## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI):

## On the formation of superoxide radicals on colloidal ATiO<sub>3</sub> (A = Sr and Ba) nanocrystal surfaces

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**Fig. S1.** Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of SrTiO<sub>3</sub> NCs prepared from all three methods indexed to the cubic phase of bulk SrTiO<sub>3</sub> with Pm3m space group.<sup>1</sup>

Table S1. The average lattice parameter and crystallite size calculated using Rigaku SmartLab Studio II for all three samples.

Preparation Method	Lattice parameter (Å)	Crystallite size (nm) <sup>+</sup>
I (aerobic without hydrazine)	3.9069	7.3 ± 0.3
II (aerobic with hydrazine)	3.9162	7.5 ± 0.4
III (anaerobic without hydrazine)	3.9163	7.6 ± 0.7

<sup>†</sup>Crystallite size is the average size calculated from the three most intense reflections: (110), (200) and (211).



**Fig. S2.** Representative transmission electron microscopy (TEM) image of  $SrTiO_3$  NCs prepared from method III (degassed with argon) showing a clear cubic morphology of NCs. The size distribution plot from analyzing over hundred different particles in raw TEM image using ImageJ software displays an average size of 7.3  $\pm$  1.2 nm in good agreement with crystallite size calculated from diffraction pattern in Figure S1. The cubic morphology of NCs prepared from the method I and method II is already confirmed in our previous report.<sup>2</sup>



**Fig. S3.** Room temperature electronic absorption spectra of BaTiO<sub>3</sub> NCs prepared from method-A (without hydrazine/orange) and method-B (with hydrazine/green). The color photographs of both samples are shown in inset.



**Fig. S4.** Powder X-ray diffraction pattern of BaTiO<sub>3</sub> NCs prepared from method-A (without hydrazine/orange) and method-B (with hydrazine/green) indexed to cubic phase of BaTiO<sub>3</sub>.<sup>3</sup>

Table S2. The average lattice parameter and crystallite size calculated using Rigaku SmartLab Studio II for both samples.

Sample NCs	Lattice parameter (Å)	Crystallite size (nm) <sup>+</sup>
With hydrazine	4.0230	5.66 ± 0.50
Without hydrazine	4.0335	6.54 ± 0.53

<sup>+</sup>Crystallite size is the average size calculated from the three most intense reflections: (110), (200) and (211).



**Fig. S5.** Powder X-ray diffraction pattern of BaTiO<sub>3</sub> NCs prepared from lactate-free method indexed to cubic phase of single crystal BaTiO<sub>3</sub>.



**Fig. S6.** Room temperature electronic absorption spectrum of BaTiO<sub>3</sub> NCs prepared from lactate-free precursor. The color photograph of hexanes solution of as-prepared NCs is shown in inset.

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