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T_1, T_2 and T_2^* relaxations in MRI based on Gd_5Si_4 nanoparticles of varying sizes

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Abstract:

Our previous study has shown that ferromagnetic gadolinium silicide (Gd_5Si_4) nanoparticles (NP) could be potentially efficient T_2 CA for MRI with significantly reduced echo time (TE) compared to Superparamagnetic Iron Oxide Nanoparticles (SPION) [1]. T_2 CA are defined by their relaxivity, r_2, which is dependent on both the saturation magnetization (Ms) and size of the NPs [1,2,4]. In this study, effect of Gd_5Si_4 NPs of varying sizes and concentrations are investigated on T_1, T_2 and T_2^* (effective/observed T_2) relaxations times.

Gd_5Si_4 NPs categorized into three fractions (named S1, S2 and S3) based on average sizes of 586 nm, 287 nm and 135 nm respectively as analyzed from SEM images (Fig. 1). XRD analysis on the combined samples shows that Gd_5Si_4 is the major phase while GdSi and Gd_5Si_3 are present as the minor phases in all fractions (Fig. 1). Magnetic properties measured in VSM reveal that the Curie temperature (Tc) decreases for Gd_5Si_4 phase from 312 K for S1 to 304 K for S2 and is undetectable in S3. The M-H curves at 300 K exhibits ferromagnetic behavior descending to paramagnetic as we move from S1 to S3 fraction (Fig. 1).

MR data were acquired on the 21.1 T (900 MHz) magnet. The results shown in Table 1 indicate that higher concentrations of NPs shorten the T_2 and T_2^* relaxation times and the contrast disappears rapidly at higher dilutions. The S2 fraction at 1/20 dilution shows notably shortened T_1 and T_2 relaxation times compared to the other two fractions. Although S1 has higher Gd_5Si_4 phase volume fraction and larger average particle size compared to S2, further investigation is needed inorder to establish the reason for shortened relaxation times compared to the S1 fraction.

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