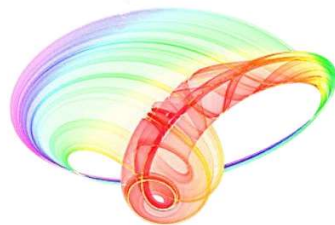


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Dear Colleagues, friends of photonics,

We are honored by your participation at our PHOTONICA 2023 and your contribution to the tradition of this event. It is our pleasure to host you in Belgrade and in Serbia. Welcome to the world of photonics.

The International School and Conference on Photonics, PHOTONICA, is a biennial event held in Belgrade since 2007. The first meeting in the series was called ISCOM (International School and Conference on Optics and Optical Materials), but it was later renamed to PHOTONICA to reflect more clearly the aims of the event as a forum for education of young scientists, exchanging new knowledge and ideas, and fostering collaboration between scientists working within emerging areas of photonic science and technology. A particular educational feature of the program is to enable students and young researchers to benefit from the event, by providing introductory lectures preceding most recent results in many topics covered by the regular talks. In other words, tutorial and keynote speakers will give lectures specifically designed for students and scientists starting in this field. Apart from the oral presentations PHOTONICA hosts vibrant poster sessions. A significant number of best posters will be selected and the authors will have opportunity to present their work through short oral presentations – contributed talks.

The wish of the organizers is to provide a platform for discussing new developments and concepts within various disciplines of photonics, by bringing together researchers from academia, government and industrial laboratories for scientific interaction, the showcasing of new results in the relevant fields and debate on future trends.

PHOTONICA 2023 will host three joint events: PhoBioS COST Action “Understanding interaction light - biological surfaces: possibility for new electronic materials and devices”, NATO Science for Peace and Security Program (grant G5618) workshop “Biological and bioinspired structures for multispectral surveillance”, workshop on “Quantum sensing integration within microfluidic Lab-on-a Chips for biomedical applications” and BioPhysFUN workshop “Advanced Biophysical Methods for Soil Targeted Fungi-Based Biocontrol Agents”. Following the official program, the participants will also have plenty of opportunities to mix and network outside of the lecture theatre with planned free time and social events.

This book contains 130 abstracts of all presentations at the IX International School and Conference on Photonics, PHOTONICA2023. Authors from all around the world, from all the continents, will present their work at this event. There will be 4 tutorial and 7 keynote lectures to the benefits of students and early stage researches. The most recent results in various research fields of photonics will be presented through 16 invited lectures and 8 progress reports of early-stage researchers. Within the poster sessions and a number of contributed talks, authors will present 95 presentations on their new results in a cozy atmosphere of the building of Serbian Academy of Science and Arts.

Belgrade, August 2023

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## Anti-cancer and imaging potential of fluorescent black carrot Carbon Dot nanoparticles

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Carbon Dots (CDs) are biocompatible, fluorescent, water-soluble, and stable nanoparticles with a high potential to be used for vast biomedical applications [1,2]. We explore the application of CDs produced from natural sources, black carrots, as anti-cancer and imaging agents.

These nanoparticles suppress cell growth of three different cancer cell lines, cervical (HeLa), pancreatic (PANC-1), and melanoma (A375) cell lines *in vitro*. However, the cytotoxic effect against A375 cells stands out, with only 20% of viable cells left after treatment (Fig.1(a)), antimetastatic potential, and a selectivity index higher than two, which indicates that the efficacy against melanoma cells is significantly greater than the toxicity against non-malignant cells (MRC-5).

Furthermore, after the cellular uptake, green fluorescence was visible in the cytosol of A375 cells (Fig. 1 (b)). On the other hand, the DAPI stain for DNA was visible as a blue light in the cell nucleus. Moreover, cells with a higher intensity of green fluorescence in the nucleus, Fig. 1 (c) indicated with arrows, were the cells with condensed chromatin in the mitotic phase of the cell cycle (Fig. 1 (d) and (e)), which indicates that CDs interact with chromatin and that they could be used as a marker of cells mitosis and proliferation.

In summary, we have demonstrated the great anti-cancer potential of black carrot CDs, for image-guided anti-cancer therapy of melanoma that can be used to recognize cell proliferation.

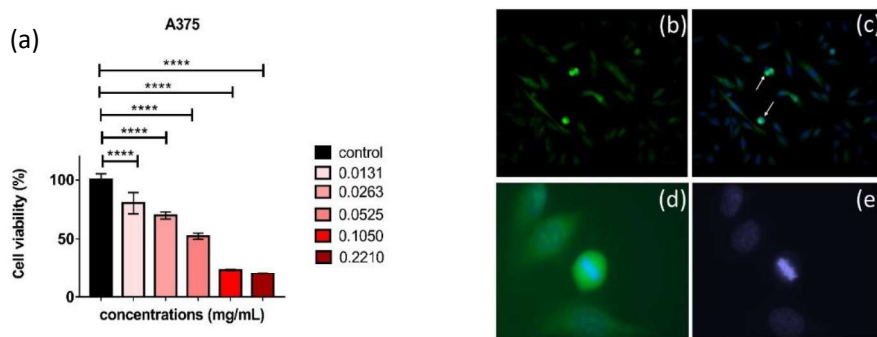


Figure 1. CDs cytotoxicity (a) and Fluorescence Microscopy image of A375 cells treated with CDs, stained with DAPI, and acquired with green (b) and merged blue and green channels (20x magnification). 100x magnified region of cell with a higher intensity of green fluorescence (d), also acquired with blue channel (e).

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