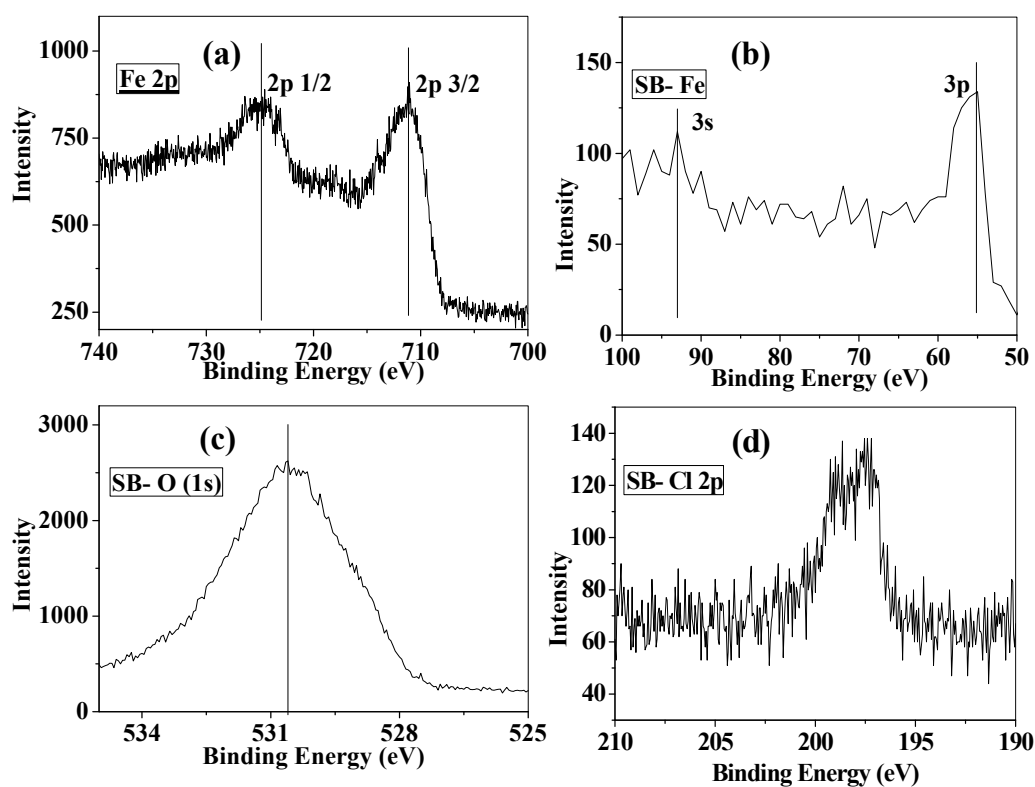


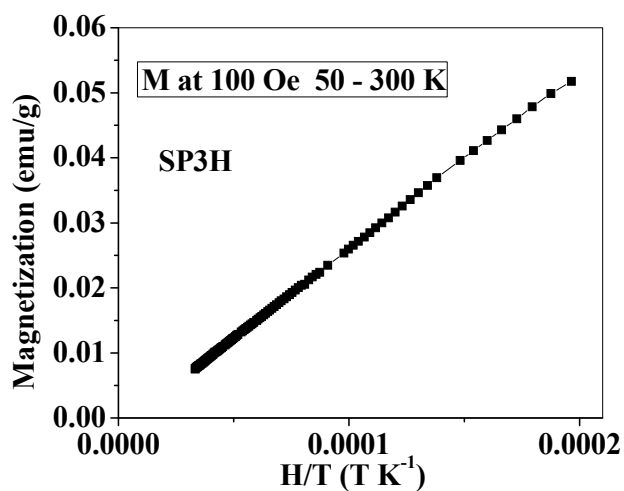
## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Synthesis of 5'-GMP - mediated porous hydrogel containing $\beta$ -FeOOH nanostructures – optimization of its morphology, optical and magnetic properties

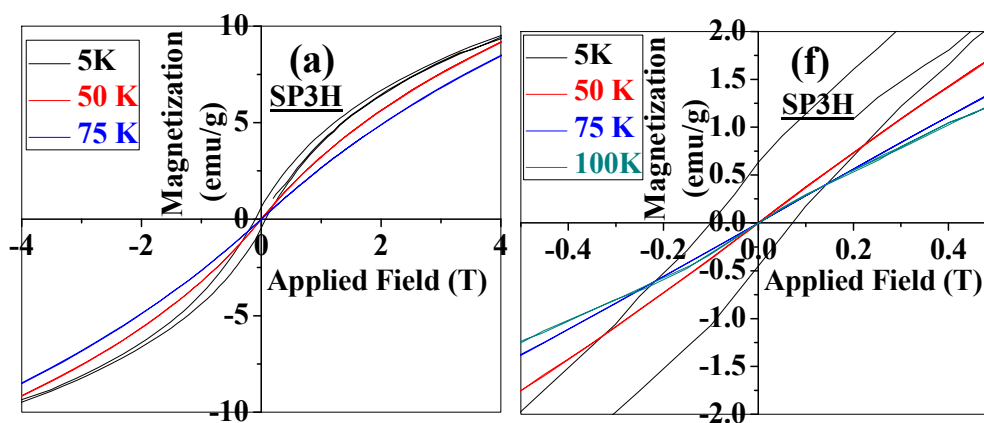
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**Fig. S1** XPS analysis of sample SB for Fe 2p (a), Fe 3s and 3p (b), O 1s (c) and Cl 2p (d).



**Fig. S2** Magnetization versus H/T plot for SP3H from ZFC curve recorded at 100 Oe from 300-50 K.



**Fig. S3** Magnetic hysteresis loop for SP3H at 5, 50 and 75 K (a); Magnified magnetic hysteresis loops for SP3H at 5, 50, 75 and 100 K (b).

**Table. S1** FTIR data for Na<sub>2</sub>-GMP, β-FeOOH, SP3 and SP3H.

<b>Group/ Moeity</b>	<b>Na<sub>2</sub>-GMP(cm<sup>-1</sup>) (Literature)</b>	<b>Na<sub>2</sub>-GMP (cm<sup>-1</sup>) (observed)</b>	<b>(SB) β-FeOOH (cm<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>SP3 (cm<sup>-1</sup>) Fresh (observed)</b>	<b>SP3 (cm<sup>-1</sup>) Hydrogel (observed)</b>
<b>&gt;C(6)=O</b>	1700	1696 (s)	-	1676 (w & sh)	1676 (w & sh)
<b>-NH<sub>2</sub></b>	1630	1653 (sh)	-	1637 (s)	1637 (s)
<b>C=N and ring skeletal vibrations</b>	1599	1607 (m)		1600 (sh)	1600 (sh)
<b>Pyrimidine/ Imidazole vibration</b>	1539(m)	1535 (s)	-	1535 (sh)	Almost disappeared
<b>N(7)-C(8) stretching, C(8)-H bending</b>	1494 (s)	1481 (s)	-	1481(m)	1482(w)
<b>Imidazole</b>	1396 (s)	1416 (m)		1409 (w)	1402 (w)
<b>Imidazole</b>	1358 (s)	1371 (m)	-	1357(w)	1359(sh)
<b>Pyrimidine</b>	1249 (w)	1256 (br)	-	1261(w)	1259 (w)
<b>ν-C-C (sugar)</b>	1176 (s)	1180		-	-
<b>ν-C-O (sugar)</b>	1132 (m)	1113 (sh)		1109 (sh)	1108 (sh)
<b>PO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> antisymmetric stretching</b>	1083 (m)	1090 (br)	-	1069 (br)	1084 (br) (shape is changed)
<b>PO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> symmetric stretching</b>	982 (s)	978 (s)	-	991 (m)	989 (sh)
<b>Sugar ring</b>	901 (s)	905 (w)		904 (w)	-
<b>Sugar ring</b>	874 (s)	866 (w)	-	868 (w)	-
<b>P-O-5'-sugar</b>	822 (m)	806 (m)	-	799 (w)	802 (almost

<b>C2'-endo/anti conformer</b>					disappeared)
<b>P-O</b>	783 (s)	780 (m)	-	782(sh)	781(w)
<b>Ring mode</b>		625 (w)	-	635 (w)	-
<b>Skeletal deformation</b>	548 (m)	535 (w)	-	-	-
<b>H<sub>2</sub>O bending</b>		-	1634(s)	1637(s)	1637 (s)
<b>O-H...Cl deformation</b>		-	833,	-	-
<b>Fe-O-Fe stretching</b>		-	696,644, 471, 420	681(br), 635 (w), 498 (sh), 483, 472	687(br), 631 (w), 470 (br)
		1241, 724, 692, 580	-	1383, 799, 606	1460, 1402, 1018

**Table. S2** XPS data of the samples SB and SP3H.

	<b>SB</b>	<b>SP3H</b>
<b>Fe 2p 1/2</b>	<b>724.9</b> (726.3, 723.8)	<b>724.9</b> (724.1, 726.4)
<b>Fe 2p 3/2</b>	<b>711.1</b> (710.4, 712.3)	<b>711.1</b> (710.6, 712.8)
<b>O 1s</b>	<b>530.5</b> (528.8, 530.4, 531.6)	<b>530.5</b> (529.2, 530.5, 531.9)
<b>P 2p</b>	-	<b>133.0</b>
<b>N 1s</b>	-	<b>399.2</b>
<b>C 1s</b>	-	<b>283.9</b>
<b>Cl 2p 1/2</b>	<b>198.9</b>	-
<b>Cl 2p 3/2</b>	<b>197.4</b>	-
<b>Fe 3s</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>94.1</b>
<b>Fe 3p</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>55.1</b>
<b>VB</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>22.1</b>
<b>VB</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>6.1</b>

**Table. S3** Various magnetic paprameters for SP3 and SP3H.

	<b>T<sub>b</sub></b>		<b>M<sub>s</sub></b> <b>(300 K)</b>	<b>M<sub>s</sub></b> <b>(100 K)</b>	<b>M<sub>s</sub></b> <b>(5 K)</b>
	<b>100 Oe</b>	<b>500 Oe</b>			
<b>SP3</b>	25.4	26.0	3.2	6.9	12.0
<b>SP3H</b>	39.9	38.6	4.9	9.2	12.4