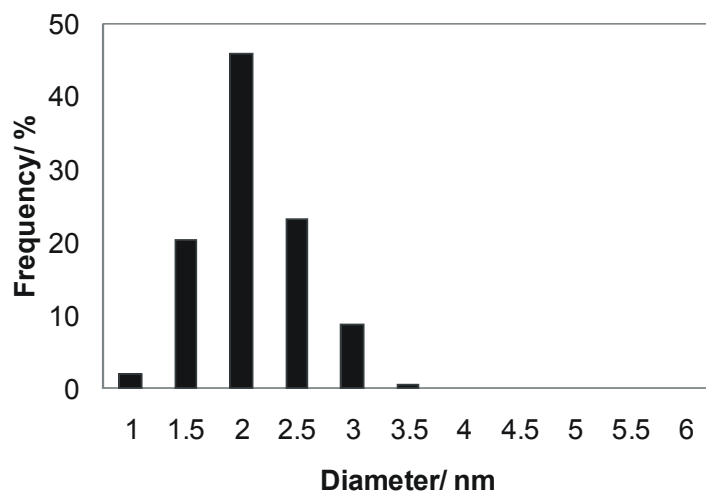
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G3-Au



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Characterisation data for dendrimers G1SSG1 and G2SSG2.

G1SSG1. Pale yellow solid (83 %). R_f 0.54 (CH_2Cl_2 :MeOH 90:10), Melting point: 88-90 °C, $\alpha_D^{293} +18.9$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3), $+19.23$ ($c = 1.0$, MeOH), m/z (ES+) $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{68}\text{N}_6\text{O}_{10}\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$ requires 808.3; found 831.3 (100%, $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$), HR FAB-MS calculated for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{68}\text{N}_6\text{O}_{10}\text{Na}_1\text{S}_2$ 831.4336; found 831.4338, δ_H (270 MHz, CD_3OCD_3) 7.70 (2H, t, J 7.5, CONH), 6.15 (2H, t, J 8.0, CONH), 5.98 (2H, t, J 7.5, CONH), 4.10-4.08 (2H, m, COCH), 3.54-3.51 (4H, m, $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$), 3.06 (4H, q, J 6.5, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$), 2.86 (4H, t, J 6.5, $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$), 1.9-1.37 (48H, m, CH_2 , CH_3), δ_C (67.9 MHz, D_2O) 173.4 (NHCOCH x 2), 156.6 (NHCOO x 2), 156.3 (NHCOO x 2), 79.1 ($\text{OC}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ x 2), 78.2 ($\text{OC}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ x 2), 55.3 (NHCOCH x 2), 40.6 ($\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$ x 2), 38.9 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$ x 2), 38.3 ($\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$ x 2), 33.0 (CH_2 x 4), 28.5 (CCH_3 x 6), 28.4 (CCH_3 x 6), 23.5 (CH_2 x 2) $\nu_{\max}$ (KBr disc) 3346m (CONH), 2978m, 2935m, 2863w (CH_2 , CH_3), 1687s (CONH), 1656s (CONH), 1524s (CONH), 1366m ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)$).

G2SSG2. White solid (60 %). R_f 0.30 (CH_2Cl_2 :MeOH 90:10), Melting point: 119-121 °C, $\alpha_D^{293} -14.4$ ($c = 1.0$, MeOH), m/z (ES+) $\text{C}_{168}\text{H}_{308}\text{N}_{30}\text{O}_{46}\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$ requires 3548.4; found 1797.1 (100%, $[\text{M}+2\text{Na}]^{2+}$), 1205.4 (55 %, $[\text{M}+3\text{Na}]^{3+}$), δ_H (270 MHz, CD_3OD) 4.29 (6H, m, COCH(R)NH), 4.00 (8H, m, COCH(R)NH), 3.49 (4H, m, $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$), 3.18 (12H, m, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$), 3.03 (16H, m, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$), 2.84 (4H, m, $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$), 1.80-1.30 (228H, m, CH_2 , CH_3), δ_C (67.9 MHz, CD_3OD) 175.2, 175.0, 172.2, 174.0 (CONH x 14), 158.5 (NHCOOC(Me)₃ x 12), 157.8 (NHCOOC(Me)₃ x 4), 80.6 ($\text{OC}(\text{Me})_3$ x 4), 80.5 ($\text{OC}(\text{Me})_3$ x 4), 79.8 ($\text{OC}(\text{Me})_3$ x 8), 56.3, 56.2, 54.8, 54.7, 54.6 (All COCH(R)NH x 14), 41.0 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$ x 8 and $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$ x 2), 40.1 (CH_2NH x 6 and $\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}$ x 2), 33.3, 32.9, 32.8, 32.6, 30.6, 30.0 (All CH_2),

28.9 (CH₃ x 48), 24.2 (CH₂), _{max} (KBr disc) 3310m (CONH), 2977m, 2935m (CH₂, CH₃), 2866w (CH), 1691s (CONH), 1655s (CONH), 1523 s (CONH), 1458w (CH₂, CH₃), 1366m (C(Me)₃), 1250m (COO), 1172m (COO).

Characterisation data for nanoparticles G1-Au and G2-Au.

G1-Au. δ_H (270 MHz, CDCl₃) 4.40-4.00 (COCH), 3.15-3.00 (CH₂NH), 1.80-1.10 (CH₂, CH₃), ν_{max} (CHCl₃ solution) 3310m (CONH), 2979m, 2928m, 2862w (CH₂, CH₃), 1695s (CONH), 1510s (CONH), 1172s (COO).

G2-Au. δ_H (270 MHz, CDCl₃) 4.30-4.00 (COCH), 3.20-2.90 (CH₂NH), 1.90-1.10 (CH₂, CH₃) ν_{max} (CHCl₃ solution) 3307m (CONH), 2979m, 2934m, 2864w (CH₂, CH₃), 1695s (CONH), 1516s (CONH).