

Supporting Information

Imaging of Carotid Artery Inflammatory Plaques with Superparamagnetic Nanoparticles and an External Magnet Collar

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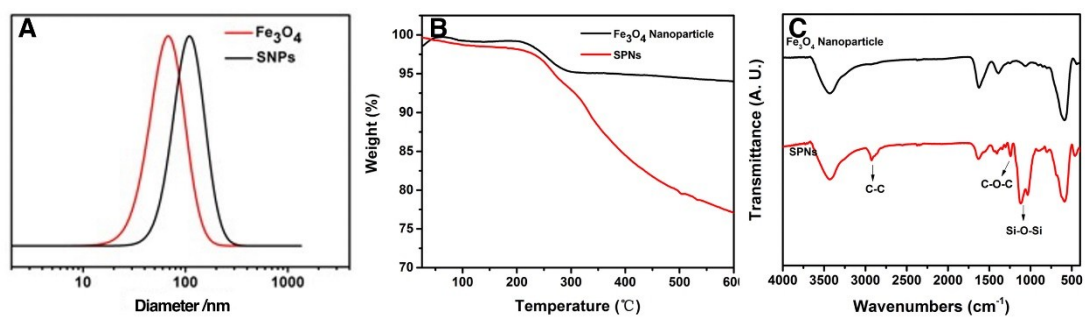


Figure S1. Diameter distribution curves of Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles and SNPs in water measured by dynamic light scattering technique (A). The thermogravimetric (TG) analysis (B) and the Fourier transform infrared spectrometer (FT-IR) (C) result of the SNPs, as compared with the 5 Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles.

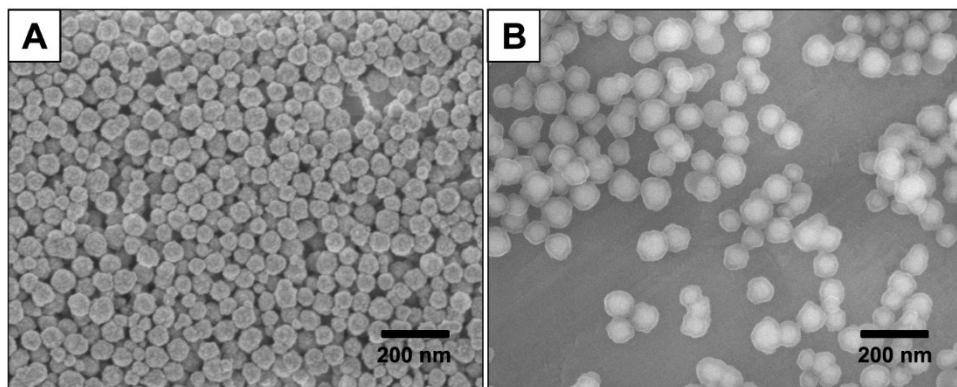


Figure S2. Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) images of (A) Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles and (B) SNPs

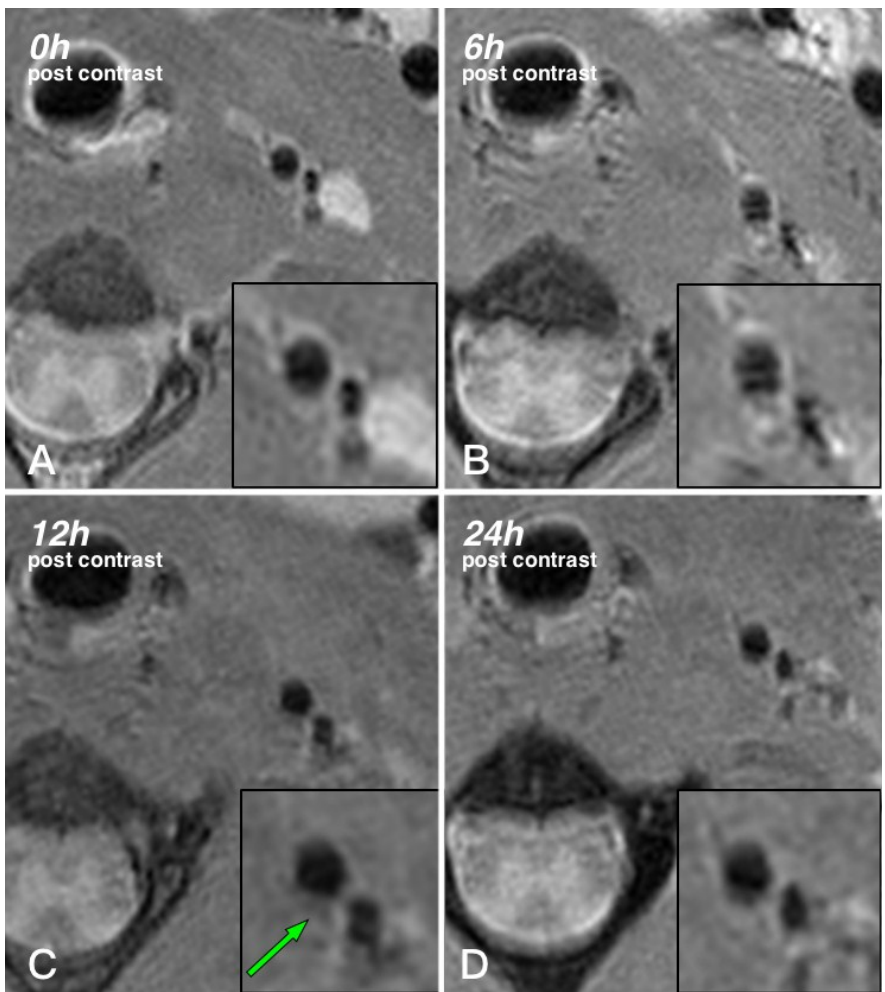


Figure S3. (A to D): PD-T2 MRI images taken 0, 6, 12 and 24 hours after the intravenous injection of designed dosage of SNPs solution. The LCCA endothelium of 12-hours' post injection (green arrow in C) presented lower signal intensity than other three time-points.

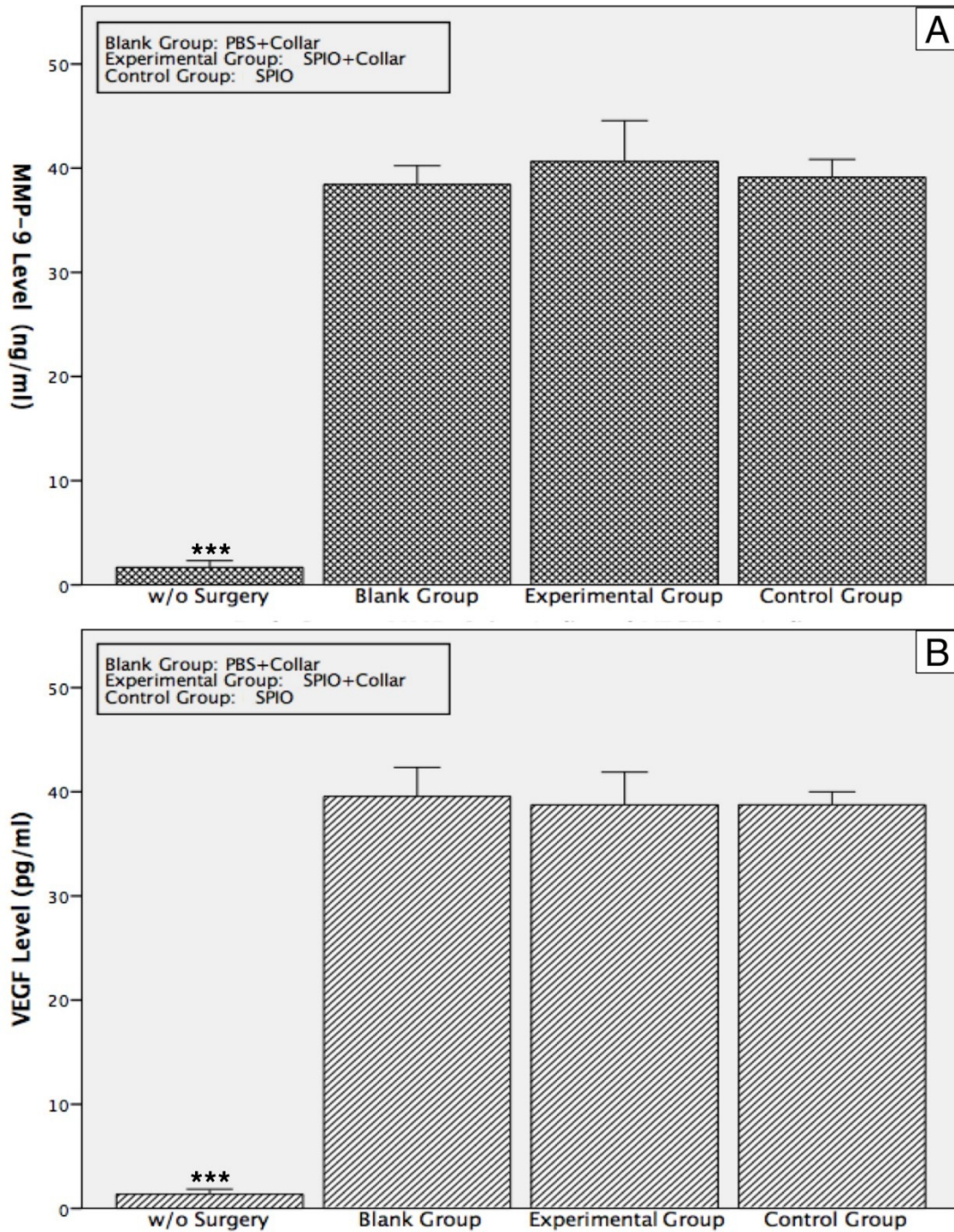


Figure S4. The serum MMP-9 (A) and VEGF (B) expression of three surgery groups and one paired group without surgery. Values are means \pm SD; ***P<0.001 vs other groups; n=6.