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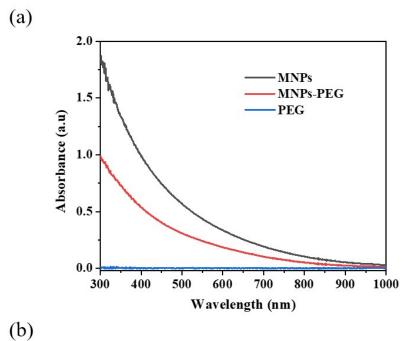
Melanin Nanoparticles as an Actinide in vivo Sequestration Agent with Radiation Protection Effect

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S1. UV-vis spectrum



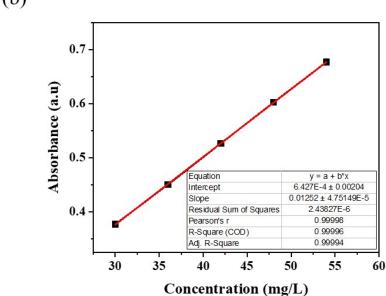


Figure S1. (a) UV-vis-NIR absorption spectra of MNPs (60 ppm), MNPs-PEG (60 ppm) and PEG (1000 ppm). (b) Absorbance of different concentrations of MNPs at 450 nm.

S2. Zeta potential

Table S1. Zeta potential of MNPs and MNPs-PEG.

| | Zeta potential (mV) |
|----------|---------------------|
| MNPs | -24.0 ± 1.1 |
| MNPs-PEG | -18.4 ± 1.5 |

S3. Adsorption selectivity

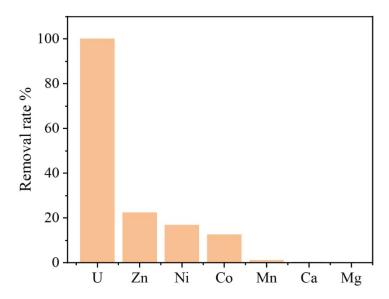


Figure S2. Adsorption behavior of MNPs-PEG towards uranium and divalent essential metal ions (pH = 7.4, 50 mmol/L Tris-HCl buffer, m/V = 0.3 g/L, T = 310 K, the initial concentration of uranium is 2.4 ppm, and the initial concentration of interfering ions are about 40 ppm).

S4. Cytotoxicity assays.

Table S2. Dosage-dependent growth rate of NRK-52E cells treated with $UO_2(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$, values were presented as means \pm SD (n=4). (Data from reference 1)

| Concentration of uranium (µg/mL) | Survival Rate (%) |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1.48 | 96.7 ± 4.3 |
| 2.95 | 90.9 ± 0.1 |
| 5.90 | 71.2 ± 1.3 |
| 11.80 | 68.5 ± 1.9 |
| 21.23 | 63.3 ± 1.8 |

Table S3. Dosage-dependent growth rate of AML-12 cells treated with $Th(NO_3)_4 \cdot 6H_2O$, values were presented as means \pm SD (n = 6).

| Concentration of thorium (µg/mL) | Survival Rate (%) |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 3.7 | 100.4 ± 3.2 |
| 7.4 | 94.4 ± 2.0 |
| 14.8 | 95.7 ± 4.8 |
| 29.7 | 89.4 ± 5.1 |
| 59.3 | 88.5 ± 4.3 |
| 118.7 | 74.7 ± 2.2 |

S5. ROS level assays.

Table S4. ROS level of normal NRK-52E cells and NRK-52E cells treated with U(VI), U(VI) + DTPA, and U(VI) + MNPs-PEG, values were presented as means \pm SD (n=3).

| Group | ROS |
|------------------|------------------|
| Normal | 131.0 ± 8.0 |
| U(VI) | 272.7 ± 51.2 |
| U(VI) + DTPA | 232.0 ± 23.5 |
| U(VI) + MNPs-PEG | 133.3 ± 13.2 |

Table S5. ROS level of normal AML-12 cells and AML-12 cells treated with Th(IV), Th(IV) + DTPA, and Th(IV) + MNPs-PEG, values were presented as means \pm SD (n=3).

| Group | ROS |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Normal | 2.3 ± 1.7 |
| Th(IV) | 8.3 ± 0.9 |
| Th(IV) + DTPA | 5.7 ± 0.8 |
| Th(IV) + MNPs-PEG | 2.3 ± 0.5 |

Reference

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