## **Supporting Information**

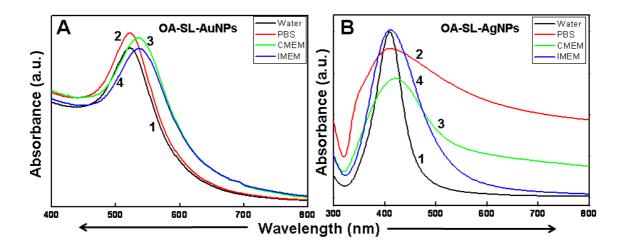
## Cytotoxic and Genotoxic Assessment of Glycolipid Reduced Gold and Silver Nanoparticles

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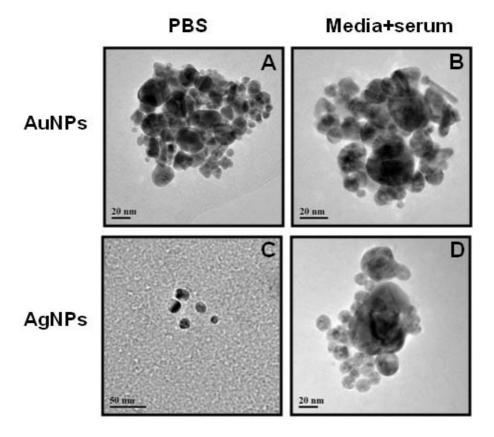
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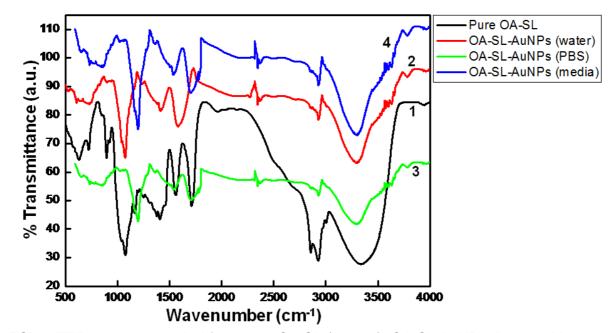


**ESI-1**: UV-vis spectra of OA-SL-AuNPs (A) and OA-SL-AgNPs (B) dispersed in water (curve 1), PBS (curve 2), CMEM (curve 3) and IMEM (curve 4).

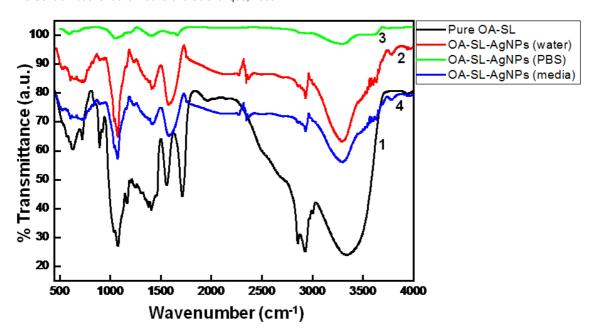
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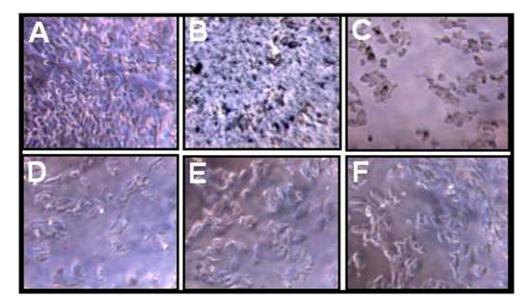
**ESI-2:** TEM images of AuNPs (A, B, C) and AgNPs (D, E, F) in serum containing media, PBS and water.



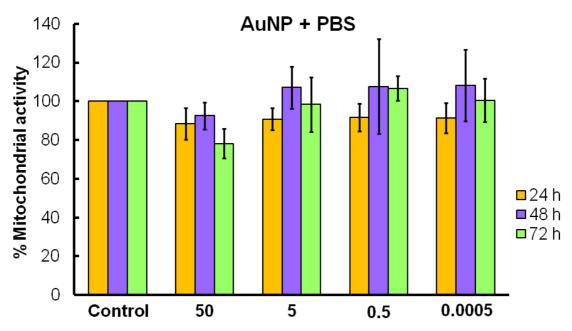
**ESI-3:** FTIR spectra recorded from pure OA-SL (trace 1), OA-SL-AuNPs dispersed in water (trace 2), OA-SL-AuNPs dispersed in PBS (trace 3) and OA-SL-AuNPs dispersed in CMEM media (trace 4)



**ESI-4:** FTIR spectra recorded from pure OA-SL (trace 1), OA-SL-AgNPs dispersed in water (trace 2), OA-SL-AgNPs dispersed in PBS (trace 3) and OA-SL-AgNPs dispersed in CMEM media (trace 4)

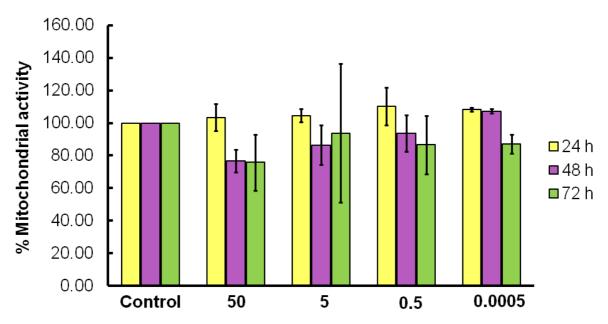


**ESI 5:** Phase contrast images of HepG2 cells (B to F) incubated respectively with 500  $\mu$ g/mL, 50  $\mu$ g/mL, 5  $\mu$ g/mL, 0.5  $\mu$ g/mL and 0.0005  $\mu$ g/mL of OA-SL-AuNPs. Figure A shows the morphology of untreated (control) HepG2 cells incubated for 3 h.

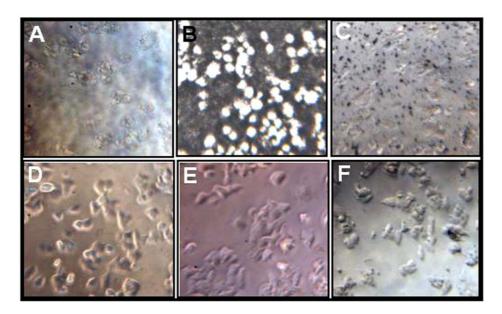


**ESI-6:** Statistical data representing the toxic effect of OA-SL-AuNPs dispersed in PBS incubated with HepG2 cells for 24, 48 and 72 h.

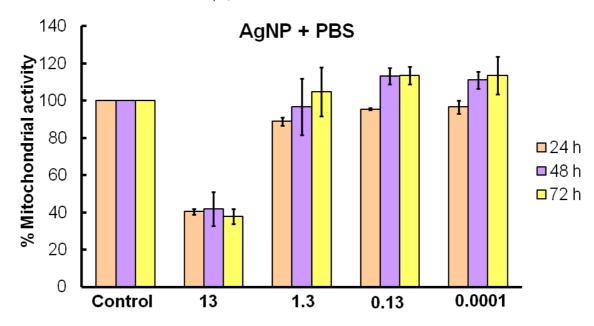
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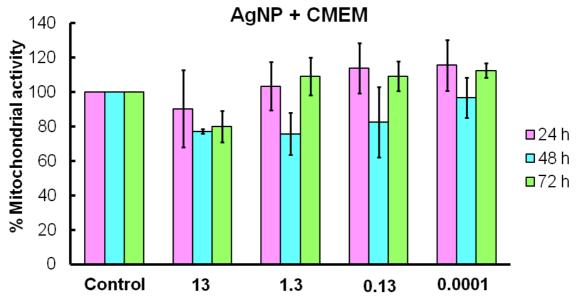
**ESI-7:** Statistical data representing the toxic effect of OA-SL-AuNPs dispersed in CMEM incubated with HepG2 cells for 24, 48 and 72 h.



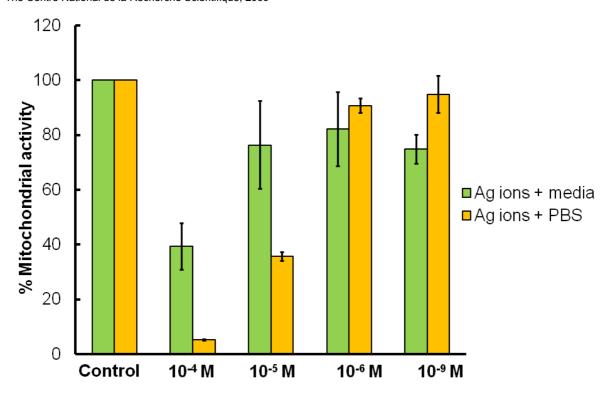
**ESI 8:** Optical microscope images of HepG2 cells (B to F) incubated respectively with 130  $\mu$ g/mL, 13  $\mu$ g/mL, 0.13  $\mu$ g/mL and 0.0001  $\mu$ g/mL of OA-SL-AgNPs. Figure A shows the morphology of untreated (control) HepG2 cells incubated for 3 h.



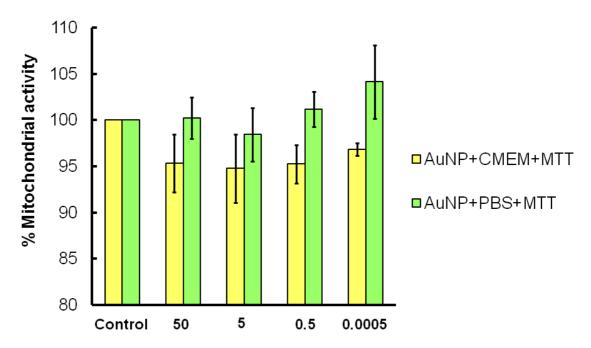
**ESI-9:** Statistical data representing the toxic effect of OA-SL-AgNPs dispersed in PBS and incubated with HepG2 cells for 24, 48 and 72 h.



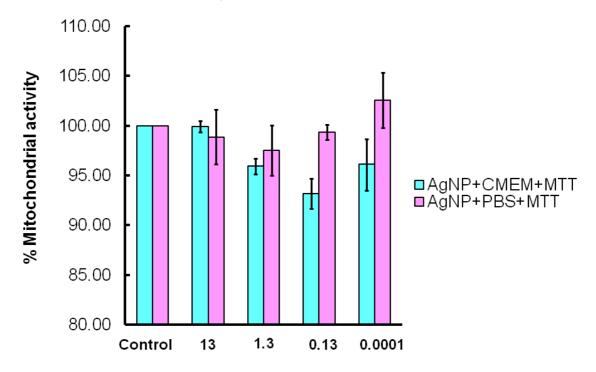
**ESI-10:** Statistical data representing the toxic effect of OA-SL-AgNPs dispersed in CMEM and incubated with HepG2 cells for 24, 48 and 72 h.



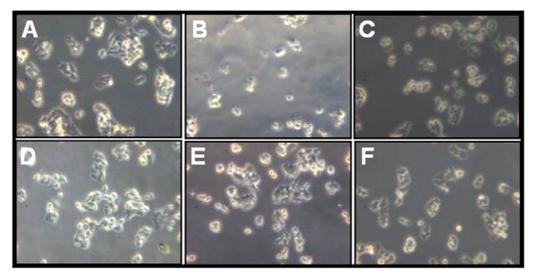
**ESI-11:** Statistical data representing the toxic effect of Ag<sup>+</sup> ions incubated with HepG2 cells for 24 h in the presence of serum containing media and PBS.



**ESI-12:** Statistical data representing the interactions of AuNPs with MTT dye incubated for 24 h in the presence of CMEM and PBS.



**ESI-13:** Statistical data representing the interactions of AuNPs with MTT dye incubated for 24 h in the presence of CMEM and PBS.



**ESI 14:** Optical microscope images of HepG2 cells (B to F) incubated respectively with 600  $\mu$ g/mL, 60  $\mu$ g/mL, 0.6  $\mu$ g/mL and 0.0006  $\mu$ g/mL of OA-SL molecules. Figure A shows the morphology of untreated (control) HepG2 cells incubated for 3 h.