

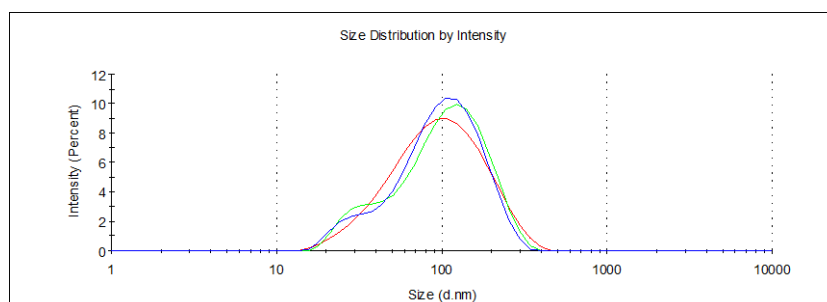
## Annex

**Annex A:** Yields and stability of MNPs functionalized with strategies A, B and C using PEG molecules with two different MW: 750 and 5000 Da.

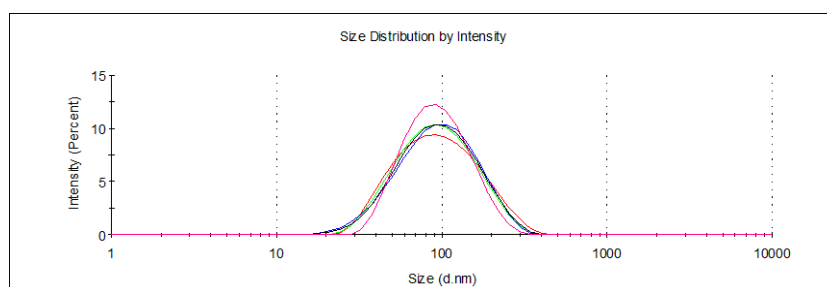
Strategy	#	First functionalization		Second functionalization	
		Yield	Stability	Yield	Stability
A	1	PEG 750		NTA-Cu <sup>2+</sup>	
		84%	-	92%	-
	2	PEG 5000		NTA-Cu <sup>2+</sup>	
		94%	-	88%	-
B	1	NTA-Cu <sup>2+</sup>		PEG 750	
		98%	-	81%	-
	2	NTA-Cu <sup>2+</sup>		PEG 5000	
		98%	-	88%	+
Strategy	#	Yield		Stability	
C	1	PEG 750 + NTA-Cu <sup>2+</sup> one pot			
		83%		-	
	2	mPEG 5000 + NTA-Cu <sup>2+</sup> one pot			
		77%		+	

-: No apparent aggregation, easy recovering. +: No apparent aggregation, difficult recovering.

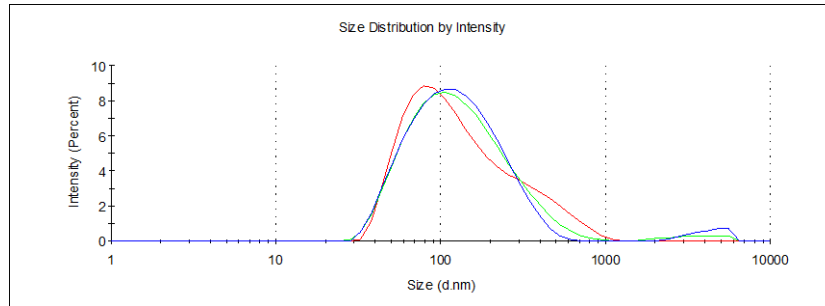
**Annex B:** DLS data obtained from Zetasizer instrument, the size was calculated by intensity graphs.



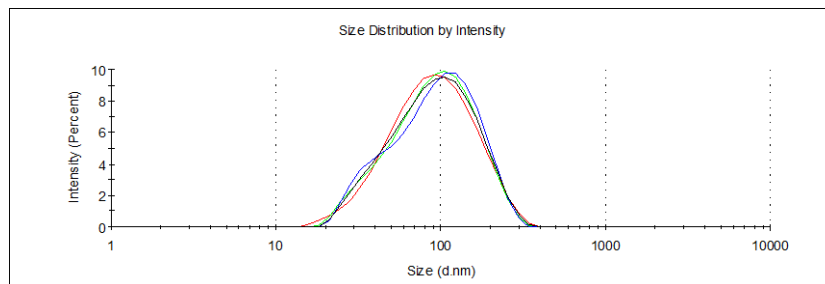
Water-stable MNPs (batch CCH04). Three measurements



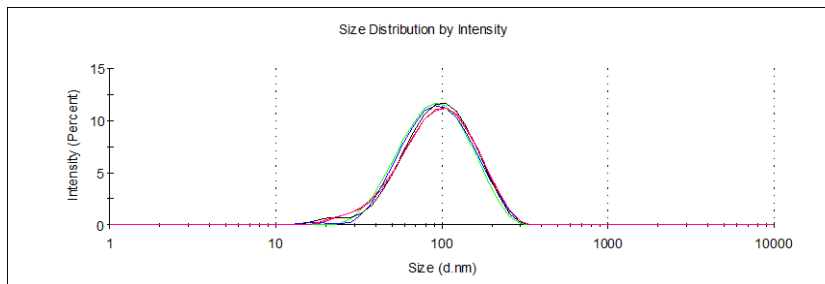
MNPs@PEG750. Five measurements



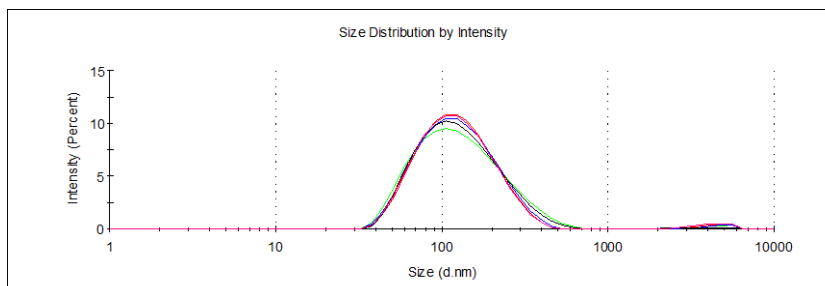
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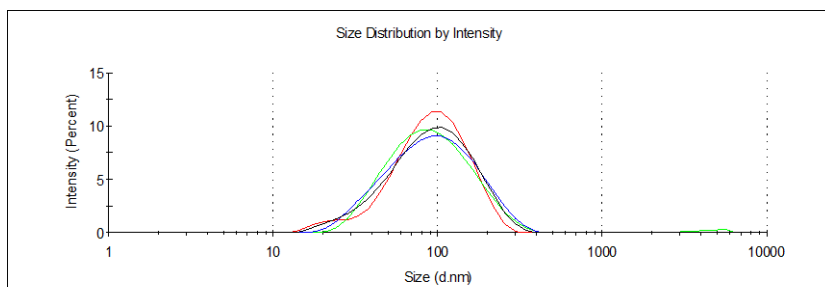
MNPs@NTA-Cu<sup>2+</sup>. Four measurements



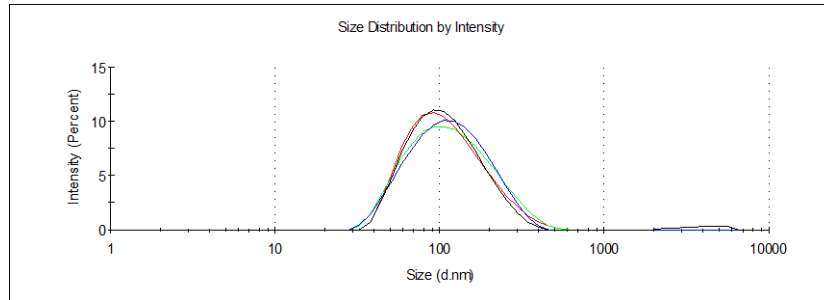
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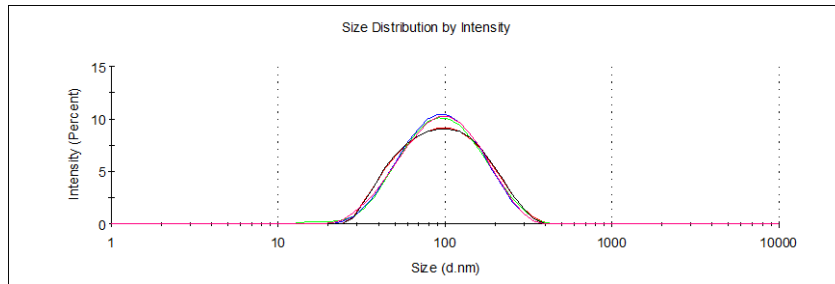
MNPs@PEG5000@NTA-Cu<sup>2+</sup>. Five measurements



MNPs@NTA-Cu<sup>2+</sup>@PEG750. Four measurements



MNPs@NTA-Cu<sup>2+</sup>@PEG5000. Four measurements



MNPs@(NTA-Cu<sup>2+</sup> + PEG5000). Five measurements

**Annex C:** Stability of MNPs functionalized with E-cadherin fragment E1-E2, after 96 hours, in PBS medium. **1:** MNPs@PMAO-TAMRA, 20x. **2:** MNPs@PMAO-TAMRA @PEG750, 10x. **3:** MNPs@PMAO-TAMRA @PEG5000, 10x. **4:** MNPs@PMAO-TAMRA@NTA-Cu<sup>2+</sup>, 10x. **5:** MNPs P+N750 strategy, 10x. **6:** MNPs P+N5000 strategy, 10x. **7:** MNPs N+P750 strategy, 10x. **8:** MNPs N+P5000 strategy, 10x. **9:** MNPs 1-Pot750 strategy, 10x. **10:** MNPs 1-Pot5000 strategy, 10x. **Scale bar:** 100  $\mu$ m.

