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T₁, T₂ and T₂* relaxations in MRI based on Gd₅Si₄ nanoparticles of varying sizes

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Abstract:

Our previous study has shown that ferromagnetic gadolinium silicide (Gd₅Si₄) nanoparticles (NP) could be potentially efficient T₂ CA for MRI with significantly reduced echo time (TE) compared to Superparamagnetic Iron Oxide Nanoparticles (SPION) [1]. T₂ CA are defined by their relaxivity, r₂, which is dependent on both the saturation magnetization (M_s) and size of the NPs [1,2,4]. In this study, effect of Gd₅Si₄ NPs of varying sizes and concentrations are investigated on T₁, T₂ and T₂* (effective/observed T₂) relaxations times.

Gd₅Si₄ 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 Gd₅Si₄ is the major phase while GdSi and Gd₅Si₃ are present as the minor phases in all fractions (Fig. 1). Magnetic properties measured in VSM reveal that the Curie temperature (T_c) decreases for Gd₅Si₄ 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 T₂ and T₂* relaxation times and the contrast disappears rapidly at higher dilutions. The S2 fraction at 1/20 dilution shows notably shortened T₁ and T₂ relaxation times compared to the other two fractions. Although S1 has higher Gd₅Si₄ phase volume fraction and larger average particle size compared to S2, further investigation is needed in order to establish the reason for shortened relaxation times compared to the S1 fraction.

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B2-03. T₁, T₂ and T₂* relaxations in MRI based on Gd Si

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B2-04. Influence of pH on Dynamic Magnetic Susceptibility of Iron-oxide Nanoparticles in a Chitosan Hydrogel Matrix. *M.C. Villamin¹ and Y. Kitamoto¹ 1. Materials Science and Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Yokohama, Japan*