

## Supporting Information

### The interplay between oxidation process and cytotoxicity effects of antimonene nanomaterials

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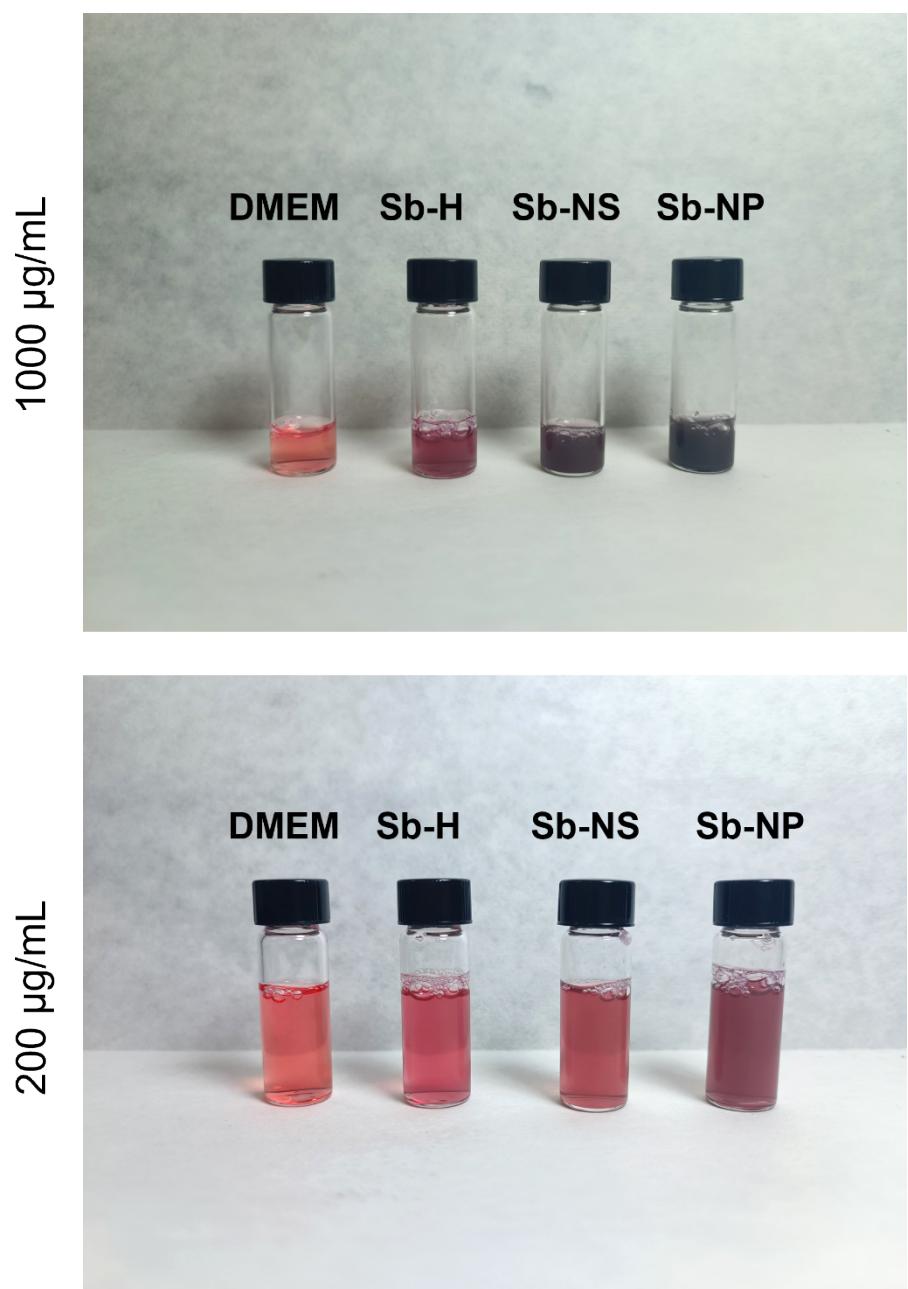
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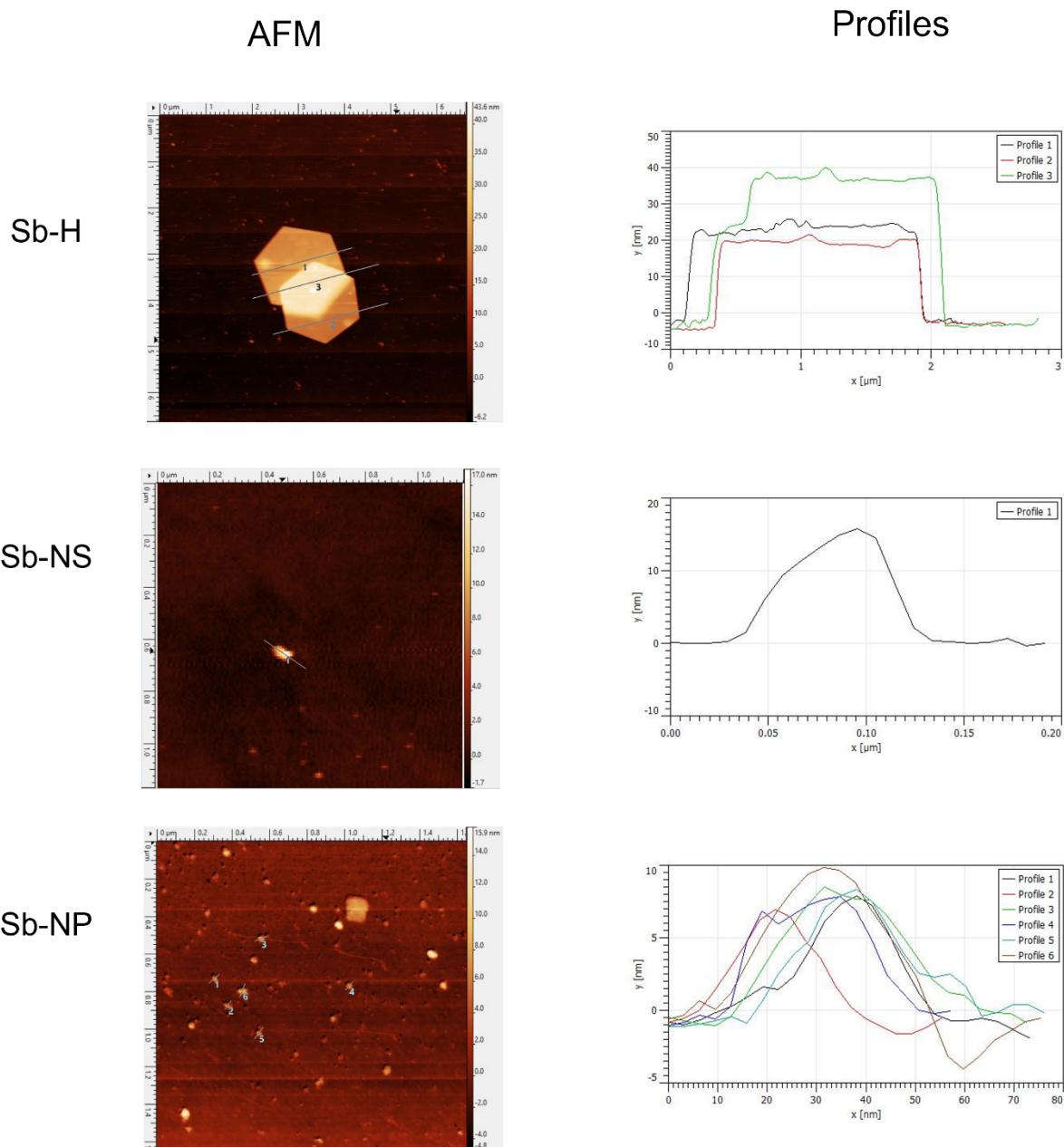
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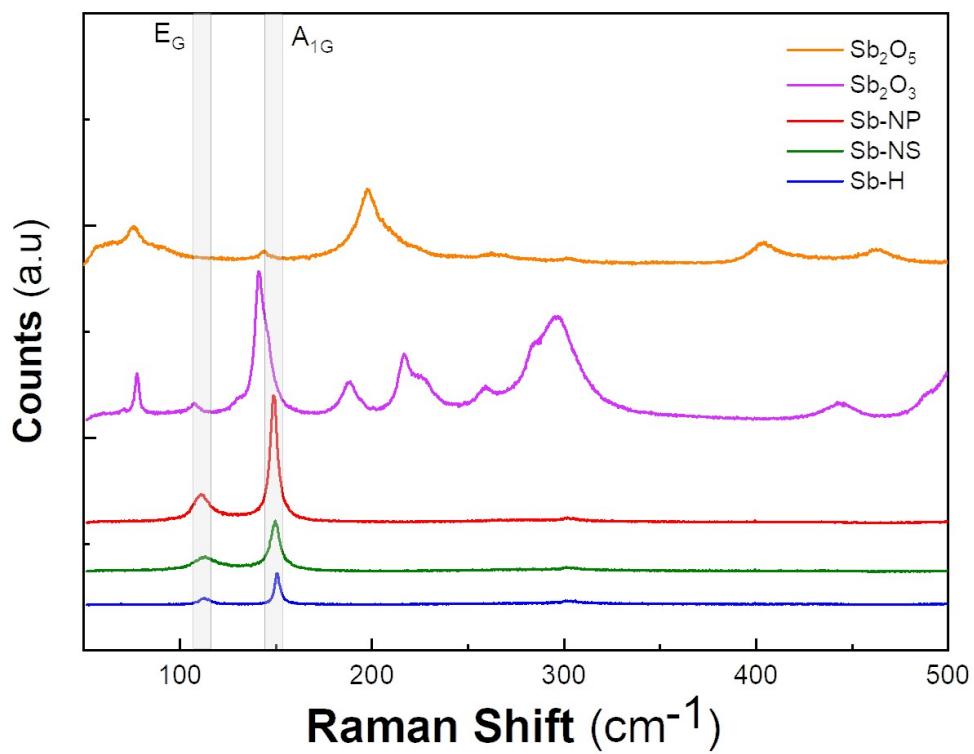
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**Figure S1:** Photographs of the of the DLS dispersions at 1 mg/ml (resuspended concentration) and at 200 g/ml.

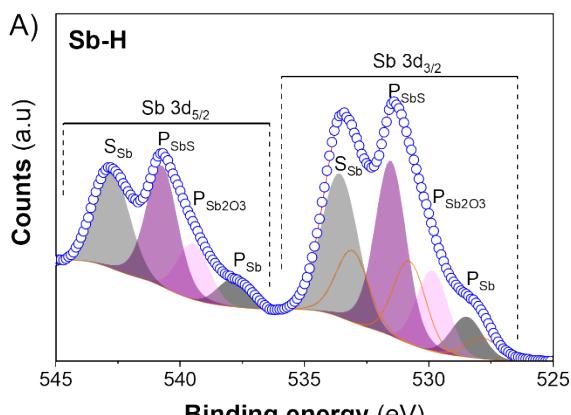


**Figure S2:** AFM images of the obtained Sb-Nanomaterials. AFM profiles showed on left correspond to the lines indicated in the images.

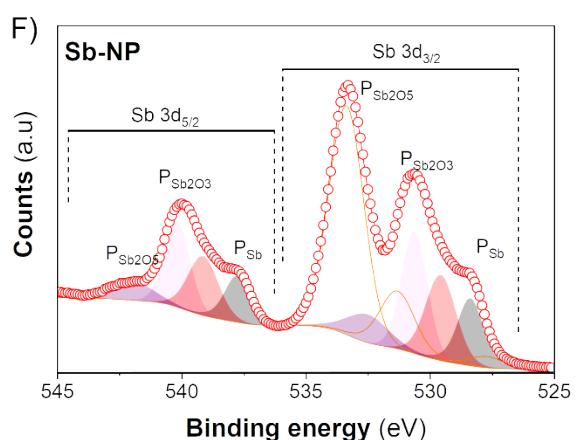
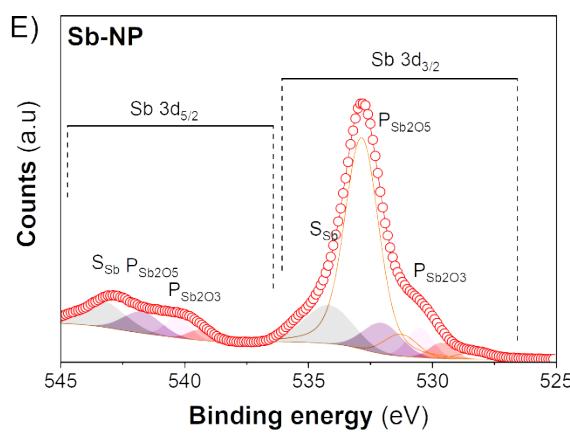
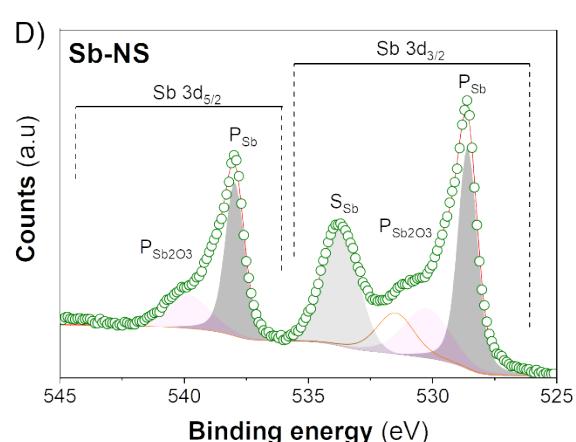
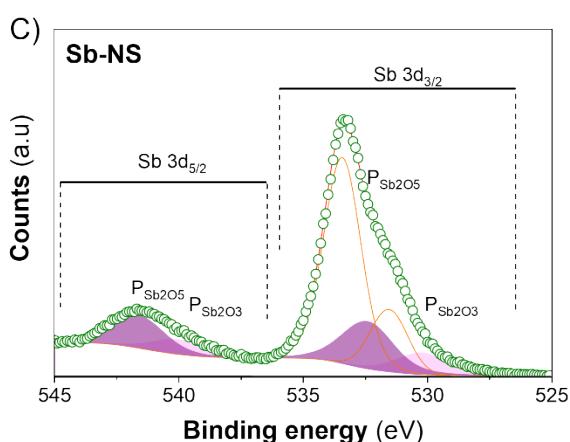
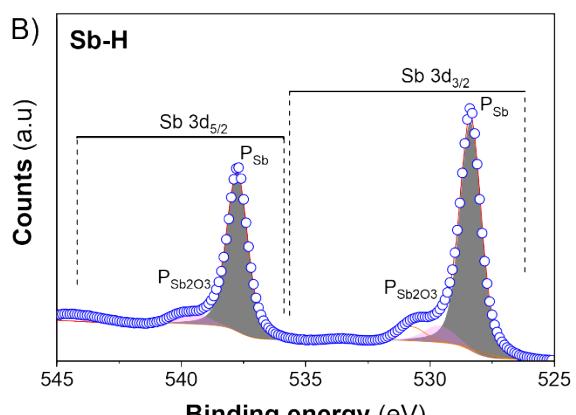


**Figure S3:** Comparison of the Raman spectra of the Sb-nanomaterials and Sb oxides.

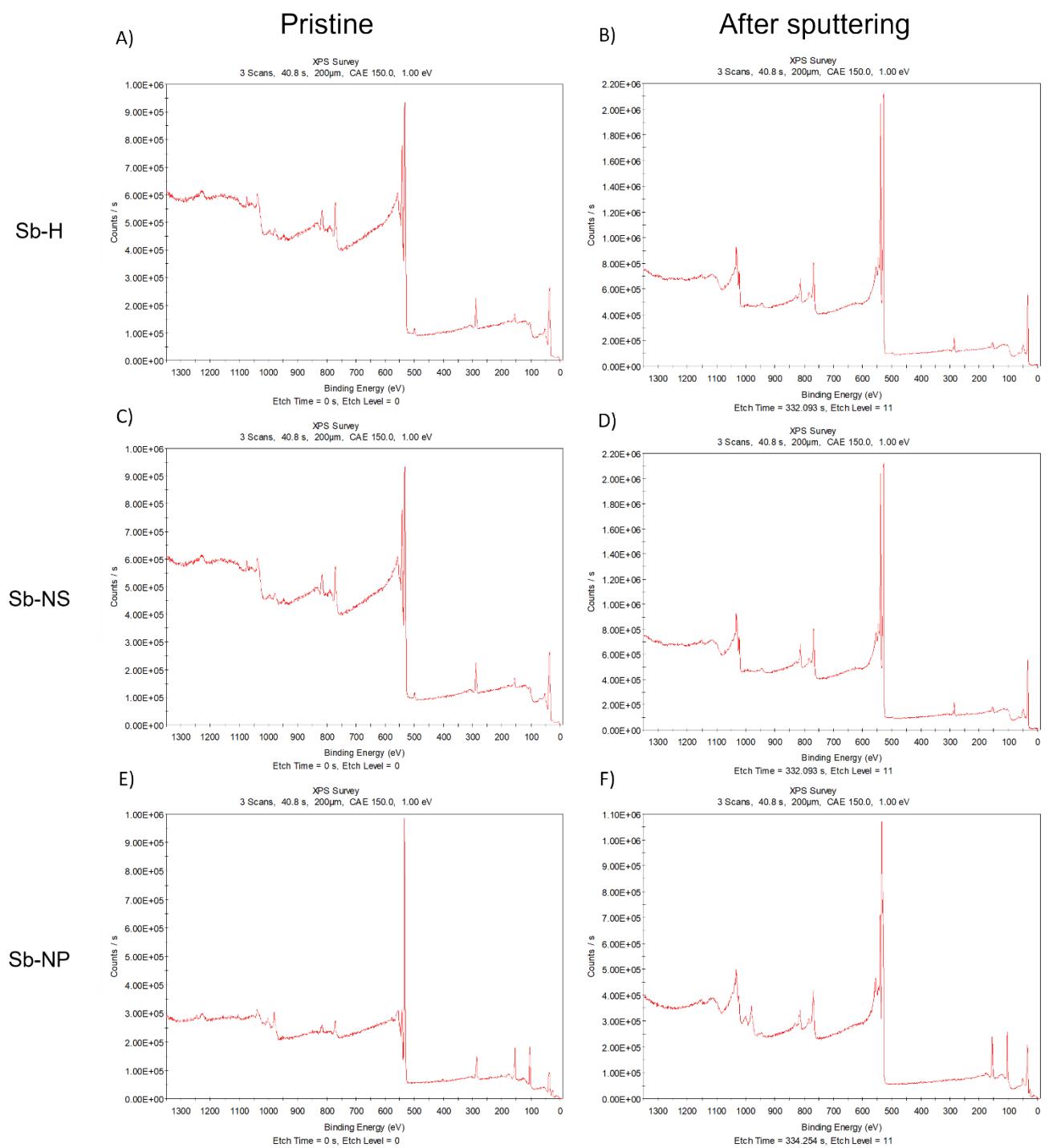
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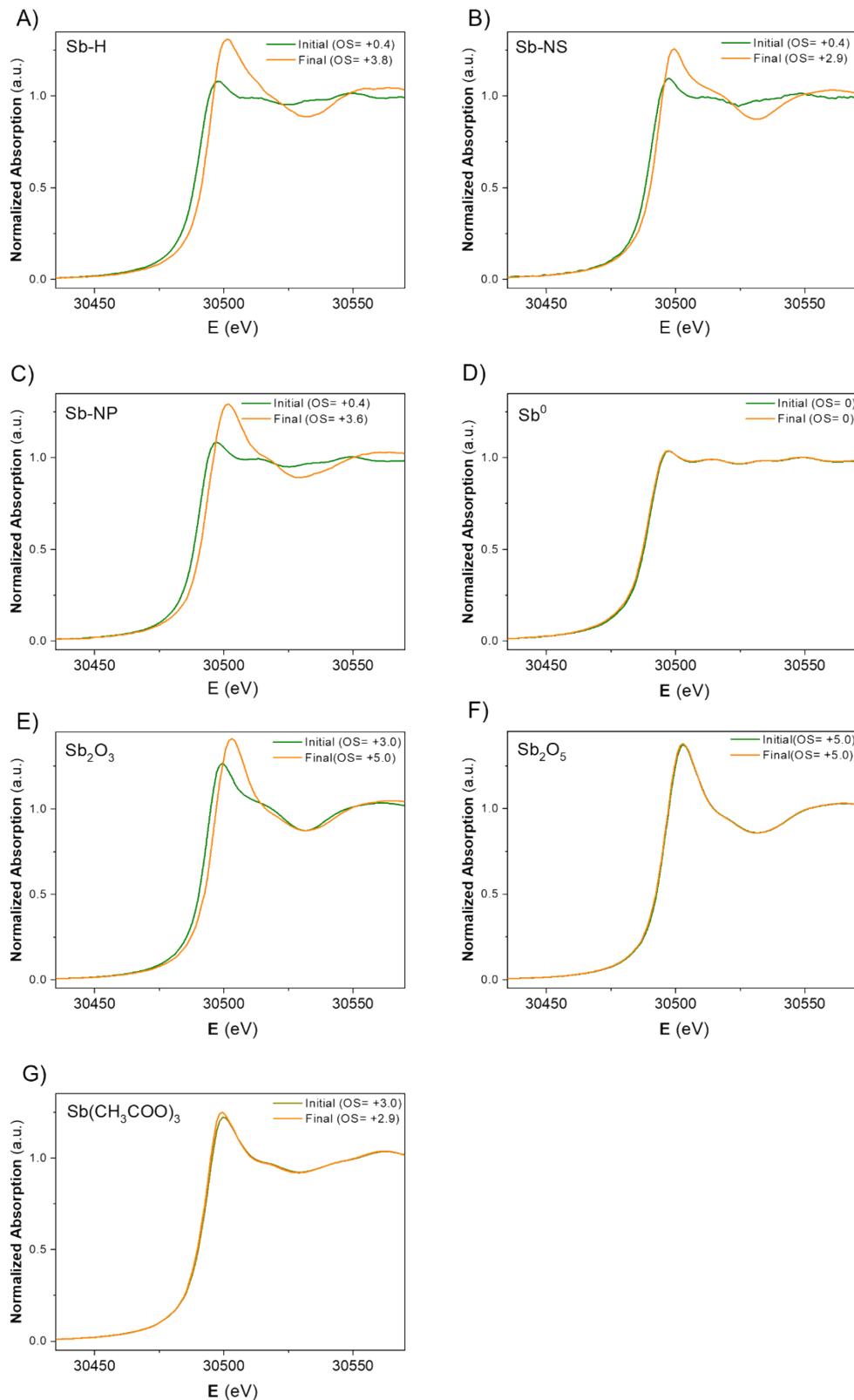
### After sputtering



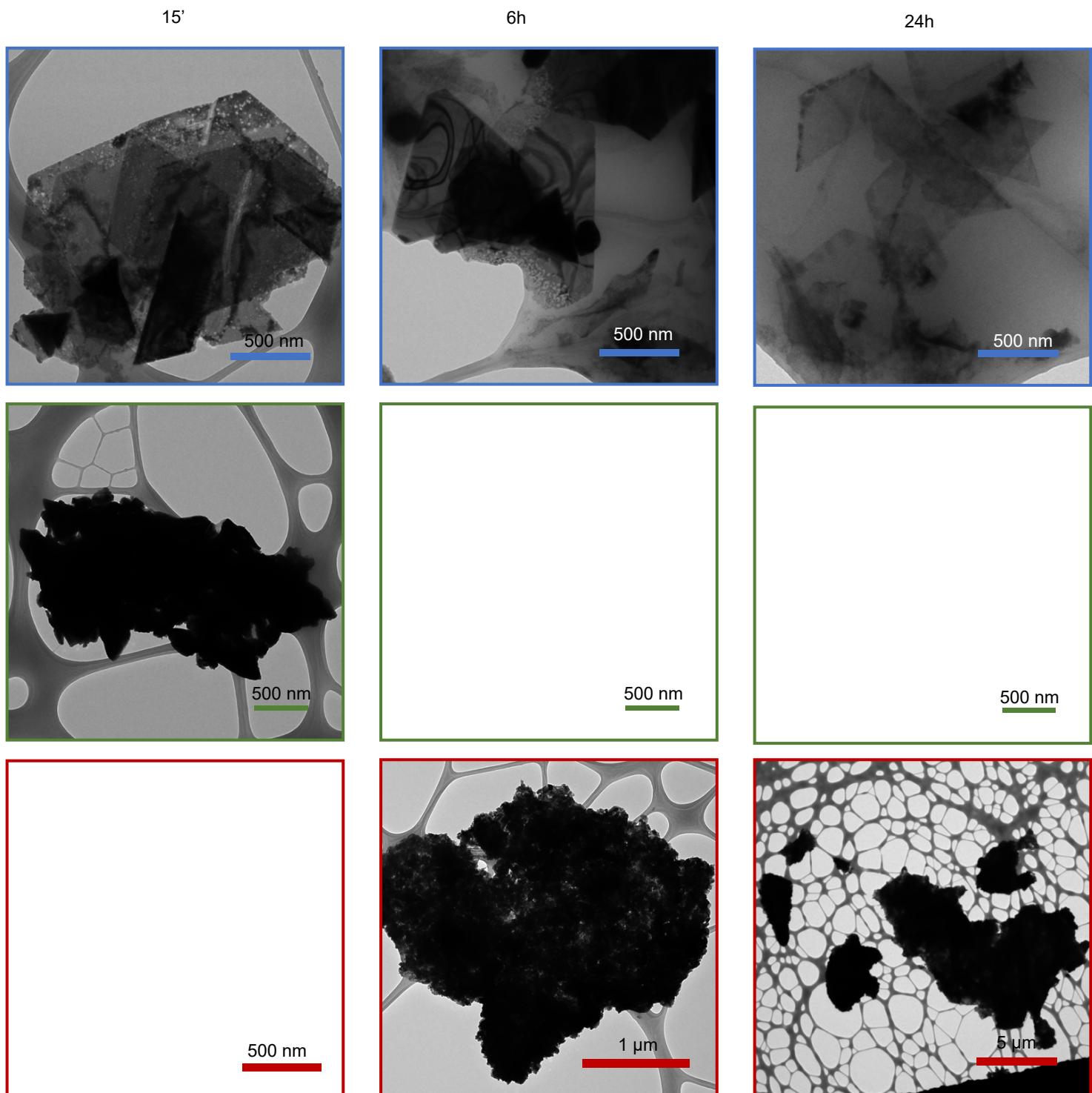
**Figure S4:** Deconvoluted XPS spectra of the nanomaterials before A, C, E) and after B, D, F) the sputtering process of the three Sb-Nanomaterials. P indicates the peak of the indicated atom and S the satellite.



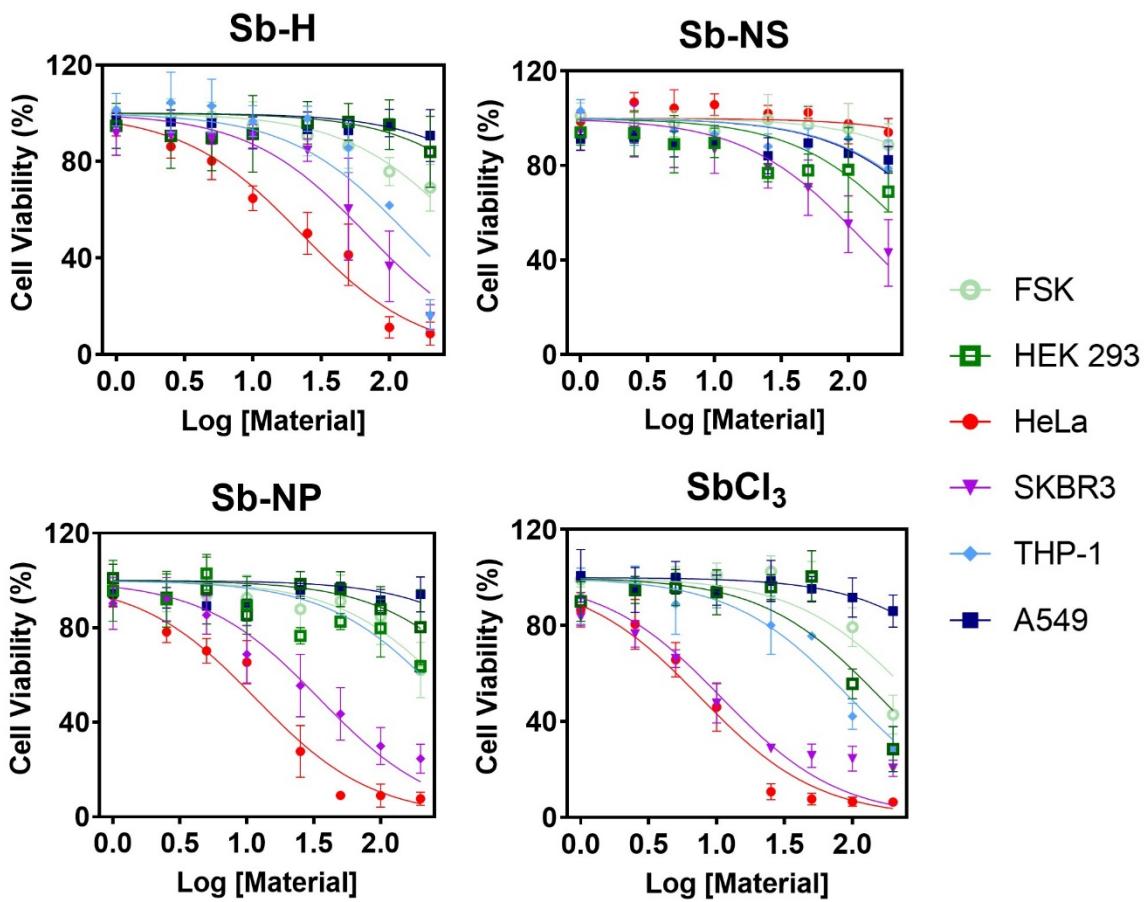
**Figure S5:** XPS surveys of the nanomaterials before A, C, E) and after B, D, F) the sputtering process of the three Sb-Nanomaterials.



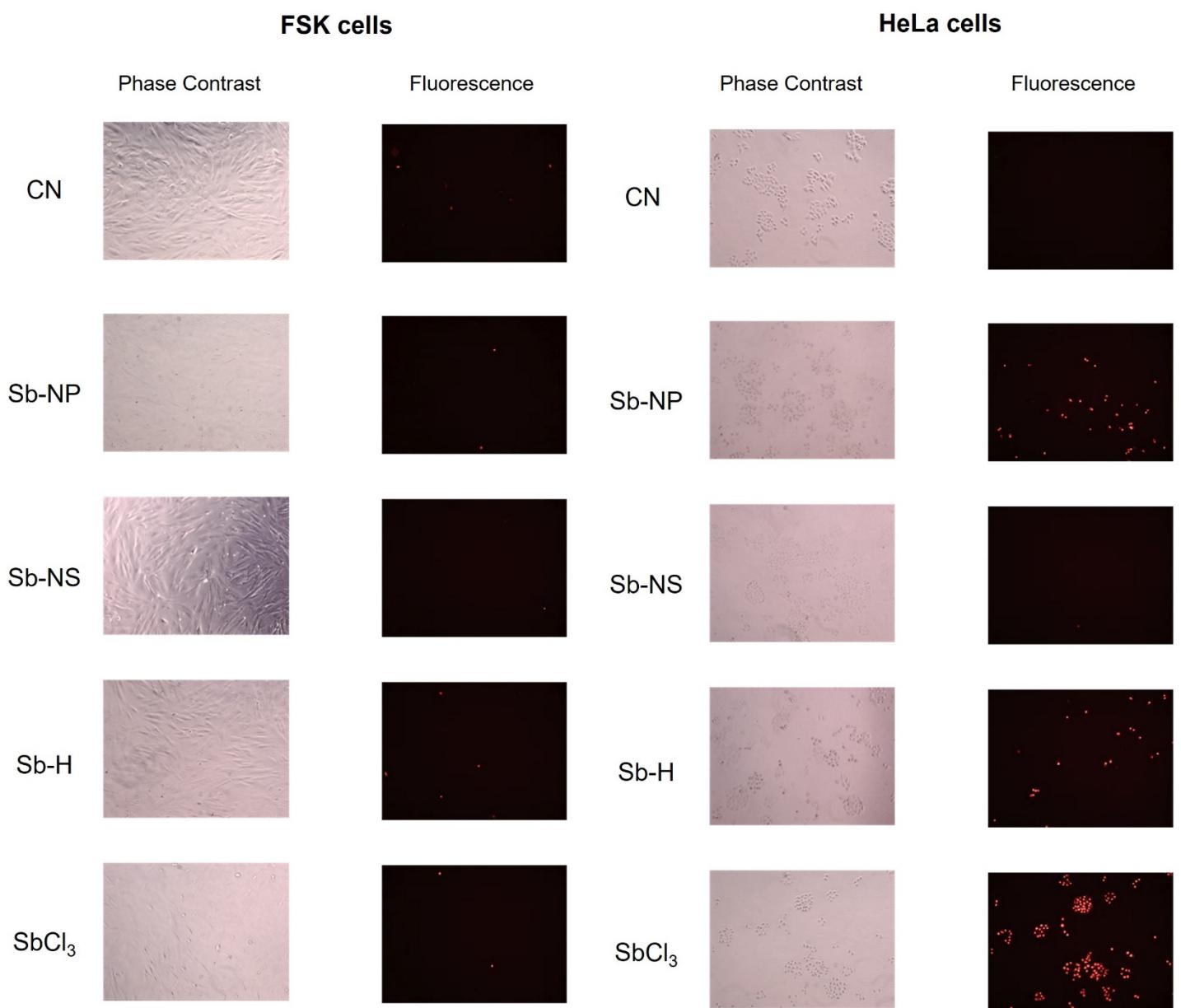
**Figure S6:** XANES spectra of the ex-situ measurements on the Sb reference species before (initial) and after (final) incubating 1 week in DMEM cell culture media.



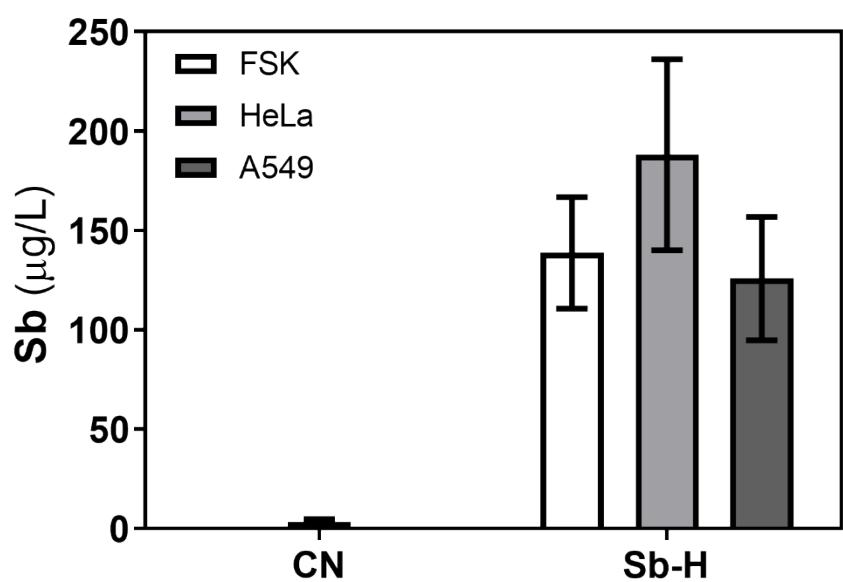
**Figure S7:** TEM images of the Sb-nanomaterials incubated at 37 °C in DMEM during the indicated times for the Sb-H, Sb-NS and Sb-NP samples highlighted in blue, green and red colors, respectively.



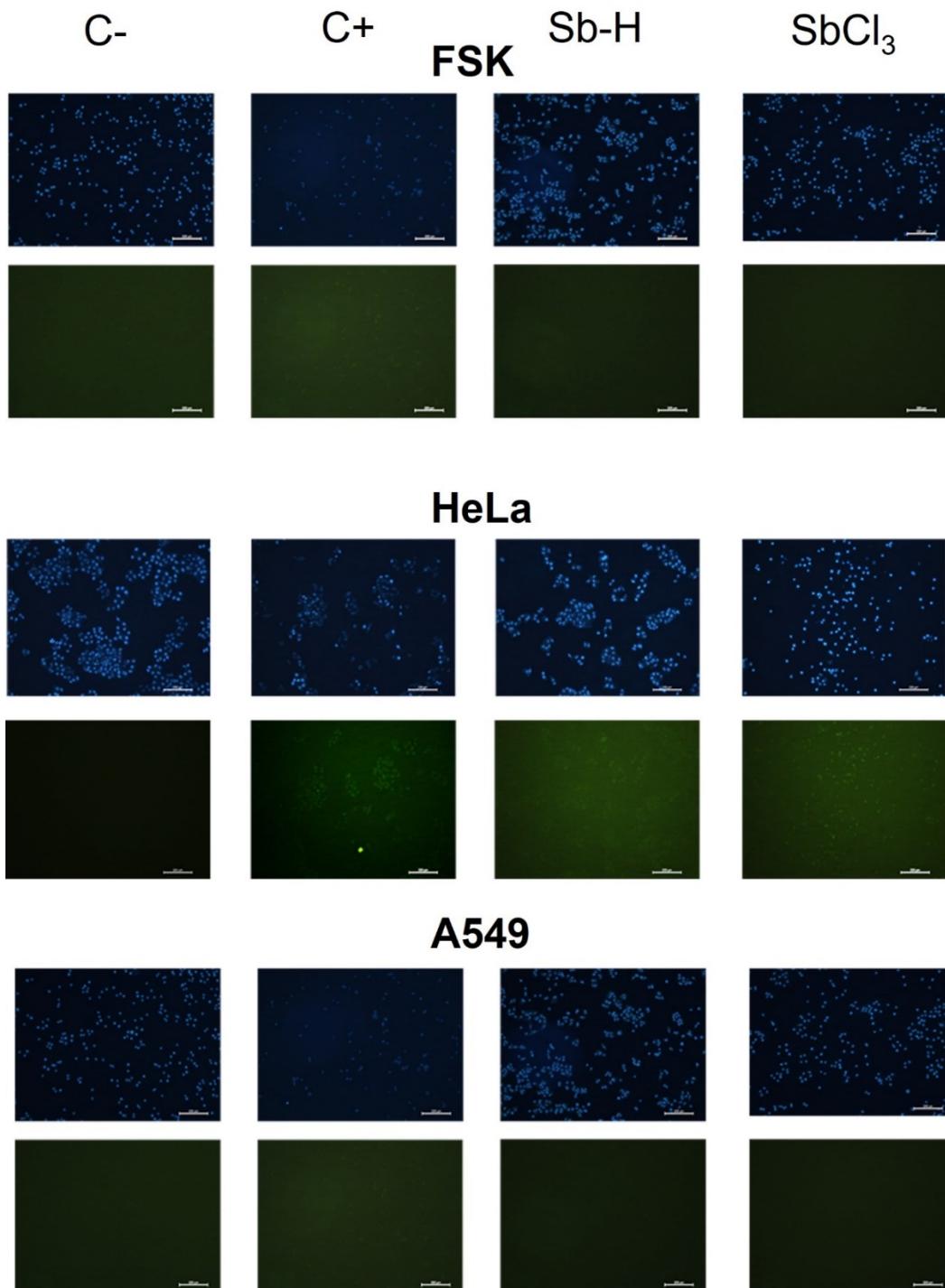
**Figure S8:** Dose-response curves of the tested compounds, obtained from the MTT viability assays. Obtained using the GraphPad Prism 8 software.



**Figure S9:** Optical microscope images and fluorescent images ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 545\text{nm}$ ) of the Propidium iodine test after treatment with the different nanomaterials at  $25 \mu\text{g/mL}$ .



**Figure S10:** ICP-MS analysis of the intracellular content of the cells treated with the Sb-H at 25  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ .



**Figure S11:** Representative fluorescence microscopy images of ROS experiments. Cell lines (HeLa, FSK and A549) were seeded on 24-well plates and incubate in the presence of Sb-nanomaterials at 25 µg/mL for 24h. Next day, cells were treated with 25µM of 6-carboxy-2',7'-dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate (carboxy-H<sub>2</sub>DCF-DA) to detect ROS formation (Fluorescein FITC filter) and Hoechst 33342 to visualize nuclei (DAPI filter). C-: non treated cells, C+: cells treated with tert-butyl hydroperoxide (100 µM). SB-H: cells treated with Sb nanomaterial. SbCl<sub>3</sub>: cells treated with antimony trichloride. Scalebar 200 µm.