

## Electronic Supplementary File

Influence of humic acid and UV-irradiation on iron-based nanoparticles toxicity in *Girardia tigrina*.

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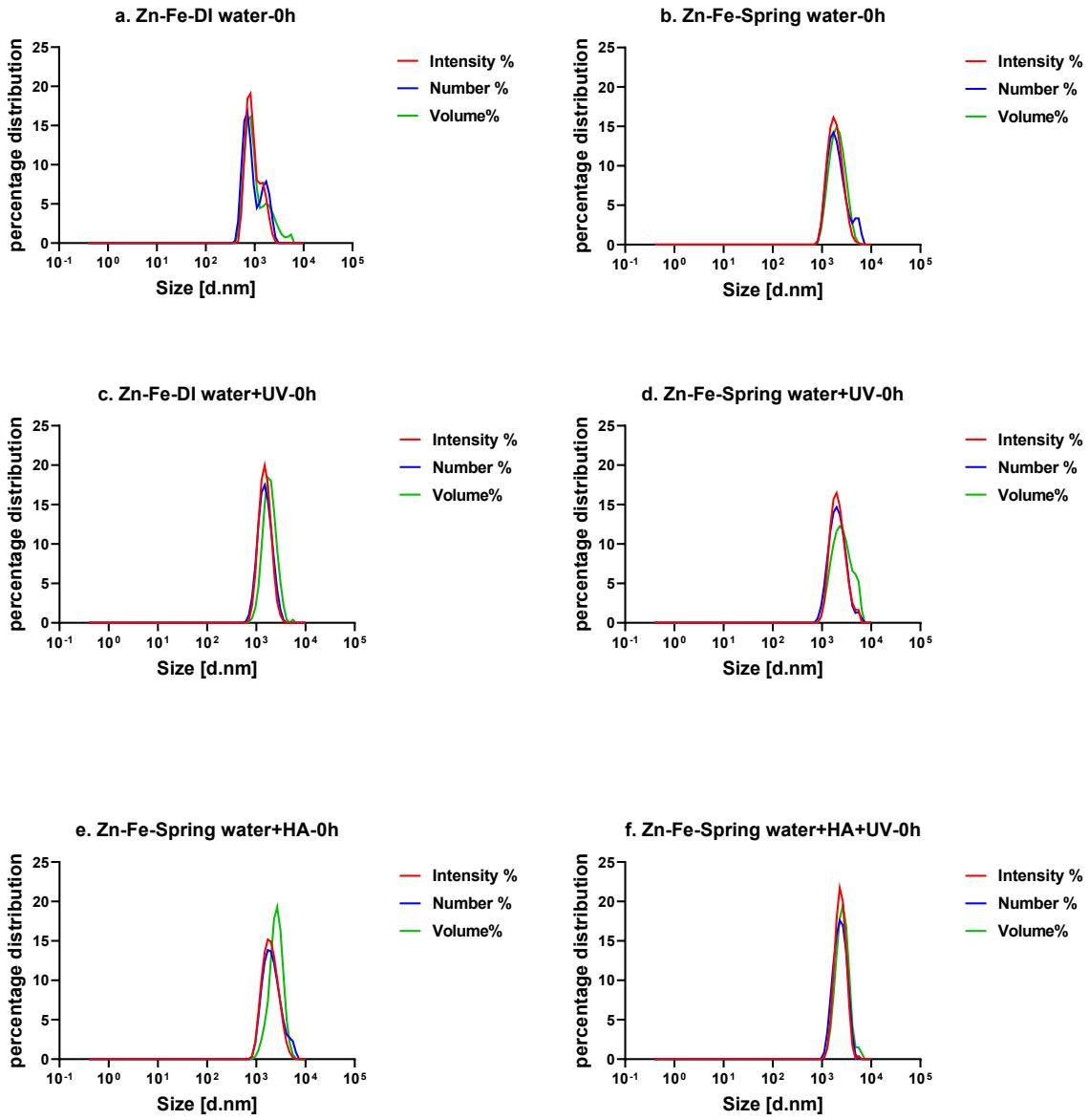
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**TABLE S1** Physical characteristics of pristine NPs suspended in DI water and used in this study.

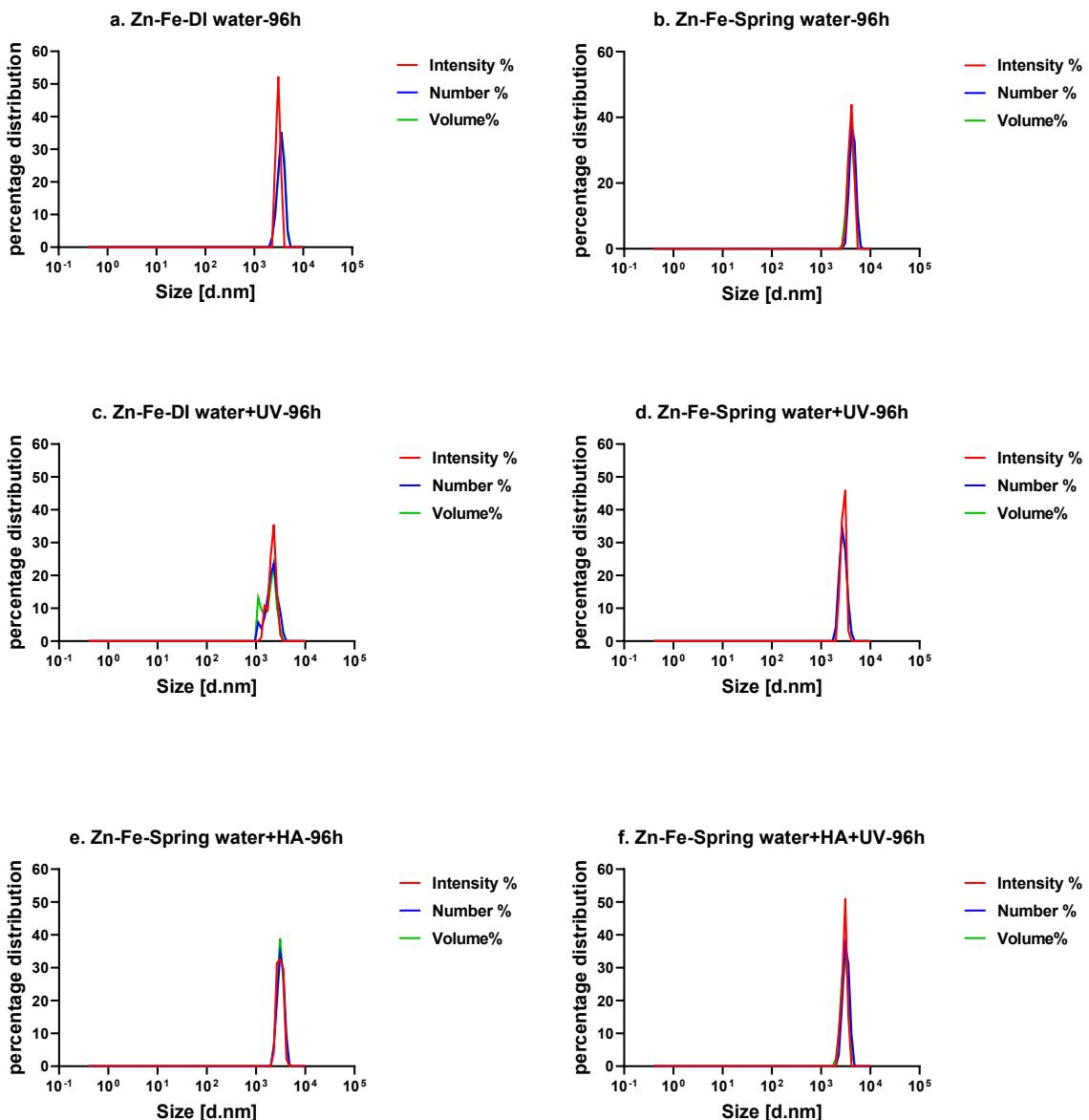
Sample ID	Synthesis Method	$\lambda_{\text{max}}$ (nm)	Hydrodynamic Size (nm)	Zeta potential (mV)	PDI	TEM size (nm)	Shape
1.Nano Fe-Zn	Biogenic	400-500	1704±94	-19± 1	0.8	>20	Quasi-spherical
2.BS_IO_MNP	Biogenic	309	288±30	-19± 1	0.2	15±5	Spherical
3.Sig_IO_MNP	Chemical	330	623 ±30	-16± 1	0.9	104± 15	Spherical

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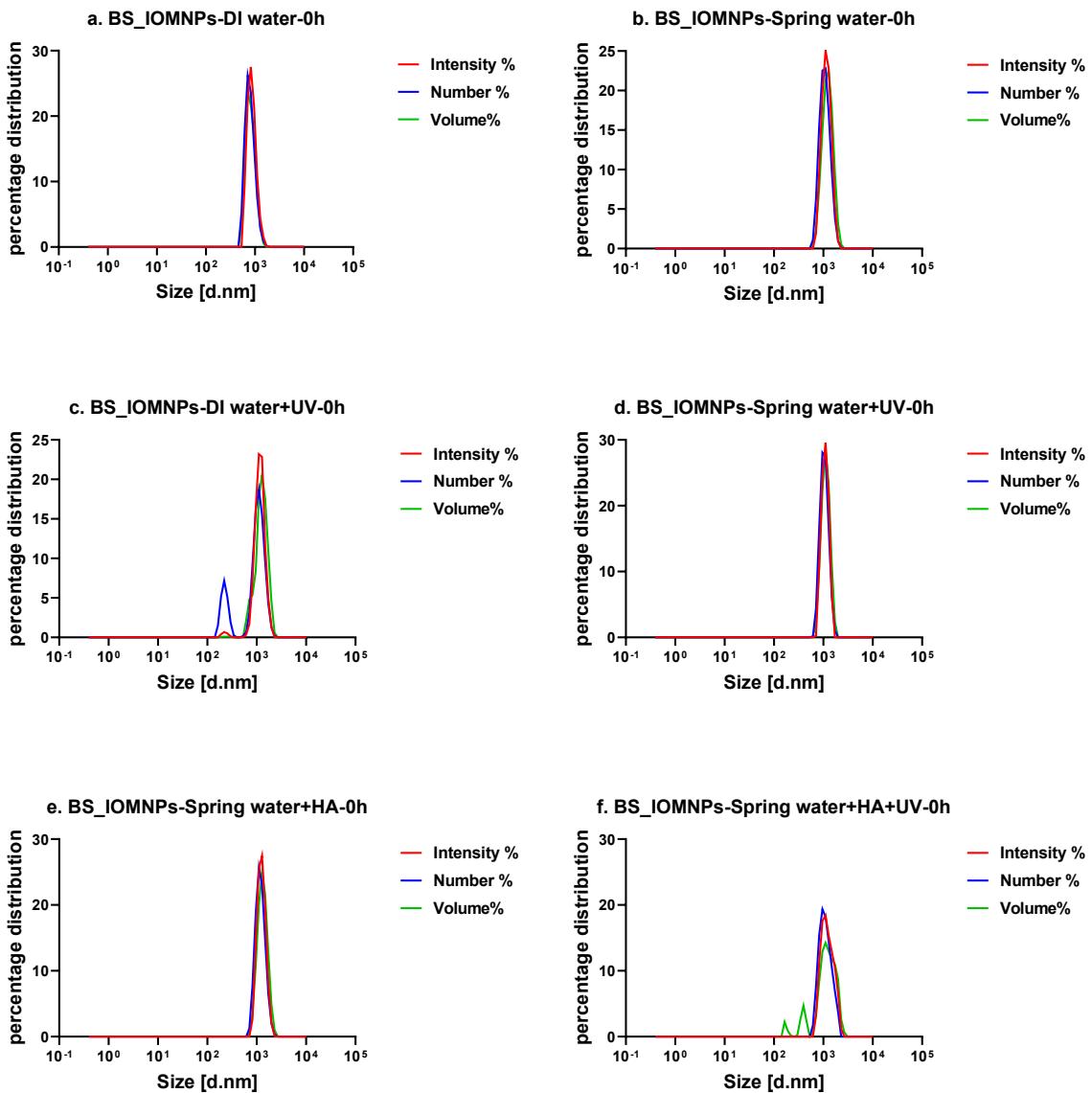
Nano Fe-Zn: iron zinc composite nanoparticles; BS\_IOMNPs: biologically synthesised iron oxide nanoparticles; Sig\_IOMNPs: chemically synthesised iron oxide nanoparticles.



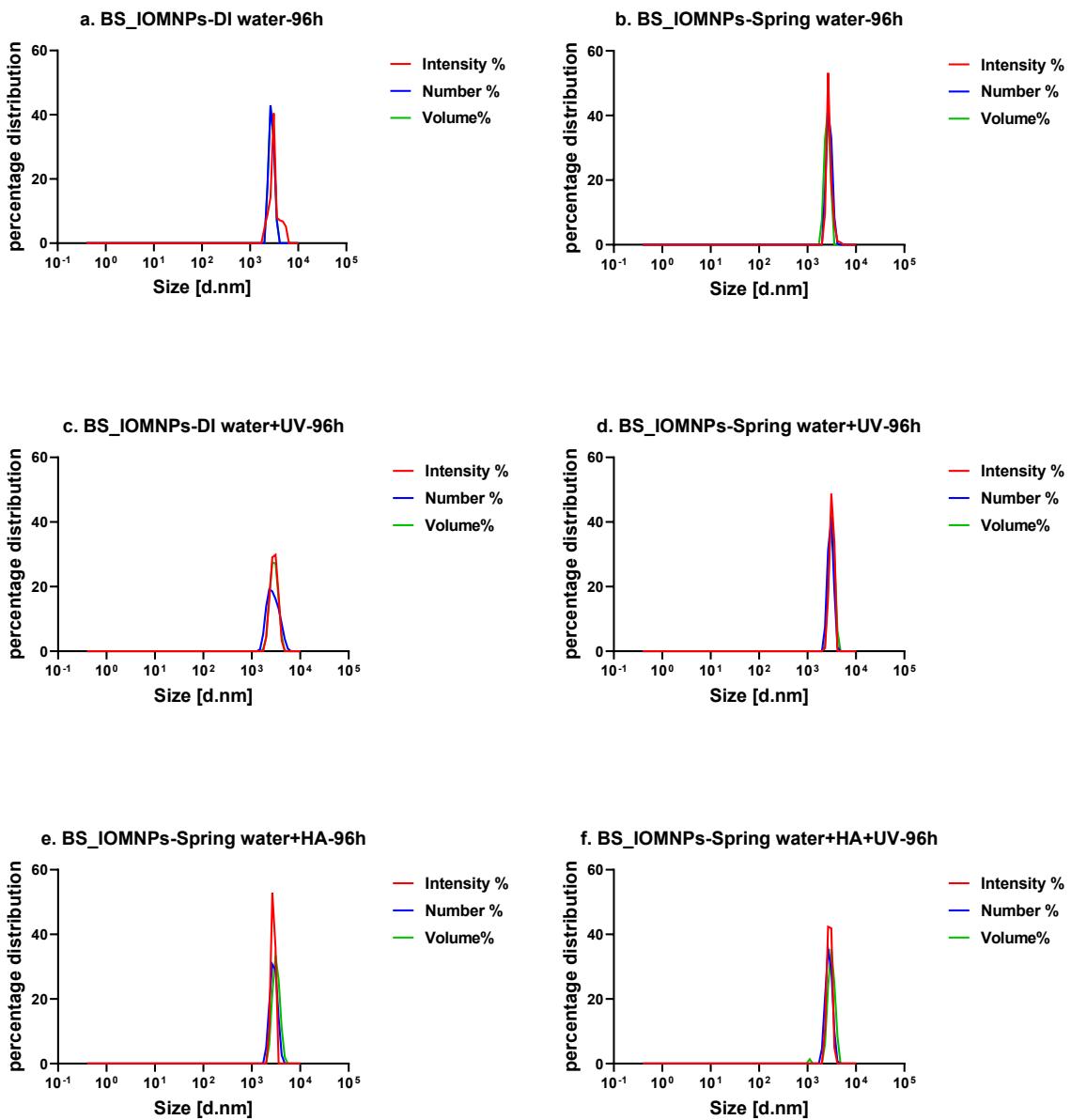
**Fig. S1** Particle size histograms for 0th-time point observations w.r.t size against intensity (red line graph), number (blue line graph) and volume (green line graph) for nano Zn-Fe in different test media for highest test concentration  $200 \mu\text{g.mL}^{-1}$  (a-f).



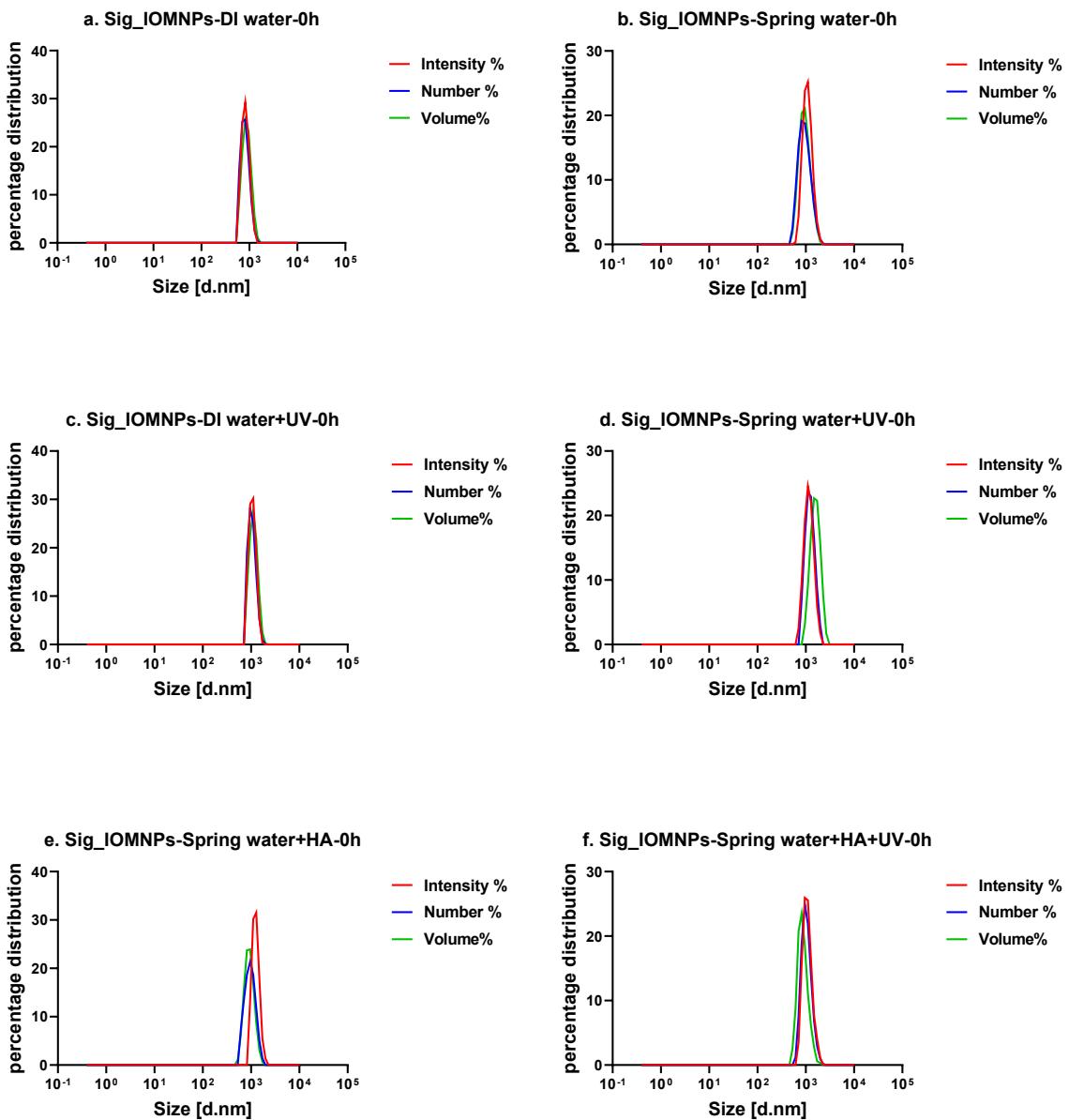
**Fig. S2** Particle size histograms for 96h-time point observations w.r.t size against intensity (red line graph), number (blue line graph) and volume (green line graph) for nano Zn-Fe in different test media for highest test concentration  $200 \mu\text{g.mL}^{-1}$  (a-f).



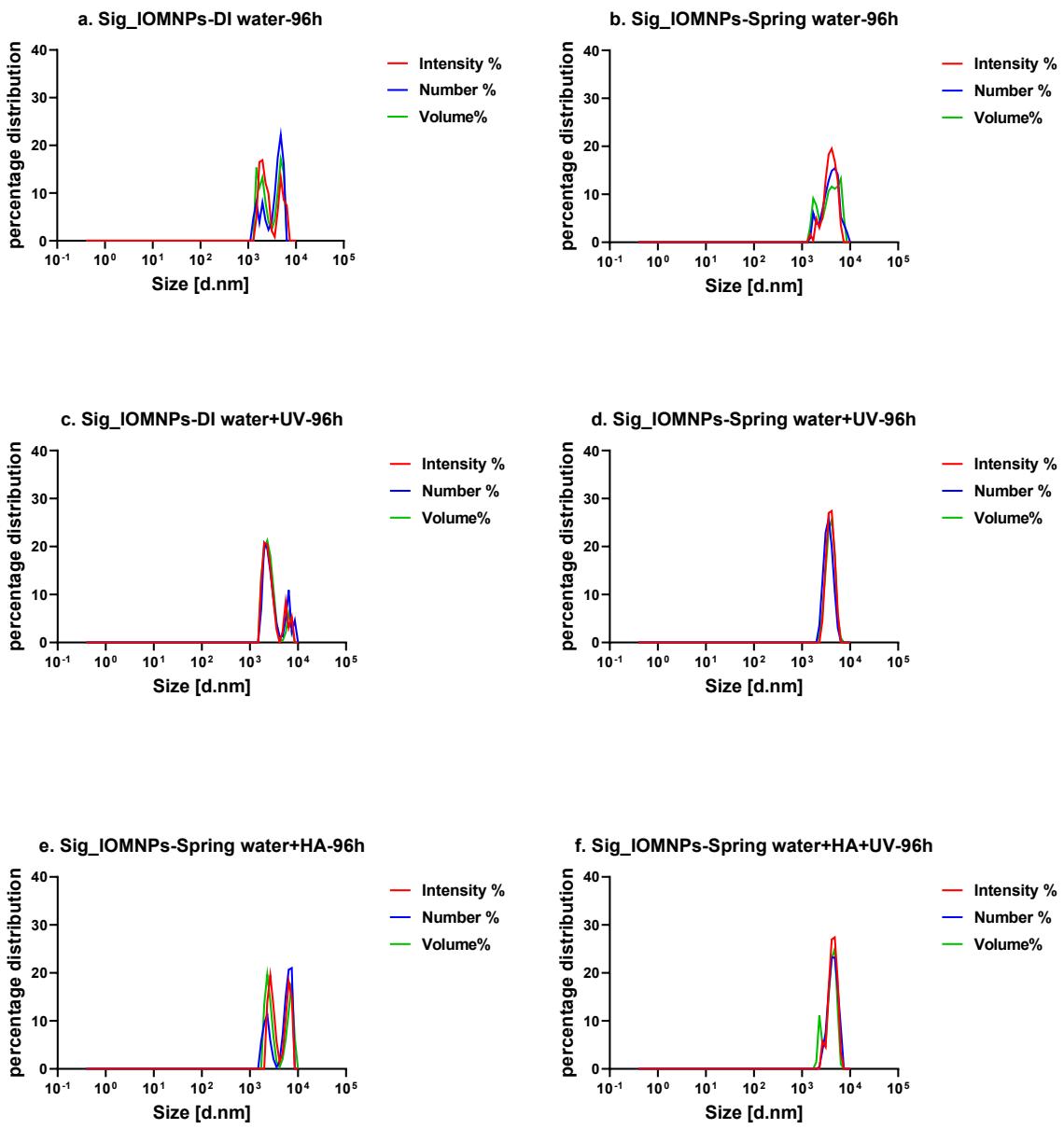
**Fig. S3** Particle size histograms for 0th-time point observations w.r.t size against intensity (red line graph), number (blue line graph) and volume (green line graph) for BS\_IOMNPs in different test media for highest test concentration  $200 \mu\text{g.mL}^{-1}$  (a-f).



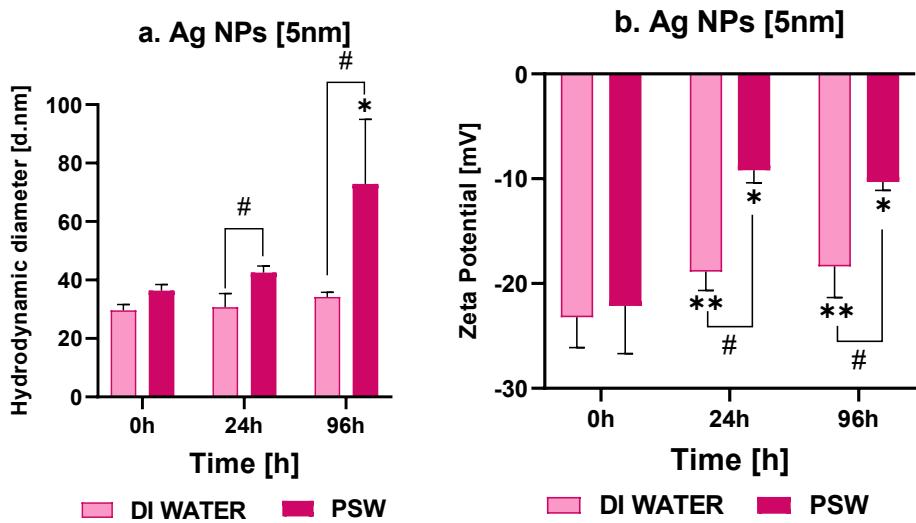
**Fig. S4** Particle size histograms for 96h-time point observations w.r.t size against intensity (red line graph), number (blue line graph) and volume (green line graph) for BS\_IOMNPs in different test media for highest test concentration  $200 \mu\text{g.mL}^{-1}$  (a-f).



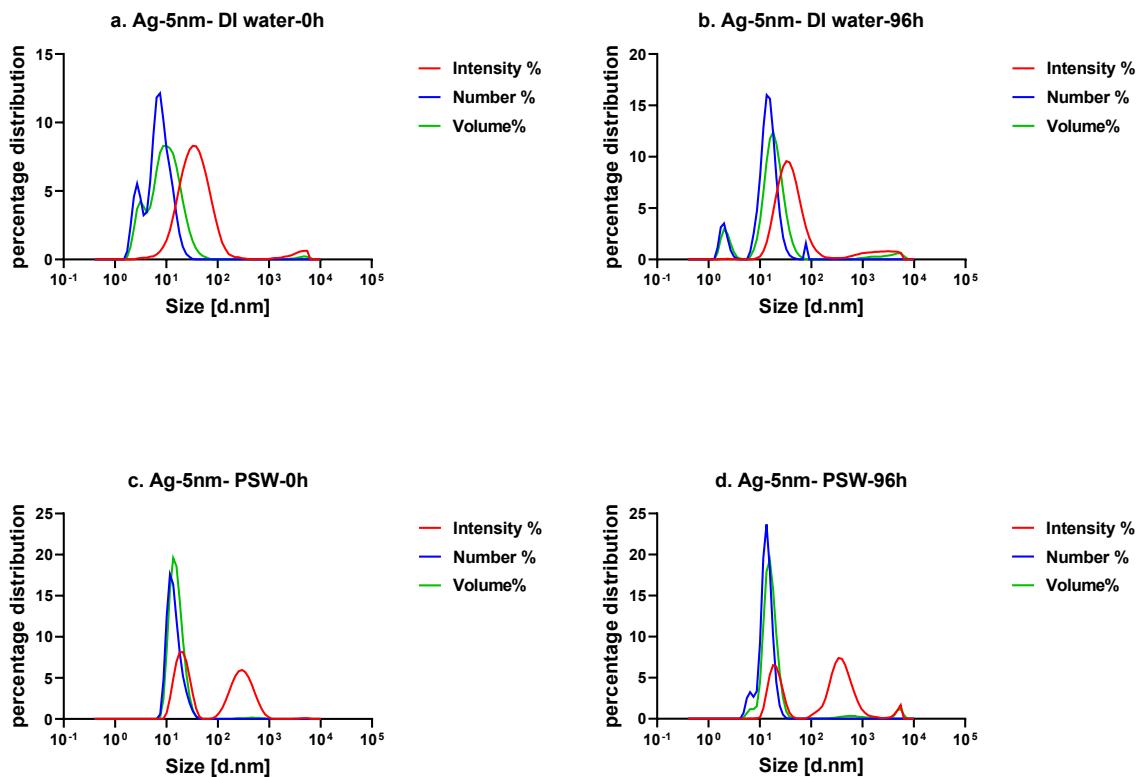
**Fig. S5** Particle size histograms for 0h-time point observations w.r.t size against intensity (red line graph), number (blue line graph) and volume (green line graph) for Sig\_IOMNPs in different test media for highest test concentration  $200 \mu\text{g.mL}^{-1}$  (a-f).



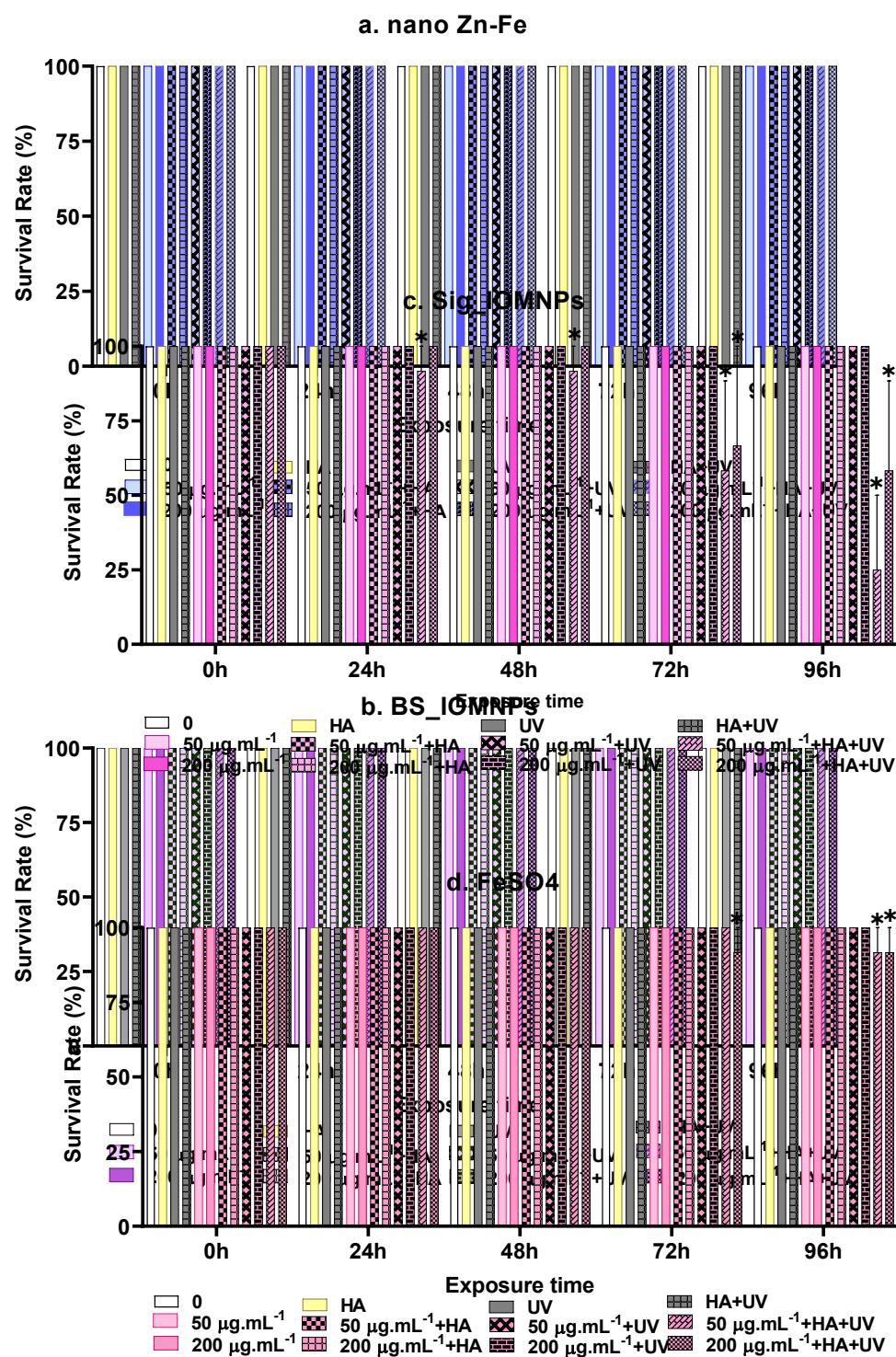
**Fig. S6** Particle size histograms for 96h-time point observations w.r.t size against intensity (red line graph), number (blue line graph) and volume (green line graph) for Sig\_IOMNPs in different test media for highest test concentration  $200 \mu\text{g.mL}^{-1}$  (a-f).



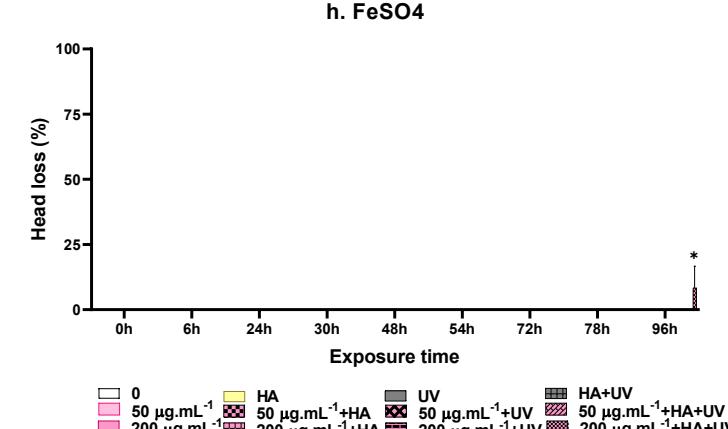
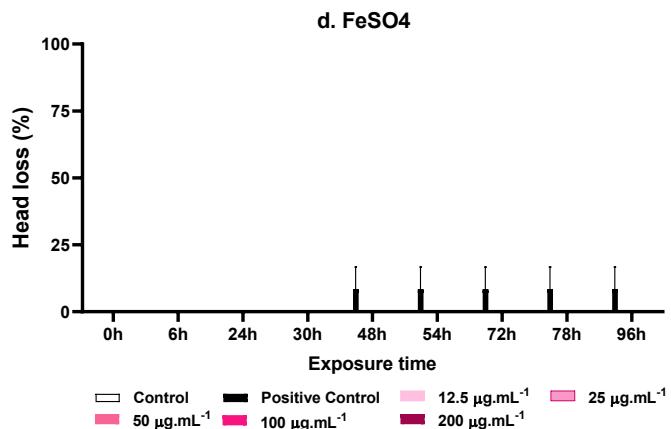
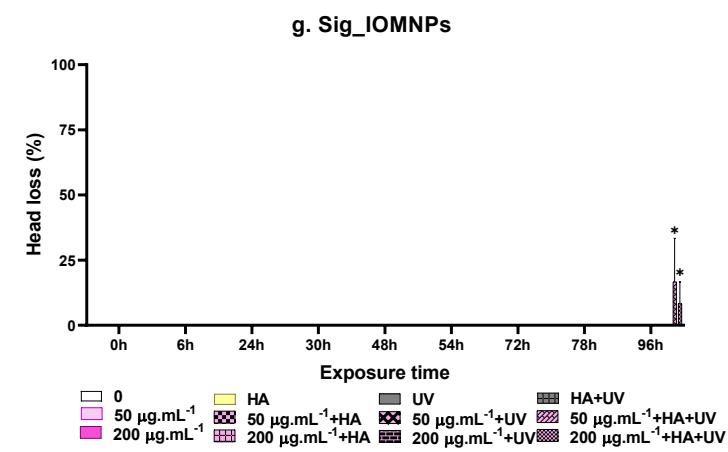
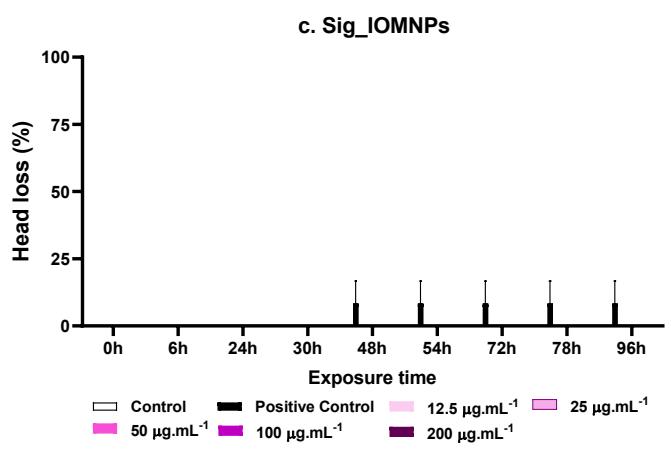
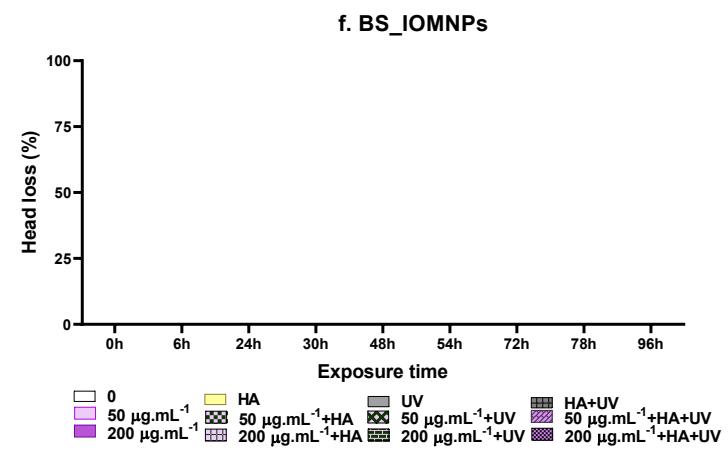
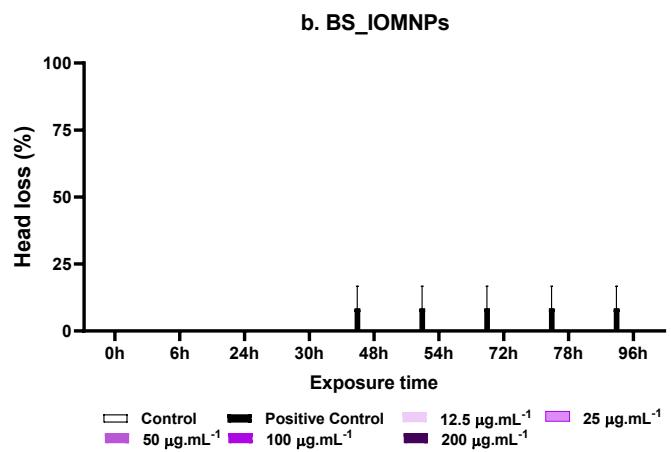
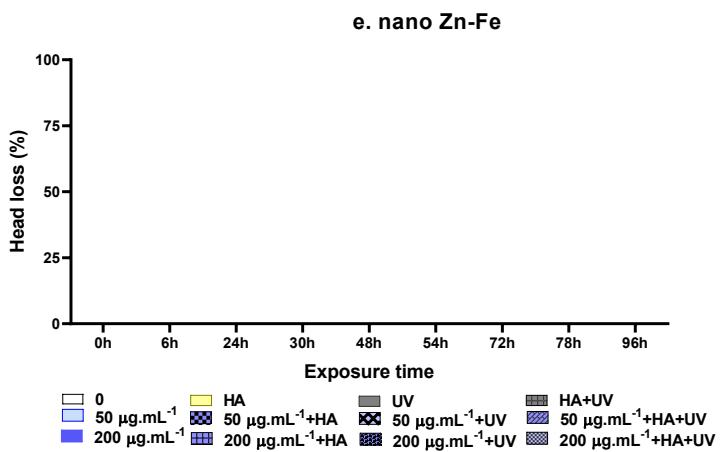
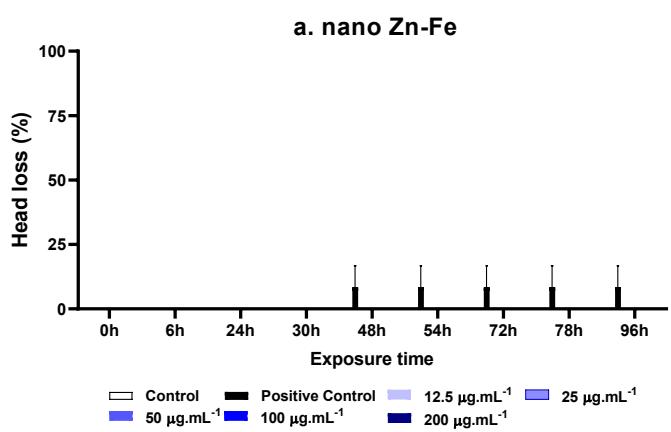
**Fig. S7** a. Hydrodynamic diameter and b. zeta potential of Ag NPs in DI water and PGM, Values are presented as mean  $\pm$  SD. [Here, the asterisk (\*) and the double asterisk (\*\*) indicates statistical significance against time 0 for PGM and for DI water conditions, respectively, and the single hash (#) indicates statistical significance between DI water and PGM for each time point, when P-value  $<0.05$ ,  $n = 3$ ].



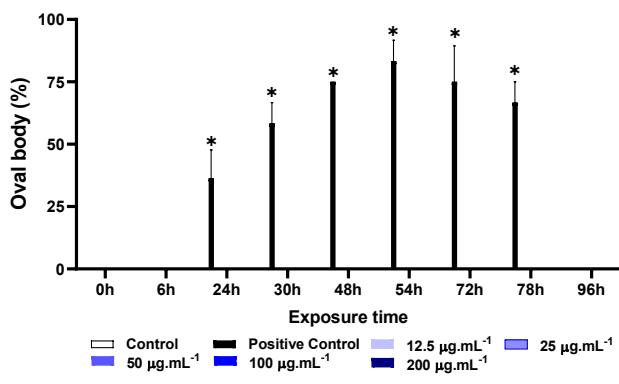
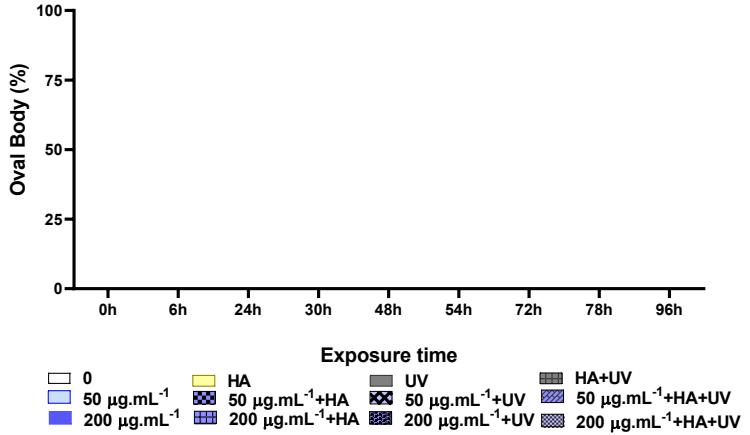
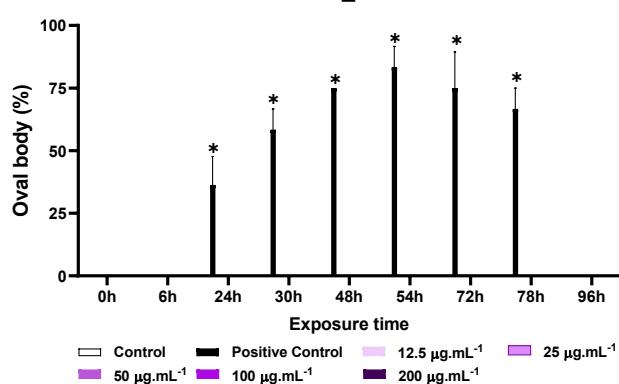
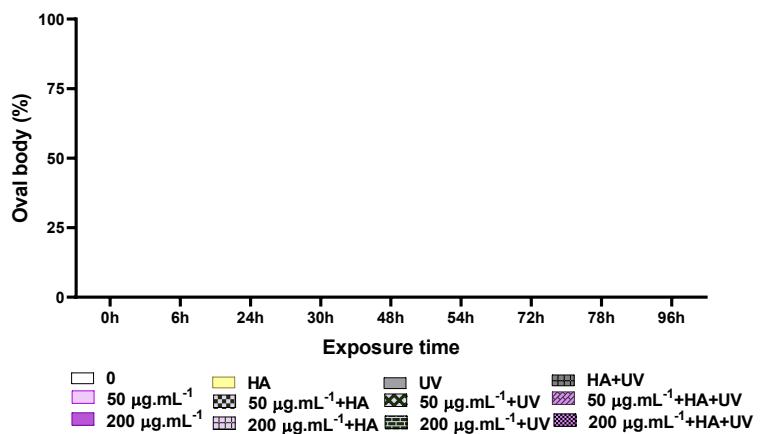
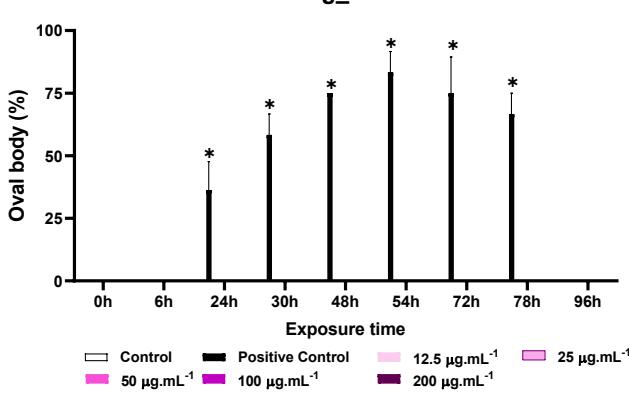
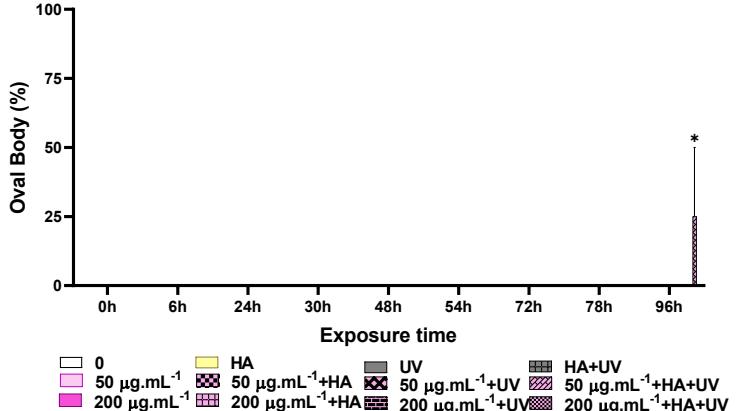
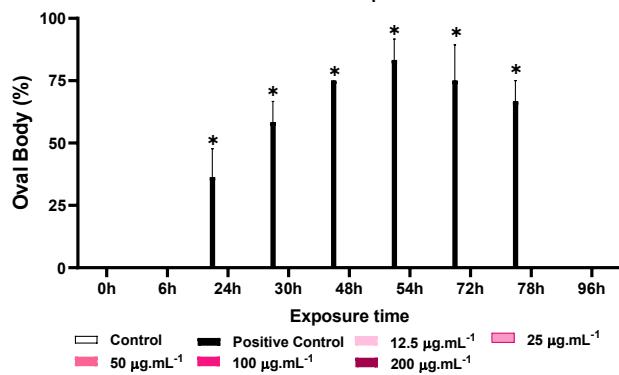
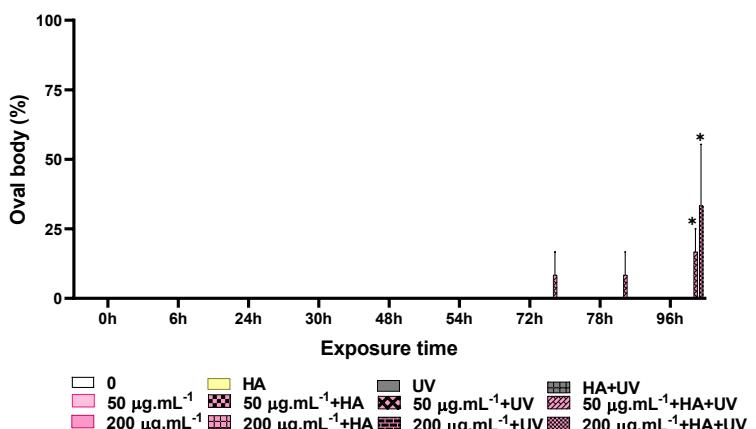
**Fig. S8** Particle size histograms for 96h-time point observations w.r.t size against intensity (red line graph), number (blue line graph) and volume (green line graph) for Ag NPs in DI water (a-b) and PGM (c-d) for highest test concentration  $200 \mu\text{g.mL}^{-1}$ .



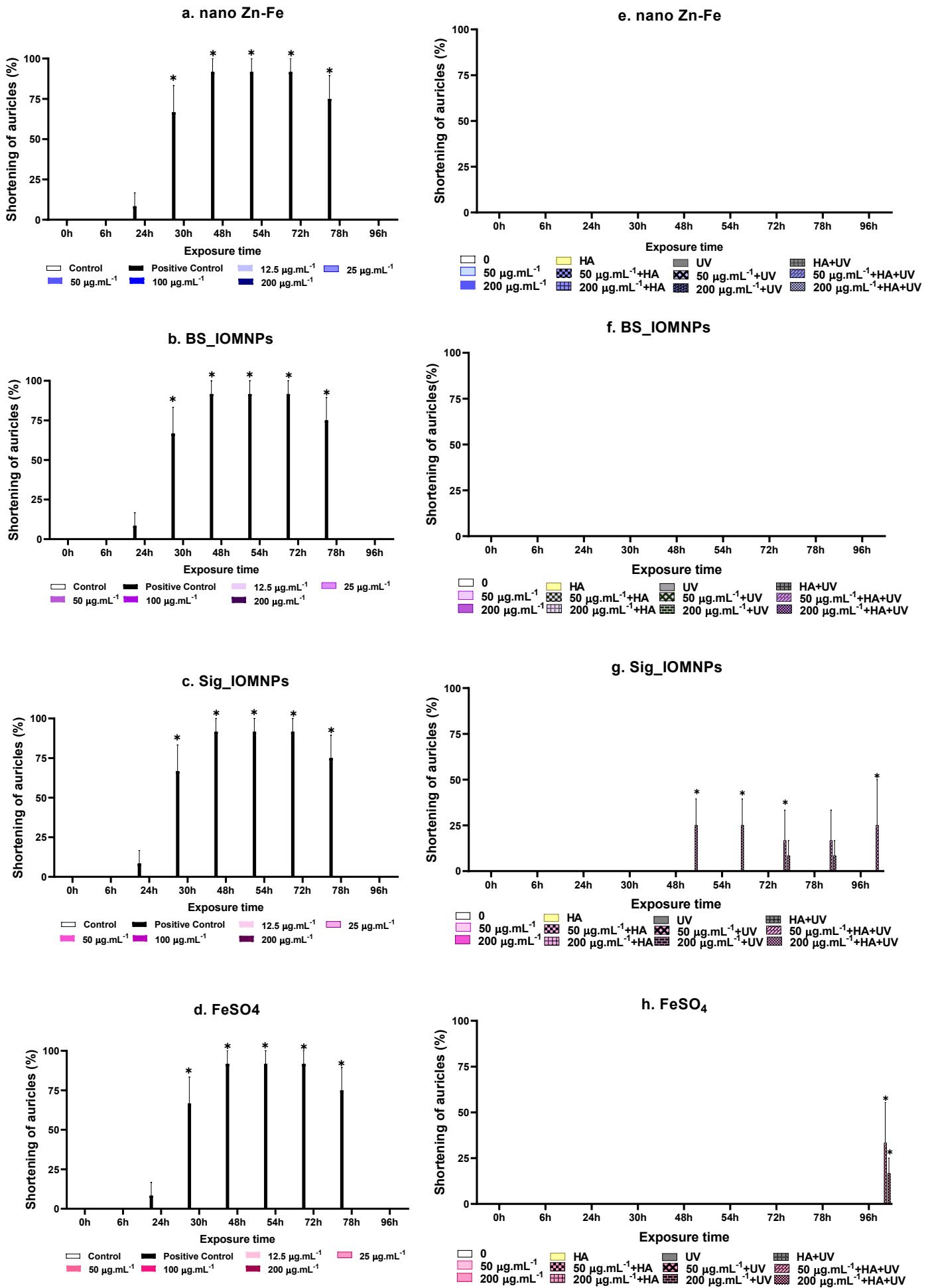
**Fig. S9** Effects of a. Nano Zn-Fe, b. BS\_IOMNPs, c. Sig\_IOMNPs and d. Bulk FeSO<sub>4</sub>, on survival of planaria at test concentrations (50, and 200 µg.mL<sup>-1</sup>) in presence of abiotic factors [HA (20 µg.mL<sup>-1</sup> and UV]. Values are presented as mean ± S.E.M. [Here, the asterisk (\*) indicates statistical significance between control and the treatment for each time point, when P-value <0.05, n = 3].



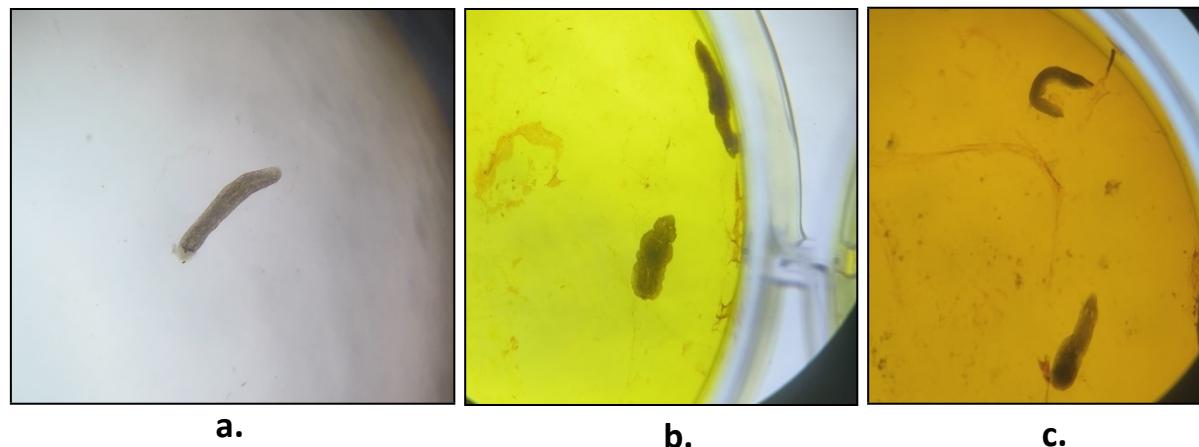
**Fig. S10** Effects of a. Nano Zn-Fe, b. BS\_IOMNPs, c. Sig\_IOMNPs and d. Bulk FeSO<sub>4</sub>, at increasing concentrations (0, 12.5, 25, 50, 100, and 200 µg.mL<sup>-1</sup>) and at test concentrations (50, and 200 µg.mL<sup>-1</sup>) in presence of abiotic factors [HA (20 µg.mL<sup>-1</sup> and UV] on head loss of planaria. Values are presented as mean ± S.E.M. [Here, the asterisk (\*) indicates statistical significance between control and the treatment for each time point, when P-value <0.05, n = 3].

**a. nano Zn-Fe****e. nano Zn-Fe****b. BS\_IOMNPs****f. BS\_IOMNPs****c. Sig\_IOMNPs****g. Sig\_IOMNPs****d. FeSO<sub>4</sub>****h. FeSO<sub>4</sub>**

**Fig. S11** Effects of a. Nano Zn-Fe, b. BS\_IOMNPs, c. Sig\_IOMNPs and d. Bulk FeSO<sub>4</sub>, at increasing concentrations (0, 12.5, 25, 50, 100, and 200 µg.mL<sup>-1</sup>) and at test concentrations (50, and 200 µg.mL<sup>-1</sup>) in presence of abiotic factors [HA (20 µg.mL<sup>-1</sup> and UV] on oval body of planaria. Values are presented as mean ± S.E.M. [Here, the asterisk (\*) indicates statistical significance between control and the treatment for each time point, when P-value <0.05, n = 3].



**Fig. S12** Effects of a. Nano Zn-Fe, b. BS\_IOMNPs, c. Sig\_IOMNPs and d. Bulk FeSO<sub>4</sub>, at increasing concentrations (0, 12.5, 25, 50, 100, and 200 µg.mL<sup>-1</sup> ) and at selected test concentrations (50, and 200 µg.mL<sup>-1</sup> ) in presence of abiotic factors [HA (20 µg.mL<sup>-1</sup> and UV] on auricles of planaria. Values are presented as mean ± S.E.M. [Here, the asterisk (\*) indicates statistical significance between control and the treatment for each time point, when P-value <0.05, n = 3].



**Fig. S13** Images representing morphological alteration in planarian exposed to Ag NPs, namely (a). Head loss, (b). Shortening of auricles, and (c). Oval body.