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The Effect of Silica Coating on the Drug Release Profile and Biocompatibility of Nano-MOF-5

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Synthesis of MOF-5 NPs:

 $Zn(NO_3)_2 \cdot GH_2O$ (1.80 g, 0.6 mmol) and H₂BDC (0.45 g, 0.3 mmol) were dissolved in DMF (60 mL). After adding triethylamine (3.30 mL), this mixture was placed under ultrasonic irradiation for 1 h. The NMOFs were isolated via centrifuge at 4000 rpm for 3 min. They were washed with DMF (2×12) and CH₂Cl₂ (2×12). NMOFs are activated by dichloromethane three times in three days followed by heating at 120 °C for 6 h.

Coating of NMOFs@drugs with silica:

NMOF-5@ibuprofen and NMOF-5@acetaminophen (0.80 g) were dispersed in NH₃ solution in ethanol (200 mL, 0.2 M), separately. TEOS (0.32 mL) was added to each of the dispersions under stirring at room temperature. After 5 h, nanoparticles were isolated by centrifuging at 3000 rpm for 5 min, washed with ethanol (1×5).



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