

Supporting information for:

**Construction of Multifunctional Fe₃O₄-MTX@HBc Nanoparticles
for MR Imaging and Photothermal Therapy/Chemotherapy**

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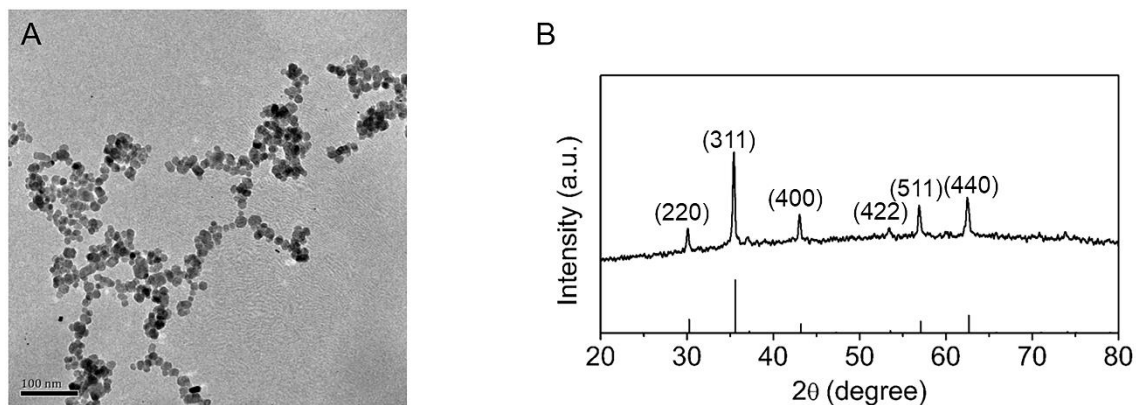


Figure S1. Characterization of the as-prepared Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles: (A) TEM image of Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles. The size of nanoparticles was in range of 10-15 nm as shown in the image; (B) The diffractogram of the as-prepared Fe_3O_4 nanoparticles (JCPDS no. 65-3107).

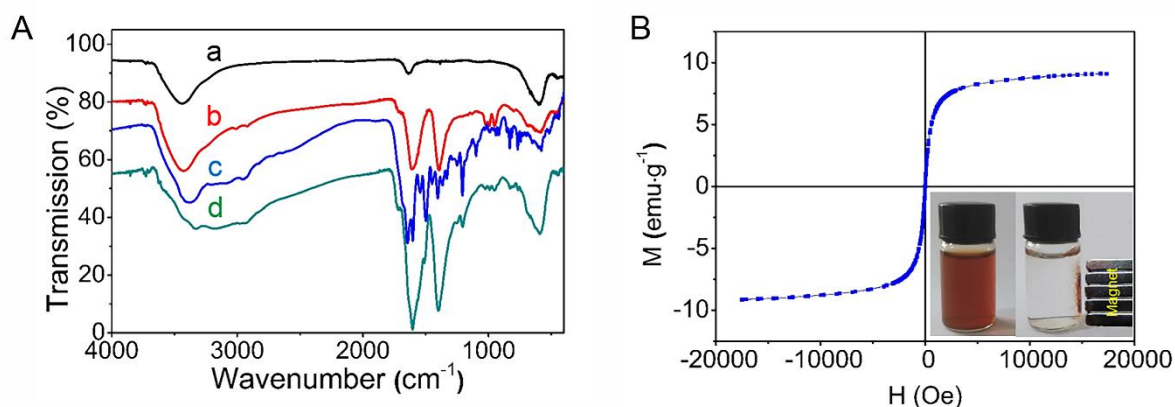


Figure S2. (A) The FT-IR spectra of nanoparticles (a: Fe_3O_4 , b: Fe_3O_4 -DMSA, c: MTX, and d: Fe_3O_4 -MTX); (B) Magnetic hysteresis loop of the Fe_3O_4 -MTX NPs and images of Fe_3O_4 -MTX NPs aqueous dispersion in magnetic field.

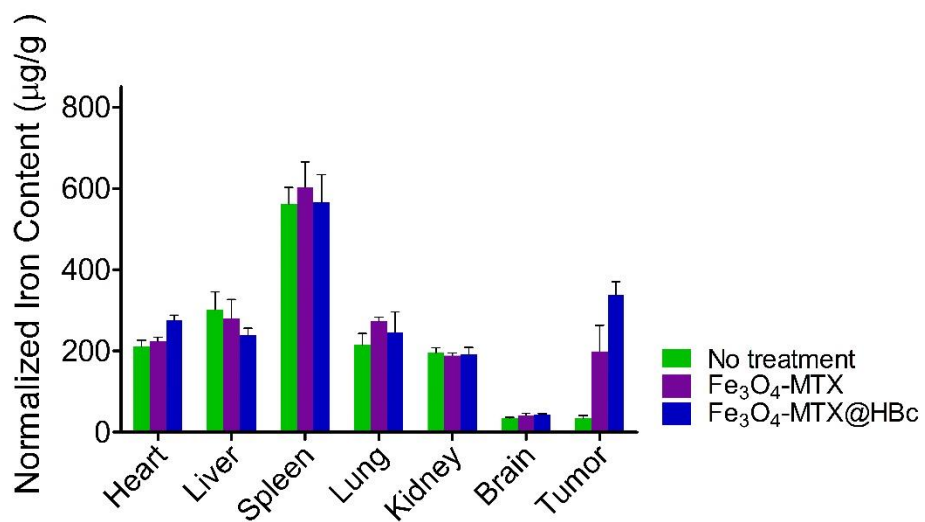


Figure S3. Normalized iron content in different tissues and tumors after respectively injecting Fe₃O₄-MTX NPs and Fe₃O₄-MTX@HBc NPs for 2 h. The normalized iron content (µg/g) was defined as the amount of Fe³⁺ per gram tissue weight (n = 3).