

Supplementary materials

“Step-by-Step Design of New Theranostic Nanoformulations: Multifunctional Nanovectors for Radio-Chemo-Hyperthermic Therapy under Physical Targeting”

Mechanism of oxygen release from OLNBs

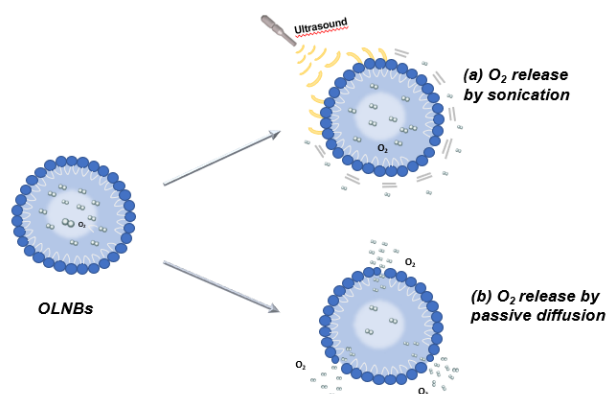


Figure S1. Graphical representation of the mechanism of oxygen release from OLNb core: by the application of an external stimulus, i.e., US (a) or by passive diffusion (b).

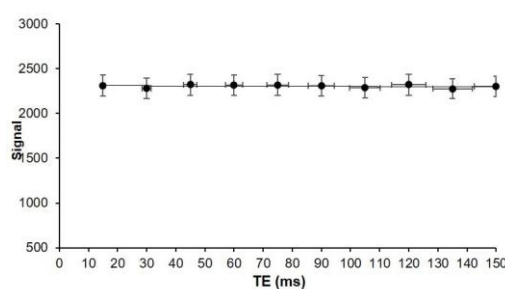
Oxygen Diffusion for Dextran-shelled OLNDs

Effective oxygen diffusion from OLNDs in tissues was confirmed by *in vivo* experiments performed by transcutaneous oximetry (tcpO₂) and by photoacoustic imaging system on mouse legs. Details can be found in [30]. In the first case tcpO₂ was measured using a transcutaneous oximeter on the shaved abdomens of 8 mice before and after topical treatment with OLNDs in gel formulation followed by sonication ($f=1\text{ MHz}$, $P=5\text{ W}$, $t=30\text{ s}$). Significant increases of tcpO₂ (up to 5-fold) were measured in the following 15 minutes and the effects were still evident after 1 hour.

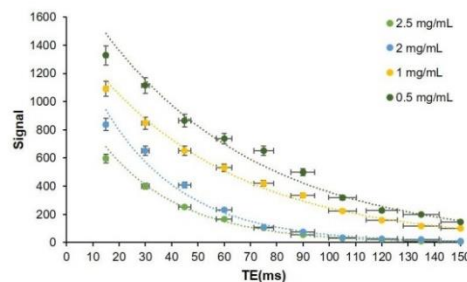
In the second case the oxygen release from OLNDs was compared with that of empty NDs and saline fully saturated with oxygen when topically administered on the shaved hind limbs of 9 anesthetized mice. Oxy-Hb and deoxy-Hb were visualized by Vevo LAZR Photoacoustic Imaging System and the oxygenation effect of OLNDs proved effective and sustained up to 1 hour.

Magnetic Characterization of MOLNBs

Transverse relaxation (T_2) values were obtained from exponential fitting of the signal. The signal intensity dependency on echo time (TE) is shown in Supplementary Figure 2.



(a)



(b)

Figure S2. (a) Signal intensities of blank OLNBs at different TE value and (b) signal intensity of 0.5, 1, 2.0 and 2.5 mg/mL. SPIONs concentration on MOLNBs at different TE value as a function of echo delay time. T_2 is inversely proportional to concentration of SPIONs loaded on MOLNBs, increased concentration shows a sharp reduction in the signal intensity. The error bars show SD.

Magnetic Field and US Imaging Monitoring

Supplementary Figure 3 shows a configuration obtained by positioning two permanent magnets on one side of a plastic container (Figure S3a) and the lines of the magnetic field generated (Figure S3b), using [39].

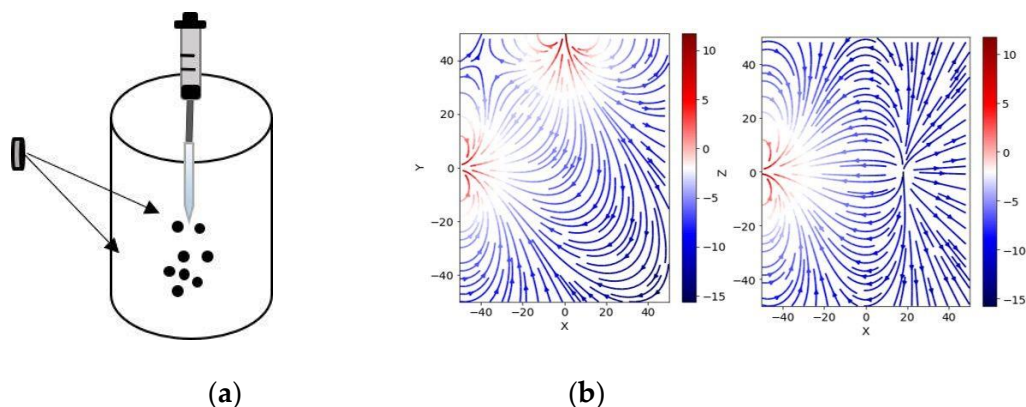


Figure S3. The setup used for the evaluation of the response of MOLNBs: (a) two magnets positioned on the side of the cylinder wall, at 4 cm distance from each other; (b) projections of magnetic field lines in the XY and XZ plane.

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