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# NANOSENSOR FOR DETECTION OF GLUTATHIONE

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**Introduction:** Mesoporous silica nanoparticles (MSN) are promising materials for bioanalyte detection and targeted drug delivery applications due to their characteristic properties, large specific surface area and porosity, and the possibility of surface functionalization. The development of optimized and personalized diagnostic tools targeting glutathione (GSH), based on these nanomaterials for detection in the tumor environment, will provide real-time data on patients' cancer tissue.

**Aim:** Synthesis of glutathione-specific MSN to develop a fast and efficient sensor for real-time monitoring of tumor treatment progress.

**Material and Methods:** The materials were synthesized from tetraethyl orthosilicate as a precursor, using cetrimonium bromide as a template in a basic environment at a temperature of 80 °C. The surface of the nanoparticles was functionalized with amino groups, and an inclusion complex with cyclodextrin (CD) was formed using a thiol bond. In this way, CD, as a large molecule, blocked the pores and prevented the color from coming out. The mesopores of the material were filled with the dye tris(bipyridine)ruthenium(II), ( $[Ru(Bpy)_3]^{2+}$ ). Characterization was performed by infrared spectroscopy (IR), Brunauer-Emmett-Teller adsorption method (BET), and scanning electron microscope (SEM). The release of the dye was monitored by UV/VIS spectroscopy without and with the presence of glutathione at different concentrations.

**Results:** Surface functionalization, pore filling with dye molecules, and capping with cyclodextrin enabled the functionality of the nanomaterial as a sensor for glutathione in the concentration range from 5 to 20 mM. Namely, in the presence of GSH, the thiol bond between the CD, which retains the color in the pores, and the surface of the MSN is breached, allowing the detection of the released color as a signal of an increased GSH concentration. The characterization of the material proved the structure of MSN, and the bands at 1082 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1633 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the IR spectrum proved the Si-O-Si vibrations and successful functionalization of amino groups on the surface of the material, respectively. The BET analysis of the starting material displayed a type IV isotherm and a high surface area (701 m<sup>2</sup>/g), while SEM analysis confirmed the particle size distribution from 80 to 200 nm.

**Conclusion:** The synthesized nanomaterial showed the ability to detect an increased concentration of glutathione under physiological conditions, which will allow faster and easier diagnosis through further development of a sensor for its detection.

**Keywords:** mesoporous silica nanoparticles, glutathione, sensor



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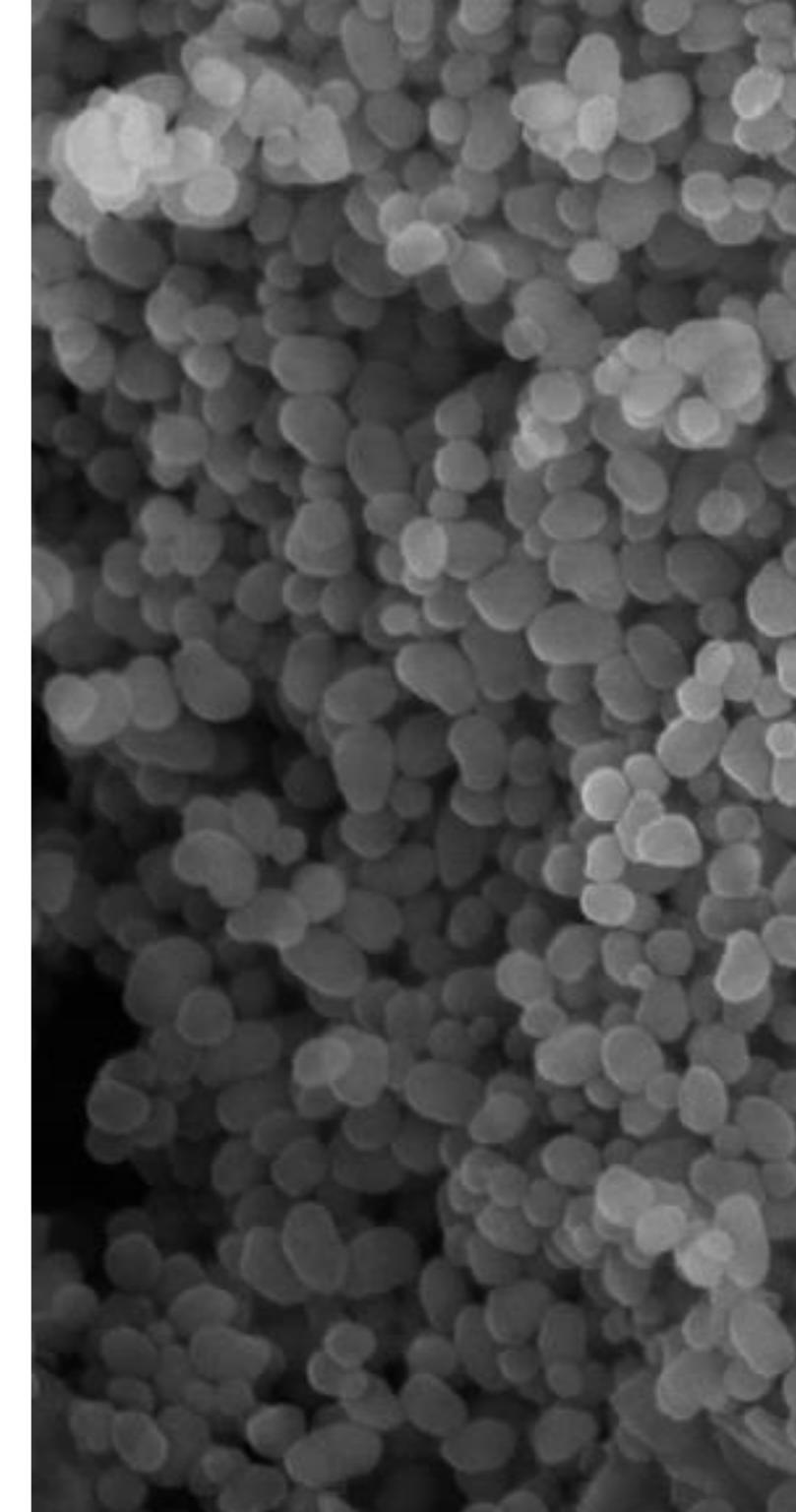


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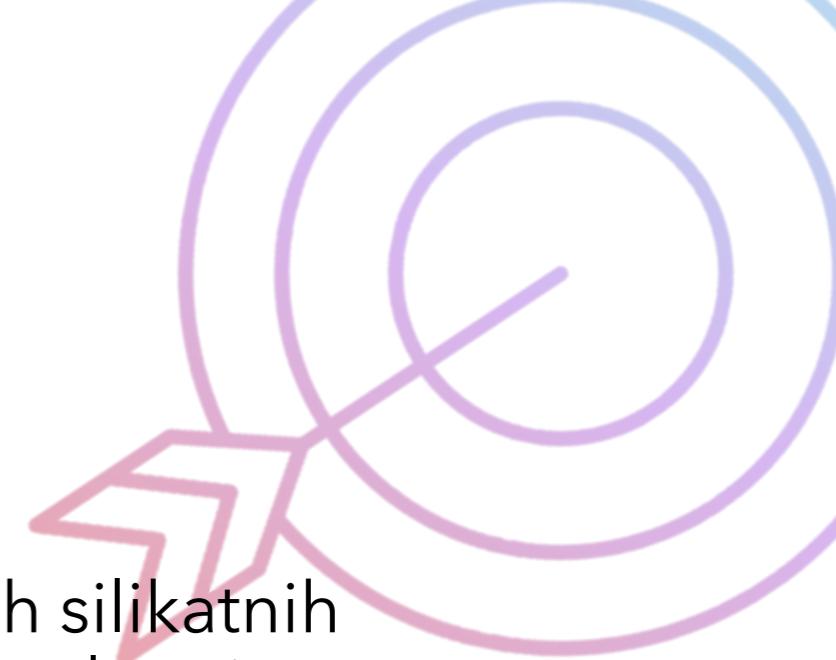
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# CILJ istraživanja

Sintetisanje mezoporoznih silikatnih nanočestica specifičnih za glutation u cilju razvoja brzog i efikasnog senzora za praćenje napretka terapije lečenja tumora u realnom vremenu.



# ZAŠTO je važno?

Glutation se u tumorskom okruženju nalazi u povećanoj koncentraciji u odnosu na zdravo tkivo. Prema tome, predstavlja važan ciljni analit za mogućnost **rane detekcije** kancera, a time i uspostavljanja rane dijagnoze.



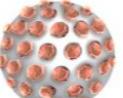
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Mesoporozne silikatne nanočestice (MSN)



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pora



Karakterizacija materijala



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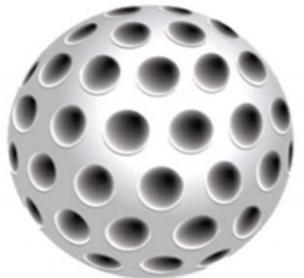
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# Detekcija glutationa

Spektroskopsko praćenje kinetike  
otpuštanja – pH responsivne  
nanočestice



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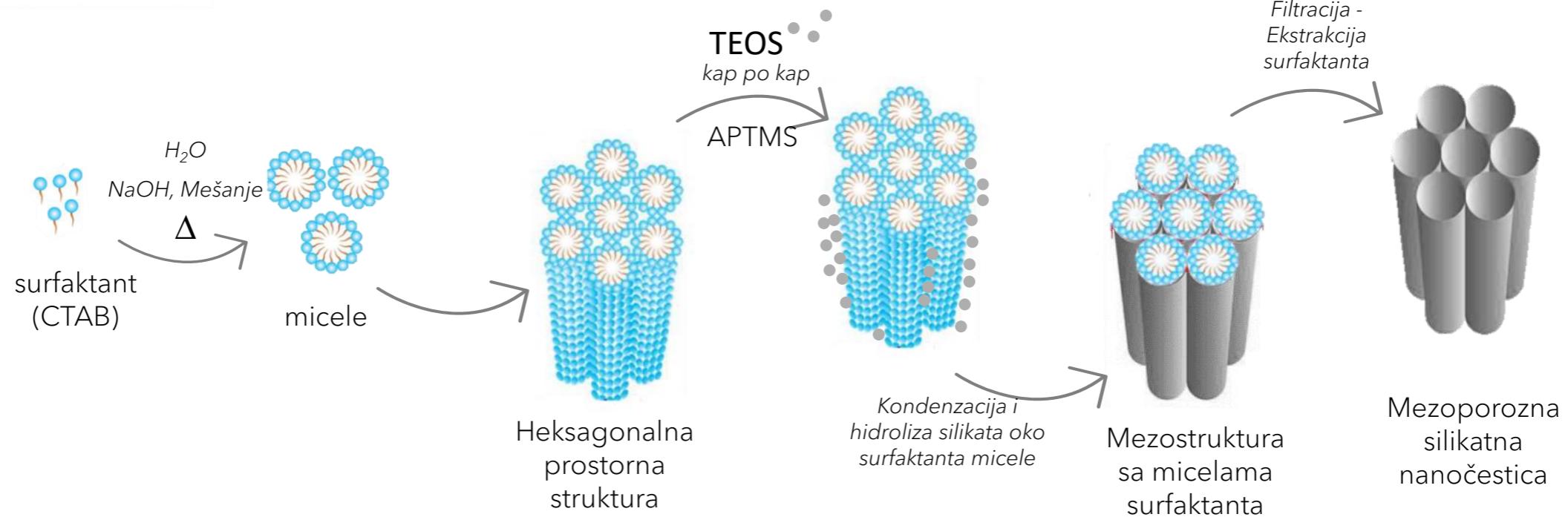


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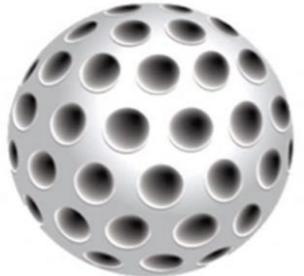
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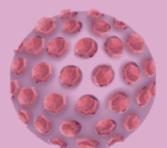
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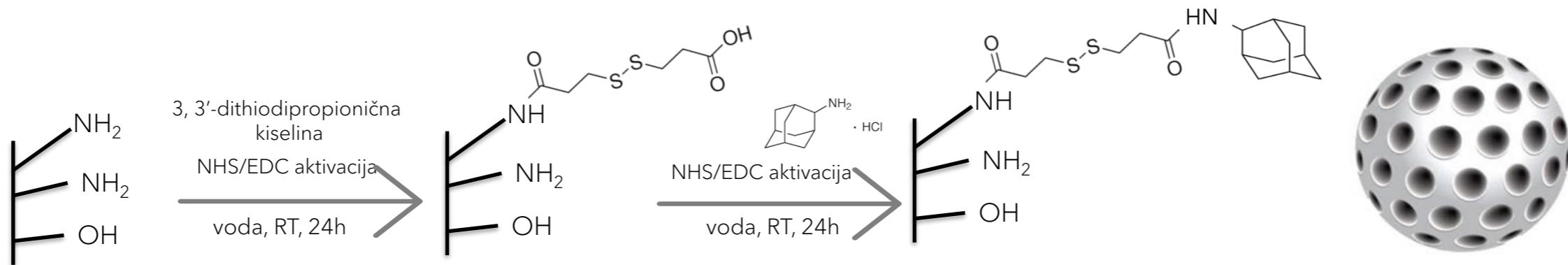
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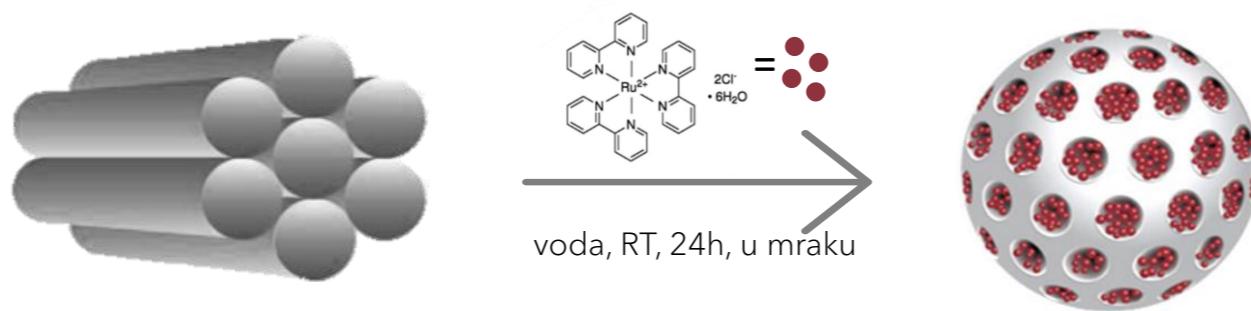


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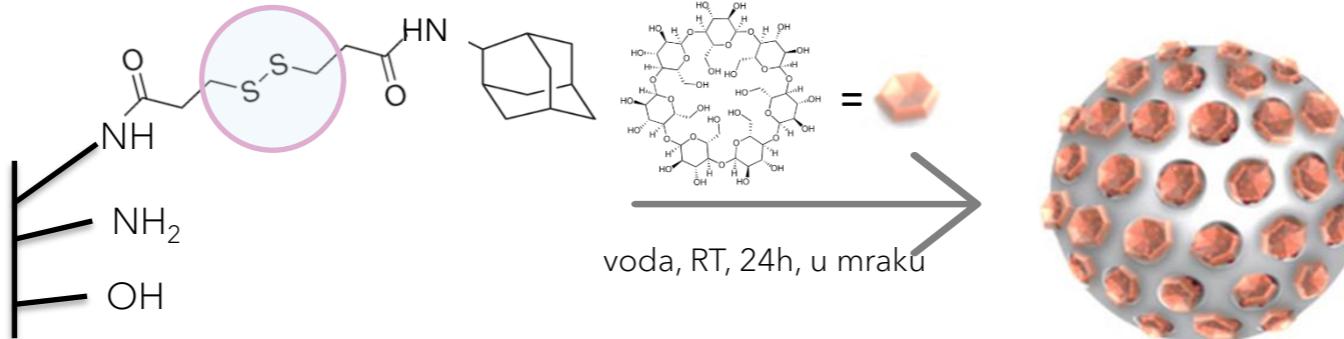
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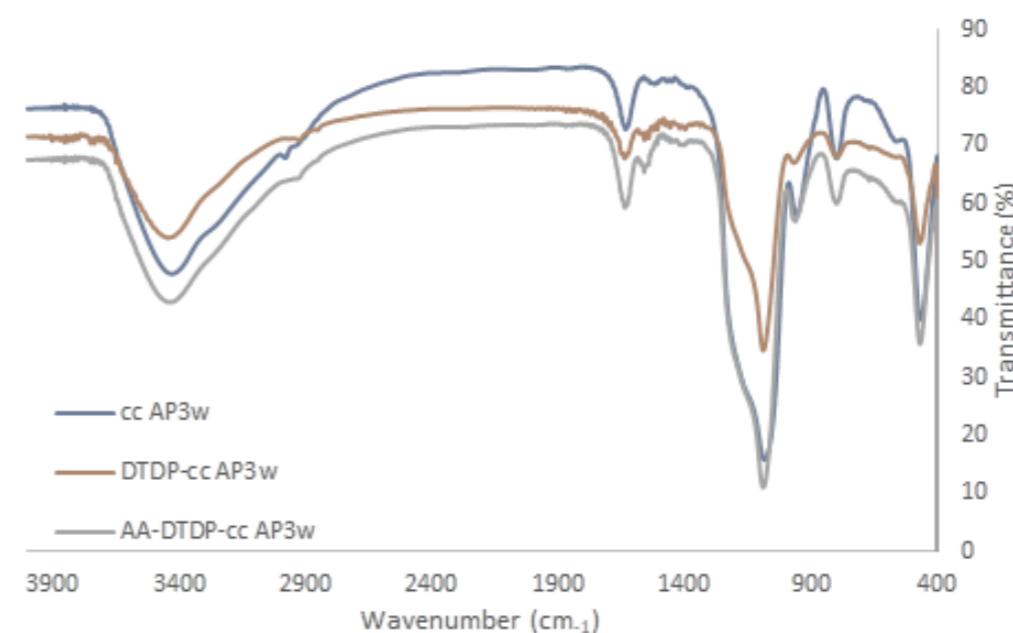
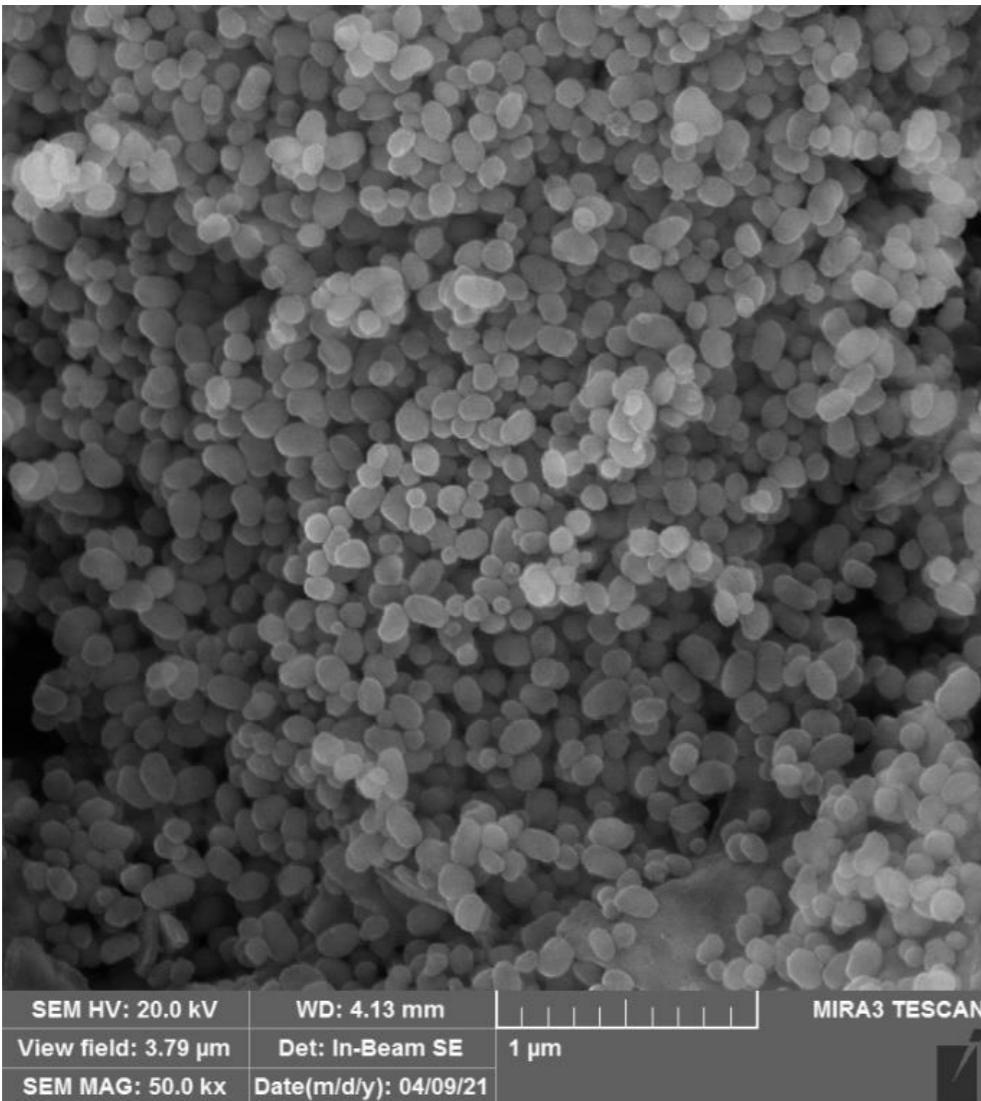
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Zatvaranje pora ciklodekstrinom, molekulom koji sprečava izlazak boje



Raspodela veličine čestica od 80 do 200 nm.



## Talasne dužine ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) Funkcionalne grupe

1082 Si-O-Si

1633 Amino grupe

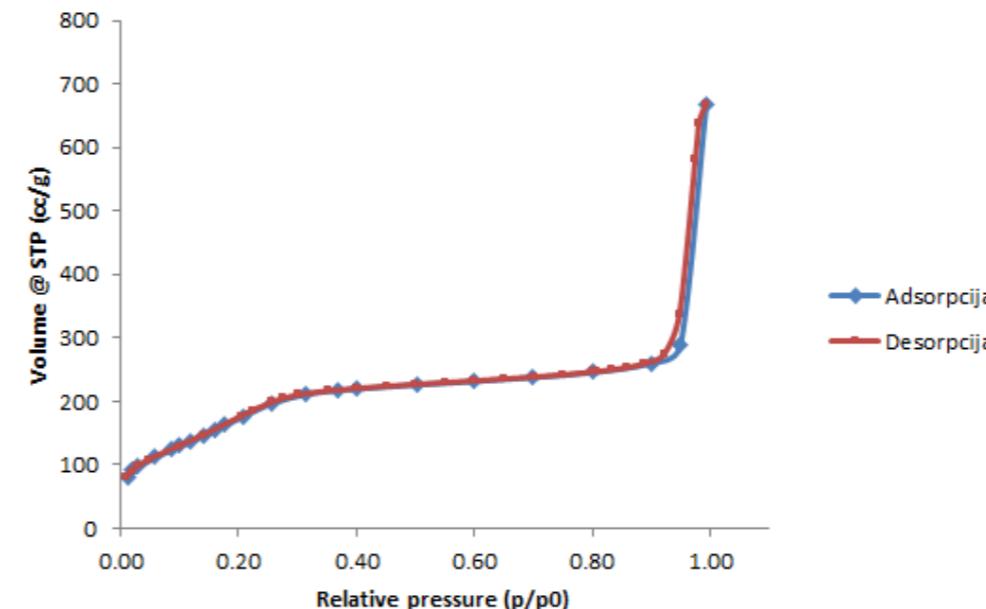
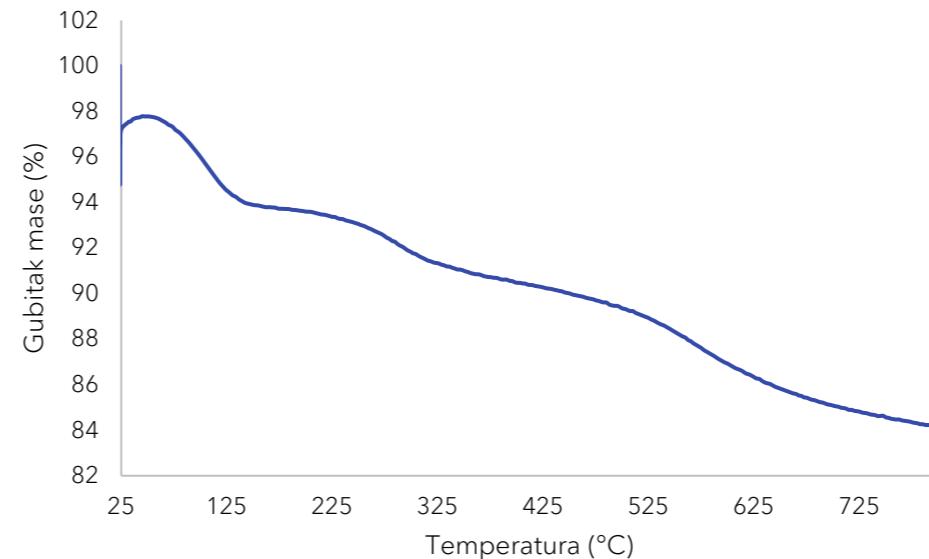
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## Karakterizacija materijala



Materijal	ccAP3
Zeta potencijal (mV)	+3.1
Prečnik čestice (nm)	405
Specifična površina ( $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ )	701

FTIR BET TGA SEM DLS/ELS



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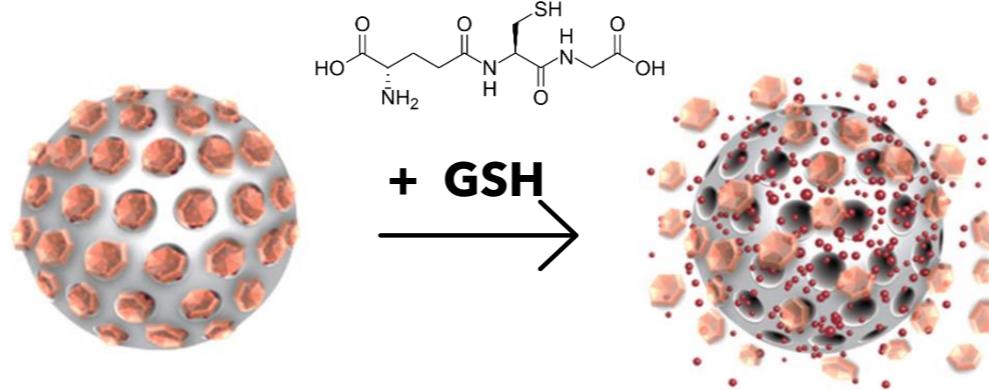
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# Postavka eksperimenta



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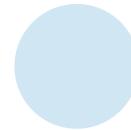
U prisustvu GSH dolazi do **raskidanja tiolne veze** između CD koji zadržava boju u porama i površine MSN-a, što omogućava detekciju otpuštene boje kao signala za povišenu koncentraciju GSH.



Detekcija otpuštene boje praćena je spektofotometrijskom metodom.



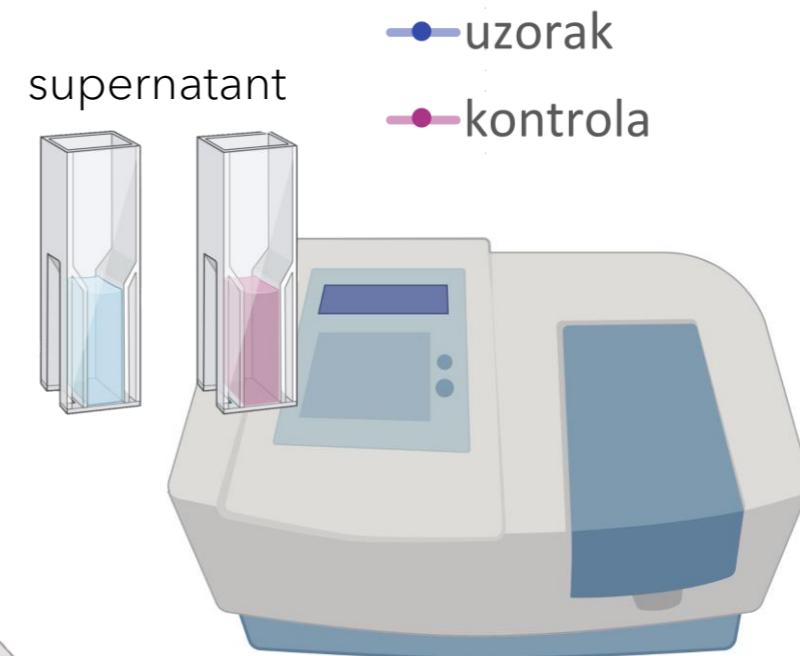
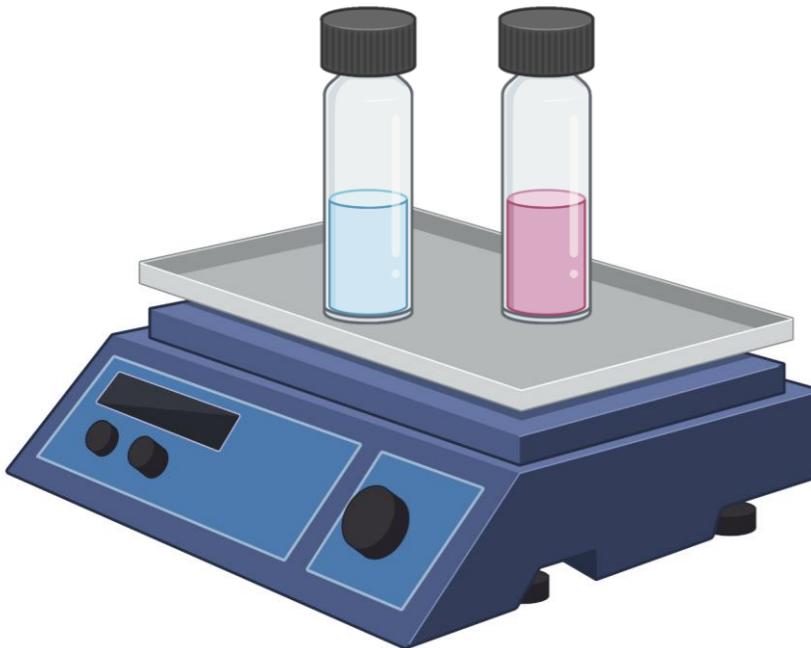
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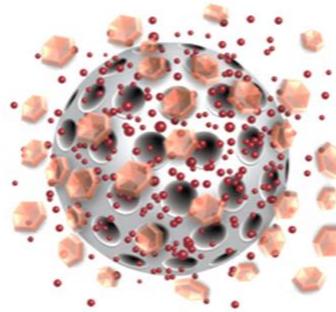


Disperzija materijala u PBS 7,4 - **uzorak** u koji je u određenim vremenskim intervalima dodavan glutation (GSH)

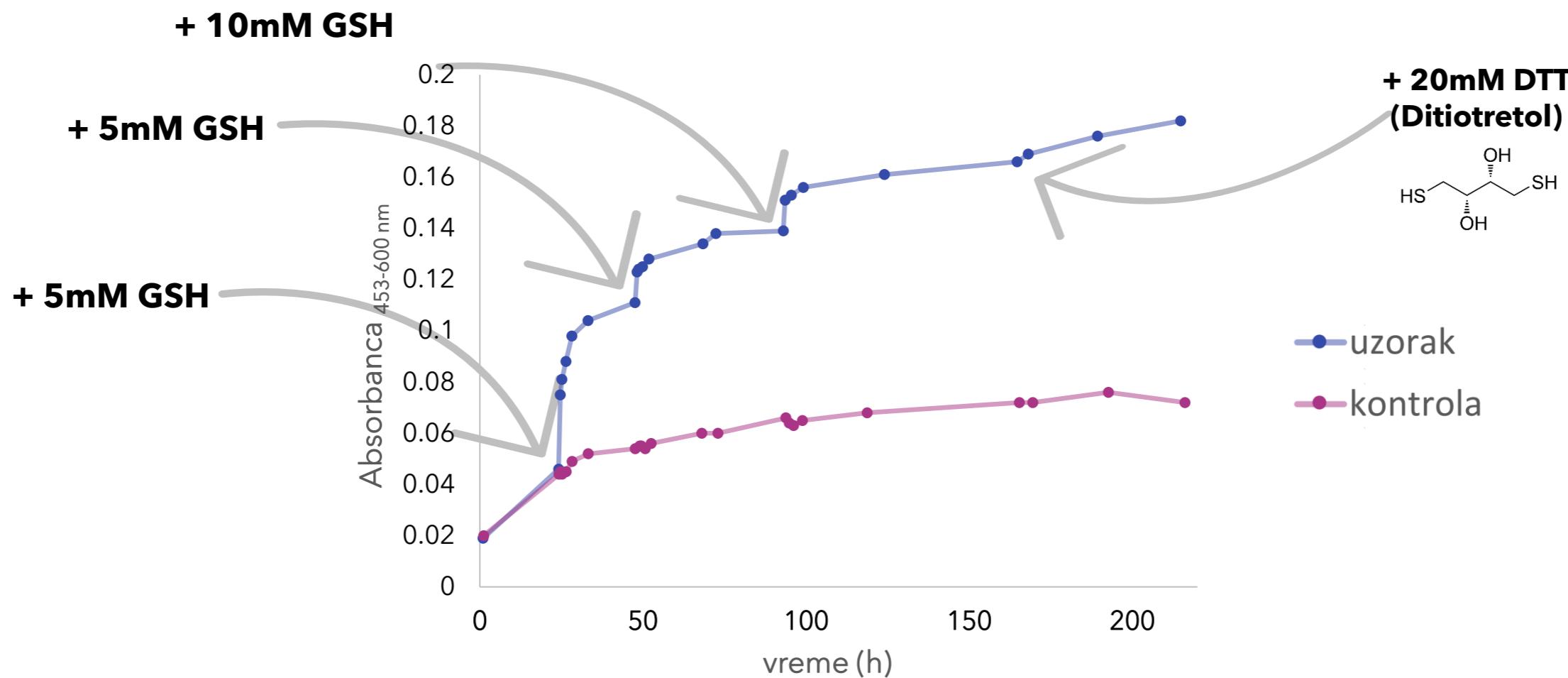


Disperzija materijala u PBS 7,4 - **kontrola**





# Kinetika otpuštanja



# **zaključak**

Sintetisani nanomaterijal je pokazao mogućnost detekcije povišene koncentracije glutationa u fiziološkim uslovima, što će kroz dalji razvoj senzora za njegovu detekciju omogućiti bržu i jednostavniju dijagnostiku.



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