**Supporting information** 

## Insight into Several Factors that Affect the Conversion between Antioxidant and Oxidant Activities of Nanoceria

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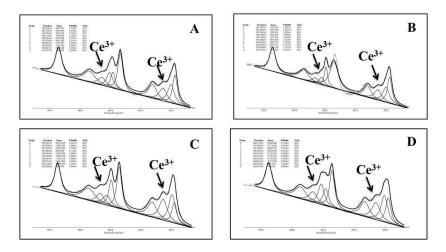


Figure S1 Ce 3d<sub>3/2</sub>, <sub>5/2</sub> XPS spectra of 20–25 nm nanocubes (A), 30–40 nm nanocubes (B), 5–10 nm nanoparticles (C), 15–20 nm nanoparticles (D).

The contents of  $Ce^{3^+}$  on the surface of nanoceria: the Ce 3d spectra are composed of two multiplets (v and u) corresponding to the spin-orbit splitting of  $3d_{5/2}$  and  $3d_{3/2}$  core holes.<sup>[1]</sup> Each spin-orbit component of  $Ce^{3^+}$  is dominated by four components: peaks u' and v' are respectively located at 903.1±0.1eV and 884.5±0.1eV; peaks u<sub>0</sub> and v<sub>0</sub> are respectively located at 899.9±0.1eV and 881.8±0.1eV. For Ce<sup>4+</sup> states, each spin-orbit component is dominated by other six components (v + v'' + v''' + u + u'' + u'''). <sup>[2]</sup> The peak area can be obtained by the PeakFit 4.0 software, and the ratio of  $Ce^{3^+}/Ce^{4^+}$  can be calculated from the following equations: <sup>[3-5]</sup>

$$A_{Ce}^{3+} = A_{v0} + A_{v'} + A_{u0} + A_{u'}$$

$$A_{Ce}^{4+} = A_v + A_{v''} + A_{v'''} + A_u + A_{u''} + A_{u'''}$$

$$C_{\rm Ce^{3+}} = \frac{A_{\rm Ce^{3+}}}{A_{\rm Ce^{4+}} + A_{\rm Ce^{3+}}}$$

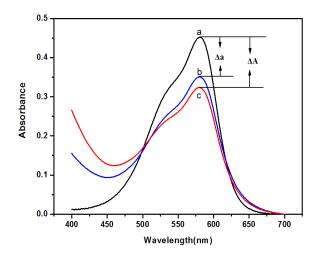


Figure S2 UV-Vis absorption spectra of MV:  $10\mu$ M 15-20 nm particles add into a certain Fenton reagent (0.1 M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 0.45 mM FeSO<sub>4</sub>)

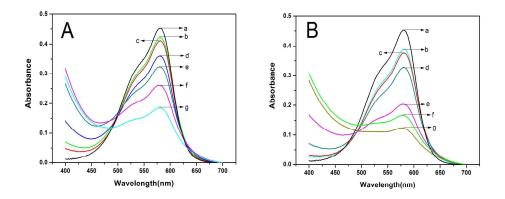


Figure S3 UV-Vis absorption spectra of MV in different Fenton systems:  $0.1M H_2O_2$  (A) with different concentration of FeSO<sub>4</sub> (b-g: 0.075, 0.15, 0.30, 0.45, 0.60 and 0.75 mM FeSO<sub>4</sub>). 1.0M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (B) with different concentration of FeSO<sub>4</sub> (b-g: 0.075, 0.15, 0.30, 0.45, 0.5 and 0.60 mM FeSO<sub>4</sub>). Curve a in the figures (A, B) is  $1.2 \times 10^{-5}$  M MV's UV-Vis absorption spectra.

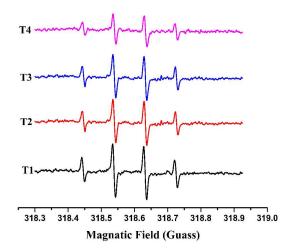


Figure S4 ESR images of four hydroxyl radical systems:  $0.1M H_2O_2+0.45mM FeSO_4$ (T1),  $0.1M H_2O_2+0.30mM FeSO_4$  (T2),  $1.0M H_2O_2+0.15mM FeSO_4$  (T3),  $1.0M H_2O_2+0.09mM FeSO_4$  (T4).

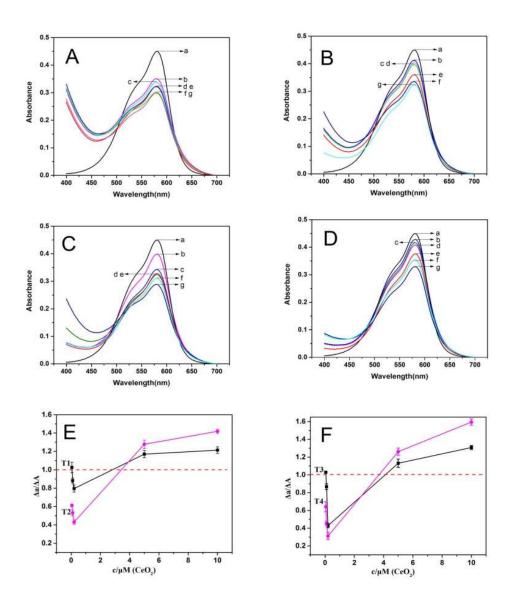


Figure S5 UV-Vis absorption spectra of MV in different Fenton reagent systems: T1 (A) or T2 (B) system with different concentration of 5-10nm nanoparticles (b: 0.20, c: 0.10, d: 0.05, e: 0, f: 5 and g: 10 $\mu$ M). T3 (C) or T4 (D) system with different concentration of CeO<sub>2</sub> (b: 0.20, c: 0.10, d: 0.05, e: 0, f: 5 and g: 10 $\mu$ M). The variation tendency of  $\Delta a/\Delta A$  with the increasing concentration of 5-10nm nanoparticles in different Fenton reagents: T1 and T2 systems (E), T3 and T4 systems (F). Curve a in the figures (A-D) is  $1.2 \times 10^{-5}$  M MV's UV-Vis absorption spectra. The relative standard deviations (percentage of RSD) are all less than 5.64% in E and F.

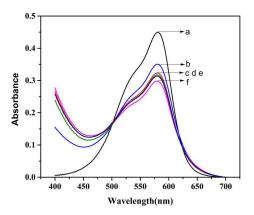


Figure S6 UV-Vis absorption spectra of MV and four kinds of nanoceria in 10  $\mu$ M (a:  $1.2 \times 10^{-5}$  M MV, b: 15 - 20 nm nanoparticles, c: Fenton of T1system, d: 20 - 25 nm nanocubes, e: 30 - 40 nm nanocubes, f: 5 - 10 nm nanoparticles)

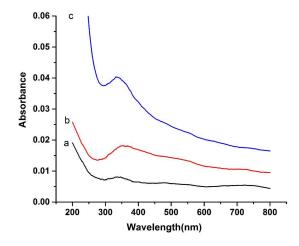


Figure S7 UV-Vis absorption spectra of 15 - 20 nm CeO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles (a); CeO<sub>2</sub> interacted with 0.75 mM FeSO<sub>4</sub> (b); CeO<sub>2</sub> interacted with 0.1 M  $H_2O_2$  (c).

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