

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

### One-step synthesis of biocompatible magnetite/silk fibroin core shell nanoparticles

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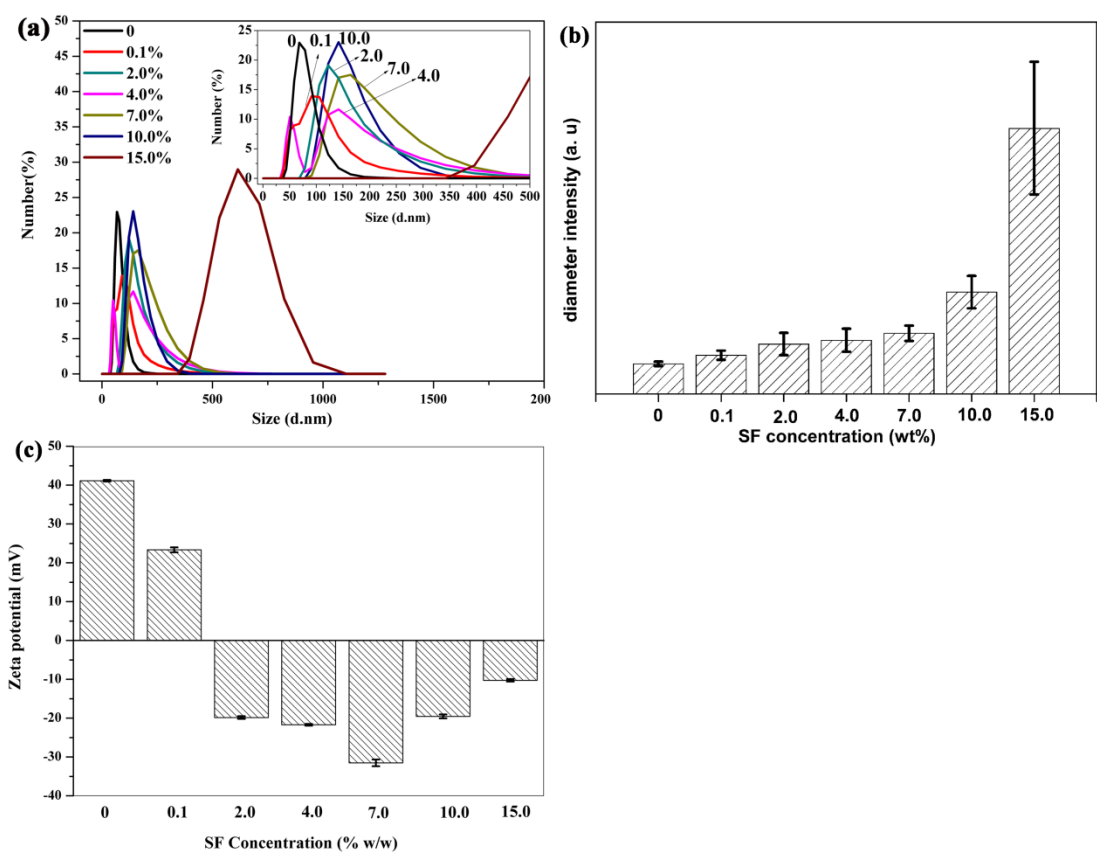
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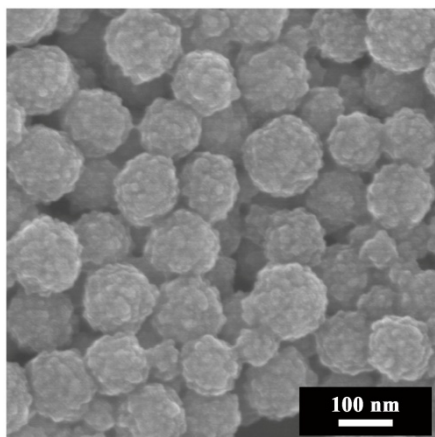
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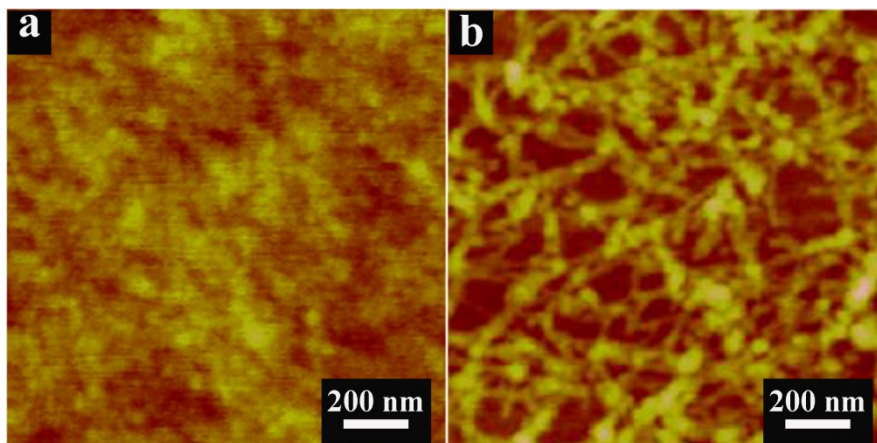
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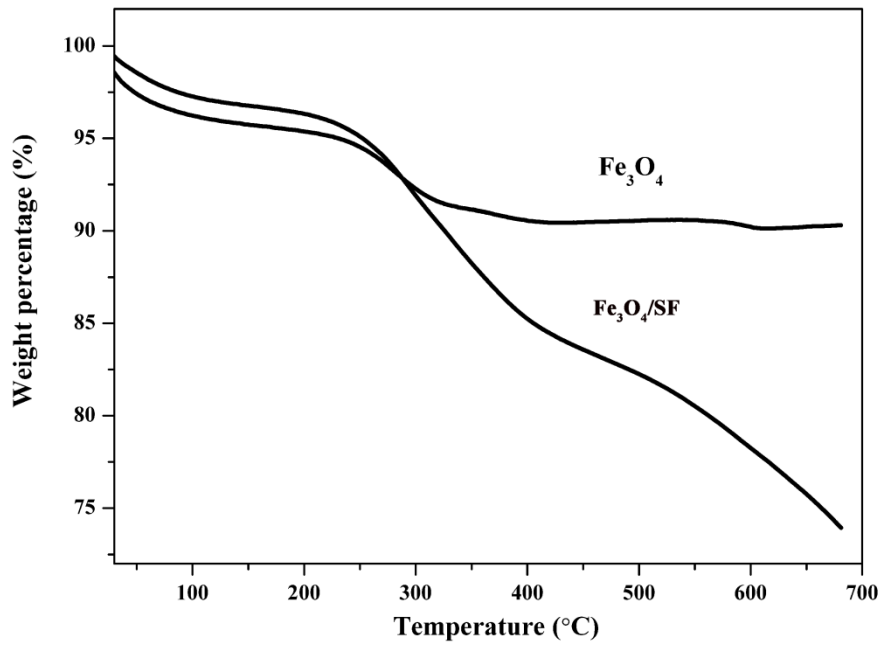
**Figure S1** Size distribution(a), Normalised diameter's histogram (b) and zeta potential (c) of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/SF nanospheres prepared under different silk fibroin contents.



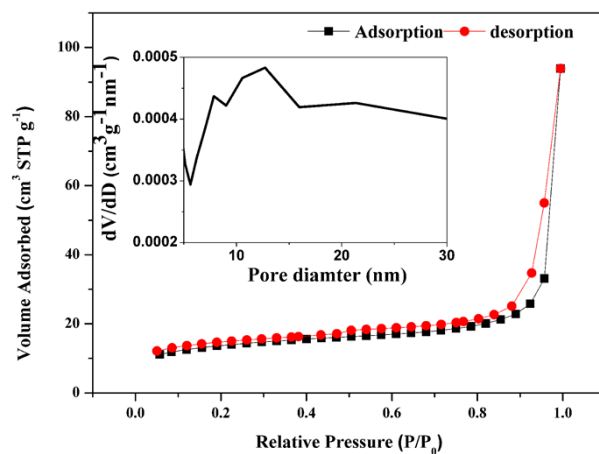
**Figure S2** High-magnification SEM image of the prepared  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{SF}$  nanospheres when the concentration of silk fibroin was 7 wt%



**Figure S3** the AFM images of the silk fibroin: (a) before addition of ethylene glycol (EG), and (b) after addition of EG. Silk fibroin changed from nanoparticles to nanofibers after the addition of ethylene glycol.



**Figure S4** TGA curves of the obtained  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{SF}$  microspheres and pure  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ .



**Figure S5** Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm curve of the obtained Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/SF microspheres. The concentration of SF that added in the reaction system is 7%.