Supplementary Information

Laponite nanodisks "decorated" Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles. A biocompatible nano-hybrid with ultrafast magnetic hyperthermia and MRI contrast agent ability

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CONTENT:

Supplementary Information contains structural, magnetic and morphological characterization data based on XRD, VSM, TEM analysis of various Laponites "decorated" Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles hybrids with 25 to 95 wt.% magnetic content. Summarized hydrodynamic diameter and Z-potential distribution histograms are also provided for the physicochemical characterization analysis of the prepared Fe₃O₄/Laponites nanohybrids. AFM images of the selected 50 wt.% Fe₃O₄/Laponite are presented. Finally, the temperature profile as a function of the field exposure time from various concentrations (5.5-22 mg/mL) colloidal solutions of 25, 50 and 75 wt.% Fe₃O₄/Laponite hybrids and literature review on SAR values as a function of the applied field frequency and strength of Fe-oxides based nanomaterials with various sizes and morphologies, are given for comparison.

- Fig. S1. Powder XRD patterns of Laponite "decorated" Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles hybrids with different magnetic loadings varied from 25 to 95 wt.% Fe₃O₄.
- 2. **Fig. S2.** Room temperature magnetic hysteresis loops of Laponite "decorated" Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles hybrids with different magnetic loadings varied from 25 to 95 wt.% Fe₃O₄.
- 3. **Fig. S3.** Hydrodynamic diameter distribution histograms of Laponite "decorated" Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles hybrids with different magnetic loadings varied from 25 to 95 wt.% Fe₃O₄.
- 4. **Fig. S4.** Z-potential distribution histograms of Laponite "decorated" Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles hybrids with different magnetic loadings varied from 25 to 95 wt.% Fe₃O₄.
- Fig. S5. TEM images of Laponite "decorated" Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles with 25, 75, 90 and 95 wt.% Fe₃O₄ content.
- 6. **Fig. S6.** AFM images of 50 wt.% Fe₃O₄/Laponite hybrid.
- Fig. S7. Temperature profile as a function of field exposure time of various concentrations (5.5-22 mg/mL) for colloidal solutions of 25, 50 and 75 wt.% Fe₃O₄/Laponite hybrids.
- 8. **Table S1.** Summary literature data on specific absorption rate (SAR) values in Watts per Fe g as a function of the applied magnetic field frequency and strength for various Fe-oxides based nanomaterials with different size and morphology.



Fig. S1. Powder XRD patterns of the Laponite "decorated" Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles hybrids with (a) 25, (b) 50, (c) 75, (d) 90 and (e) 95 wt.% Fe_3O_4 /Laponite.



Fig. S2. Magnetic hysteresis loops at room temperature of the Laponite "decorated" Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles hybrids with (a) 25, (b) 50, (c) 75, (d) 90 and (e) 95 wt.% Fe_3O_4 content.



Fig. S3. Hydrodynamic diameter distribution histograms of Laponite "decorated" Fe₃O₄ hybrids with 25, 50,75, 90, 95 wt.% Fe₃O₄ nominal composition and respectively (a) 136, (b) 202.6, (c) 174, (d) 427.2 and 96.7 bimodal and (e) multimodal distribution.



Fig. S4. Z-potential distribution histograms of Laponite decorated Fe_3O_4 hybrids with 25, 50,75, 90, 95 wt.% Fe_3O_4 nominal composition and respectively values (a) -34.1 (b) -31.6 (c) -22.3, (d) - 17.6, and (e) -11.4 mV.



Fig. S5. TEM images of Laponite "decorated" Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles with 25 wt.% (a-c), 75 wt.% (d-f), 90 wt.% (g-i) and 95 wt.% (j, k) Fe_3O_4 content.



Fig. S6. AFM images of 50 wt.% laponite "decorated" Fe $_3O_4$ hybrids.



Fig. S7. Temperature profile as a function of field exposure time at 150 kHz and 28 kA/m for various Fe₃O₄/Laponites hybrids colloids of 25 wt.% (*squares*), 50 wt.% (*circles*) and 75 wt.% (*stars*) Fe₃O₄ content with 22 mg/mL (*red*), 11 mg/mL (*blue*) and 5.5 mg/mL (*magenta*) Fe₃O₄ concentration. Open circles DI water.

Table S1. Summary literature data on specific absorption Rate (SAR) values in Watts per Fe g as a function of the applied magnetic field frequency and strength for various Fe-oxides based nanomaterials with different size and morphology.

Material	Morphology	Stability	Particle diameter (nm)	Applied field (kA/m)	Frequency (kHz)	SAR, (W/g _{Fe})	Reference
Fe ₃ O ₄	cuboidal	excellent	20-40	28	150	540	This work
Fe₃O₄	Cubes dimers and trimers		20	23.8	302	246	1
Fe₃O₄	spherical	non coated low stability	6.8	40.1	265	203	2
CoxFe₃-xO₄	cubes	Toxicity issue Cobalt	20	32	105	915	3
Iron oxide	Cubes		19	29	700	2277	4
Fe ₃ O ₄	Assemblies		6	10	425	92.62	5
Fe ₃ O ₄	spherical		8	10	425	49.24	6
Fe ₃ O ₄ / Fe ₂ O ₃	Faceted		18	11.94	300	86.87	7
γ-Fe₂O₃	Multi-core		24	29	520	1500	8
Fe ₃ O ₄	aggregates		8.2	8	230	670	9
γ-Fe₂O₃	spherical		16.5	24.7	700	1650	10
γ-Fe₂O₃	Assemblies		50	25	765	400	11
Fe₃O₄	cubes		35	21	168	76	12
Fe ₃ O ₄	rods		350	24.5	360	1045	13
Fe ₃ O ₄	irregular		8-10	35.8	316	130	14
Fe ₃ O ₄ / Fe ₂ O ₃	tubes		300	36.1	107	465	15
Fe ₃ O ₄ /Fe ₂ O ₃	rings		207	36.1	107	340	
Fe ₃ O ₄ /Fe ₂ O ₃	branched		29	24.5	488	457	16

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