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# **Supporting Information**

## Mesoporous MnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> magnetic nanoparticles as peroxidase

## mimic for colorimetric detection of urine glucose

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Fig. S1 Size distribution of DLS result for  $mMnFe_2O_4$  MNPs.



Fig. S2 EDS result for mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs.



Fig. S3 XPS spectra of mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs: a) Fe 2p spectrum; b) Mn 2p spectrum; c) O 1s spectrum; d) C 1s spectrum. For the spectrum of Fe 2p, the peaks at 710.2 eV and 724.0 eV are attributed to Fe  $2p_{3/2}$  and Fe  $2p_{1/2}$ , respectively, indicating the presence of Fe<sup>3+</sup>. For the spectrum of Mn 2p (Fig. S4c), the peaks of Mn  $2p_{3/2}$  and Mn  $2p_{1/2}$  of binding energy are observed at 641.6

eV and 653.1 eV, indicating that Mn exists in the style of  $Mn^{2+}$ . For the spectrum of O 1s (Fig.S4d), the peak at 529.8 eV relates to the oxygen in the form of O<sup>2-</sup> in the nanocrystals. Form the fixed peak for the C 1s spectrum, the peaks at 288.2 eV, 284.8 eV and 284.1 eV are attributed to C 1s of C=O, C-O and C-C, which may be from organic molecules groups or CO<sub>2</sub> molecules.



Fig. S4 FT-IR result of mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs. The strong band around 580 cm<sup>-1</sup> corresponds to the metal-oxygen stretching vibration bonds (Fe-O/Mn-O) in the nanomaterials.



Fig. S5 XRD result for mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs.



Fig. S6 a)  $N_2$  adsorption-desorption result of mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs; b) HK pore size distribution curve of mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs.



Fig. S7 Field dependent magnetization result of mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs.



Fig. S8 Peroxidase-like activity of mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs (black line) and mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs incubated supernatant buffer (red line).

It is important to prove that the observed peroxidase-like activity was caused by  $mMnFe_2O_4 MNPs$  rather than leached ions from  $mMnFe_2O_4 MNPs$  in acidic solution.  $mMnFe_2O_4 MNPs$  were incubated in the reaction buffer (pH 4.0) for 2 h, and then catalytic assay was performed with supernatant solution by removing  $mMnFe_2O_4 MNPs$  with a magnet. As shown in Figure S8, no activity was observed with supernatant solution, confirming that the catalytic activity comes from the intact  $mMnFe_2O_4 MNPs$ .



Fig. S9 Optimization of experimental parameters. a) pH optimization of mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs with TMB and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> using absorbance at 652 nm; b) Incubation temperature optimization of mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs with TMB and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> using absorbance at 652 nm; c) Optimization of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentration; d) Optimization of TMB concentration; e) Optimization of mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs concentration; f) Reaction time optimization of mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs with TMB and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> using absorbance at 652 nm.

#### The explanation for Fig. 3d:

To evidence the  $\cdot$ OH radical mechanism, fluorescence test of terephthalic acid (TA) were performed to detect  $\cdot$ OH during the catalytic reaction, since TA can react with  $\cdot$ OH to generate highly fluorescent 2-hydroxy terephthalic acid. Fig. 3d shows that the fluorescence intensity of TA at 435 nm significantly increased after adding mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs, whereas no fluorescence intensity was observed in the absence of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> or mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs. These results demonstrate the catalytic mechanism of nanozymes is to bind and react with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and then release hydroxyl radical ( $\cdot$ OH) to react with TMB.



Fig. S10 SEM image of mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs kept in pH 4.0 for 2 h.



Fig. S11 Enzymatic-like reaction activity of mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs treated with different concentration of NaCl.



Fig. S12 UV-vis spectra of diluted urine samples from healthy body and diabetes. Inset: Images of colored production for urine samples. (1) healthy body and (2) diabetes.

Catalysts	<i>K</i> <sub>m</sub> (mM <sup>-1</sup> )	V <sub>max</sub> (10 <sup>-8</sup> M S <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
mMnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> MNPs	0.07	27.8	This work
HRP	0.43	9.6	[1]
Hemin	0.75	6.2	[2]
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> MNPs	0.10	3.4	[1]
MoS <sub>2</sub> /GO	0.10	33.4	[3]
FePt	0.121	21.1	[4]
ZnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	0.85	13.3	[5]
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	0.037	6.27	[6]
PtPd-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	0.079	9.36	[7]

Table S1. Comparison of the kinetic parameters<sup>a</sup> of  $mMnFe_2O_4$  MNPs nanozyme with other reported catalysts. TMB was the substrate.

<sup>a</sup> The concentration of mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs was 10  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentration was 20 mM.

Table S2. Comparison of other nanozyme probes for glucose analysis.

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Nanozyme probes	Linear range	LOD	Ref.
mMnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> MNPs	0.5-16 μM	0.7 μΜ	This work
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> MNPs	50-1000 μM	30 µM	[8]
Wse <sub>2</sub> nanosheets	10-60 μM	10 µM	[9]
Cu <sub>0.89</sub> Zn <sub>0.11</sub> O	25-500 μM	1.5 μM	[10]
Nanosized CuS	0.5-110 μM	0.13 µM	[11]
SO4 <sup>2-</sup> /CoFe2O4	0-300 µM	6.4 μM	[12]
CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	0.1-10 μΜ	0.024 µM	[13]
ZnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1.25-18.75 μM	0.3 μΜ	[5]
ZnO-ZnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1-23 µM	0.4 µM	[14]

Added	Total found	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)
(µM)	(µM)	n = 3	n = 3
1	0.93	93.4	4.5
10	10.65	106.5	7.4

Table S3 Determination of glucose in urine from health body (n = 3) with the mMnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs nanozyme probes.

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